

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS
Adjourned Special Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 1985
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras, President
Gordana Swanson, Vice-President
John F. Day
Norman H. Emerson
Carmen A. Estrada
Jan Hall

Nate Holden
Marvin L. Holen
Leonard Panish
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

Approved Service Levels for FY 1986

General Manager Dyer presented the staff recommendations, indicating that an analysis of the fare levels adopted by the Board indicate the need to reduce service levels by approximately 200,000 to 220,000 service hours. He indicated this can be accomplished by approving Categories I(a) and I(b) as indicated on the Proposed Service Reduction Package (Attachment 3), a copy of which is filed with the Secretary. He also recommended that the lines indicted under Category VIII be contracted out to private carriers when the District has the authority to do so. In conclusion, Mr. Dyer indicated his recommendation includes (a) service changes that involve headway adjustments under I(a) and I(b), and (b) an operational change based on the theory that the District will ultimately receive authority in the union contracts to contract out services to private carriers.

Director Swanson commented that she agrees with the staff recommendation in principle, but she requested information on what the private sector can provide and at what level of subsidy.

Director Emerson commented that a report is due before May which would supply the figures requested; however, it is important from a policy point to proceed with establishing service levels. He indicated he would like to see the Board proceed one step further. When the City Council took action to set aside \$3 million to maintain a low fare for seniors and the disabled, they adopted an overall package which included a reaffirmation of their interest to begin negotiations with the District to begin contracting out of services utilizing City of Los Angeles Proposition A money. He indicated he has an obligation to bring this before the Board to request authorization for the staff to enter into those discussions with the City of Los Angeles, with the understanding that any decision would have to be brought back to the Board for consideration. He indicated he would like to incorporate this into the recommendation on service levels.

Greg Roberts and Brian Allen, members of the public, spoke concerning the service levels for Fiscal Year 1986.

Director Emerson also commented that it would be timely for the District to explore the reinstatement of subscription bus service to give employers the opportunity to work with the District on employer-subsidized programs.

Director Emerson made a motion to approve Category I(a) under Service Reduction Proposals (Attachment No. 3) which would remove trips added in Fiscal Year 1985 and I(b) which would remove trips based on June-July passenger checks, and Category VIII which would be an operational change after the District secures the authority to contract out, and further, to authorize the staff to enter into negotiations with the City of Los Angeles to explore the private sector contracting out of services. This motion was seconded by Director Hall.

Director Swanson made a substitute motion that staff be authorized to explore private sector contracting on a system-wide basis, based on the recent public hearing and the fare structure adopted by the Board on February 13, 1985, which motion was seconded by Director Panish.

After discussion, Director Swanson indicated that her motion would allow staff the opportunity to examine the whole system for

the potential of contracting out of service to the private sector and would not include the staff recommendation regarding the headway adjustments. Director Hall indicated she could not support the substitute motion because of the need to identify specifically what needs to be done now; yesterday, something had to be done about the fares, today, the Board must do something about the service. Director Panish suggested the original motion be split. Following additional discussion, Director Swanson withdrew the substitute motion on the condition that the original motion would be split.

General Manager Dyer asked Director Emerson for clarification of his motion regarding negotiations with the City of Los Angeles. Director Emerson responded that the City Council has given the staff of the City the authority to begin securing interest on the part of the private sector to provide lines within the city's boundary that are currently operated by the RTD. His intent is to make sure that the District is a full party to discussion the City may have with the private sector regarding lines currently operated by the District, and to bring back to the Board recommendations with regard to those lines identified by the City for contracting out.

On a call for the question on Items 1A and 1B, the motion passed on a Roll Call vote as noted below and the following resolution was adopted:

Ayes:	Day, Emerson, Estrada, Hall, Holden, Holen, Panish, Price, Storing, Swanson, Patsaouras
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

RESOLVED, that service and headway adjustments are approved, effective July 1, 1985, which would remove trips added in Fiscal Year 1985 and would also remove trips based on June-July passenger checks, with total service hours being reduced by approximately 172,000 hours annually.

Director Emerson then restated his motion about Category VIII which would authorize the contracting out of peak period express lines contingent upon receiving the approval to contract out as a result of the labor negotiations currently under way, and implicit in this motion is also the authority to explore the reinstatement of subscription bus service.

On a call for the question, the motion passed on a Roll Call vote as noted below and the following resolution was adopted:

Ayes:	Day, Emerson, Estrada, Hall, Holden, Holen, Panish, Price, Storing, Swanson, Patsaouras
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to enter into negotiations with the private sector regarding the contracting out of peak period only express lines, contingent upon receiving approval to contract out in the labor negotiations with the District's labor unions;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager is authorized to explore the reinstatement of subscription bus service, with recommendations for this type of service to be brought back to the Board for approval;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the staff is authorized and encouraged to participate in discussions the City of Los Angeles may have with the private sector regarding the contracting out of lines currently operated by the District, with recommendations regarding these lines to be brought back to the Board for approval.

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Mr. Dyer informed the Board that during their deliberations on the fare at the Special Meeting on February 13th, there was no discussion concerning the transfer charge. He asked for a motion.

Director Day made a motion that a charge of ten-cents be made for a transfer, good for a one-time use, which motion was seconded by Director Price and unanimously carried.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.


District Secretary