

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, February 14, 1985
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

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

Nate Holden (arr. 1:21 p.m.)
Marvin L. Holen
Leonard Panish
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificates by Director Storing.

2. Report of the President

President Patsaouras welcomed Leonard Panish to the Board of Directors. Mr. Panish was appointed to the Board by Supervisor Schabarum. The District Secretary then administered the Oath of Office to Director Panish. Director Panish stated that he was pleased to have the opportunity to serve on the Board and he comes to the post with a respect for the responsibilities of the position.

President Patsaouras emphasized that even though the Board has adopted a fare structure that is binding upon the District, it is still important to secure funding for the Metro Rail Project. He stated that Mr. Dyer will release a chart of activities to assist in securing funding. He suggested that each and every week a member of the Board, the private sector and the staff needs to be in Washington, D.C. to visit with elected officials on this subject. We have until June or July to insure the success of the Project.

President Patsaouras commented that the City of Los Angeles has approved a six-month extension of our contract for planning assistance on the Metro Rail Project.

President Patsaouras commented that there would be a need for a Closed Session at the conclusion of the agenda to discuss Labor and litigation matters.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Dyer urged the Directors to attend a reception for members of the California Legislature to be held in Sacramento on March 4, 1985. The reception is being sponsored by Californians for Better Transportation.

Mr. Dyer also urged members of the Board to attend the APTA Legislative Conference March 10-13 in Washington, noting that the major emphasis of this Conference is the federal budget and the threat of the loss of operating assistance.

Mr. Dyer concluded by stating for the record that the Board has scheduled for 2:30 p.m. today the continuation of the Special Meeting on the subject of service adjustments for Fiscal Year 1986.

4. Director Special Items

Director Estrada asked about potential subsidies from school districts for fares. Mr. Dyer commented that staff is in the process of preparing a report for the Board's review outlining how to approach the schools and will bring it to the Board at their next meeting.

Director Emerson requested that the report include institutions of higher learning.

Director Holen commented that in his view it is apparent that the Board's point is not being made clear that we want the public to use the monthly pass rather than pay the cash fare. He requested the Customer Relations and Public Information Committee to consider the matter of marketing the positive impacts of using the monthly pass, including perhaps the setting of a goal for the number of riders that are made by use of the pass. He stated that the District has made gains in the number of pass outlets available and perhaps even more pass outlets are needed. Director Holden commented that he believes the public has made their point about not being able to afford the monthly pass, but the Board has not heard them.

5. Adopted Resolution of Necessity and authorized initiation of Eminent Domain Proceedings to acquire Metro Rail Parcel A1-221/225 at 676-686 South Alvarado Street.

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Mr. Bitting, representing the property owners, appeared protesting the initiation of Eminent Domain Proceedings.

Mr. Dyer responded to Mr. Bitting's statements, indicating that the grant from the federal government specifically provides that the District acquire the land involved. He also commented that acquisition of property is going on throughout the entire 4.2 mile Project.

Appearance of Brian Allen expressing his approval.

Noted for the record Greg Roberts' opposition.

6. Adopted Resolution of Necessity and authorized initiation of Eminent Domain Proceedings to acquire Metro Rail Parcel A1-222 at 670-674 South Alvarado Street.

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Noted for the record Greg Roberts' opposition.

7. Adopted Resolution of Necessity and authorized initiation of Eminent Domain Proceedings to acquire Metro Rail Parcel A1-224 at 660-668 South Alvarado Street.

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Noted for the record Greg Roberts' opposition.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

8. Adopted resolution opposing federal funding cuts for transit as they appear in the Administration's budget for FY 1986.

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Mr. Dyer spoke on this matter, indicating that if the Administration's budget is adopted it would make a major impact on the fare structure already adopted, increasing the fare to \$1.10 to \$1.25 and would necessitate the cutting or reduction of the system by twenty-five percent. Upon inquiry he stated that the federal budget or a continuing resolution must be in place by October 1, but if the budget contains an elimination of all or part of the operating assistance the timing of this reduction would have an even greater effect on the District because we would be one-quarter of the way into our budget year.

Director Emerson commented that the Community Relations staff can respond to inquiries on this subject, but the members of the Board can assume an advocacy role. He indicated it would be helpful if the staff would prepare a document outlining the District's perceptions of the impacts of the timing of the federal budget process on the District's fiscal situation.

9. Approved participation in Public/Private Effort to Reduce Traffic Congestion.

CARRIED, with Director Storing voting "No."

Director Emerson suggested that the staff time should be considered as a part of the District's contribution. He asked for a report on the program that will be developed. Director Holen commented that he approves the program as outlined, but he would object if this effort becomes a substitute for a vigorous effort by the Planning Department staff to reduce traffic congestion.

SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 10-11)

10. Received and Filed status report on Bus Operator Recognition Program.

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In response to questions, General Manager Dyer stated that this program is designed to focus attention on outstanding operators. He reported that in the first month, one-third of all operators are eligible to participate in the program.

11. Received and Filed status report on the District Training Programs.

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SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

11A. Rejected all bids received in response to Bid No. 1-8522 and authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute an interim contract(s) to provide diesel fuel for a period of six months pending revision of the specification and re-solicitation; form of contract(s) subject to approval of the General Counsel.

CARRIED, with Director Holden voting "No", Director Hall abstaining, and Director Holen was absent from the room.

In response to questions, staff explained that the recommendation to reject all bids was based primarily on a defective bid specification. There were questions on the subject of disadvantaged business enterprise participation, cetane ratings, etc.

Mr. Carpiac and Mr. Larner of Gasco appeared before the Board urging the award of contract.

Director Estrada stated that in the interest of time she would be prepared to make a motion to put this matter over until the next meeting of the Board if Gasco was willing to make their arguments at that time. Mr. Carpiac and Mr. Larner did not respond to her suggestion and continued to make their arguments. Mr. Carpiac stated that he was legally required to state that one of their options was to protest formally if the staff recommendation was followed. He also asked that findings be made.

Mr. Darrell Williams of Sunbelt Oil also appeared on this matter, indicating he was one of the minority sub-contractors in the Gasco bid.

Following lengthy conversation, staff stated that the UMTA Legal Counsel will review the issue of the restrictive bid next week. In the interim, the staff recommendation is the best course of action for the District. There was discussion concerning the posted price costing and the District staff's concern that many of the smaller suppliers do not have a posted price. Staff's intent is to revise the specifications to allow a costing method that will allow the smaller firms to bid.

RECESS & RECONVENING OF MEETING

The meeting was recessed at 3:10 p.m. for the purpose of calling the Adjourned Special Meeting to order.

The Regular meeting was reconvened at 3:52 p.m. with all Directors present except Director Holen. He returned to the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 12-14)

12. Approved Requisition No. 5-8300-18 and authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute contract amendments with Gannett Fleming Transportation Engineers, Los Angeles, covering engineering and design services for the Central Maintenance Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000; form of contract amendment subject to District audits and approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0213.

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13. Approved Requisition No. 5-8300-019 and authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute construction contract change orders with Shirley Brothers Inc., Los Angeles, in an amount not to exceed \$157,880 covering Phase III construction of Division 18 in Carson; form of contract change order subject to District audits and approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0137.

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

14. Rejected non-responsive bids submitted by Emma Corporation and Cain Construction Service and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Daly Construction, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 12-8403 covering construction of fare retrieval stations at Divisions 3 and 7 for a total bid price of \$78,450; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

15. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Hausman Bus Sales, South Gate, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 1-8518 covering procurement of five 6V92TA bus engines for a total bid price of \$46,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT
(Items 16-17)

16. Received and Filed status report on temporary relocation of the RTD Wilshire Customer Service Center from 5738 Wilshire Boulevard to the 5300 block of Wilshire Boulevard.

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CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT -
Cont'd.

17. Received and Filed status report on local community support for continued federal funding.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 18-19)

18. Approved a Salary Reduction Thrift Plan for non-contract employees.

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19. Approved Side Letter of Agreement No. XXVIII with the Brotherhood of Railway, Airline, and Steamship Clerks establishing a new classification of Data Processing Library Clerk; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 20-22)

20. Received and Filed status report on recommendations of Benefit Assessment Task Force.

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21. Received results of Public Hearing held on January 24, 1985 regarding formation of Benefit Assessment Districts and continued the hearing by accepting comments from members of the public. A transcript is available for this public hearing.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Public Hearing was closed.

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

22. Approved Resolution to Proceed to form Benefit Assessment Districts for Stations in the Metro Rail MOS-1 System.

Following the staff presentation, Director Holen indicated his concern that the properties which will benefit from the Metro Rail Project should continue to pay for the system and station maintenance within the Benefit Assessment District itself. Director Holen then made a motion to approve the draft resolution as prepared by staff with amendments as follows:

(1) Paragraph 6, line 8 - add at the end of sentence: "and to pay for maintenance costs within the Benefit Assessment District."; (2) Paragraph 8, line 2 - delete "solely"; (3) Paragraph i, add at end of sentence: "and maintenance costs within the Benefit Assessment District."; and (4) Paragraph 11 - delete. This motion was seconded by Director Day. Director Hall commented that the Benefit Assessment Task Force felt very strongly about the sunset provision. On a call for the question, Director Holen's motion failed on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

Director Hall then made a motion to amend the resolution to include apartment hotels and income producing residential property in the assessments. This motion was seconded and failed to carry on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

Director Hall then made a motion to adopt the resolution as drafted and to forward the document to the Los Angeles City Council. This motion was unanimously carried, with Director Storing commenting that his vote was made under protest.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

23. Received and Filed State Legislative up-date.

On motion duly made and seconded, the District went on record in support of SB 75 (Foran), SB 200 (Beverly) and SB 290 (Foran).

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 24-35)

24. Rejected non-responsive bids submitted by Gale Supply Company and Stanley Paper Company and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Blake, Moffit & Towne, Commerce, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 11-8421 covering procurement of disposable wiping cloths, for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$146,700; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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25. Approved Requisition No. 5-3349-1 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Mack Trucks Inc., Los Angeles, covering procurement of air, oil and fuel filter elements at an estimated cost of \$123,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

26. Approved Requisition No. 5-3349-2 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Apollo Warehouse, Carson, covering procurement of air, oil and fuel filter elements at an estimated cost of \$148,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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27. Approved Requisition No. 5-1200-4 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with California Newspaper Service Bureau, Los Angeles, covering newspaper advertising services, increasing the total cost by an additional \$80,000 to a total cost of \$185,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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28. Approved Requisition No. 5-3349-3 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Universal Coach Parts Inc., Northlake, Illinois, covering procurement of shock absorbers at an estimated cost of \$45,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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29. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Merritt Travel Services, Los Angeles, under RFP No. 018509 covering travel services for a one-year period, with options for two additional one-year periods at the election of the District; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

30. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with John Miyauchi and Associates, Los Angeles, under RFP No. 018514 covering graphic design consultation services for a one-year period at an estimated annual cost of \$35,000, with an option for two additional one-year periods at the election of the District; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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31. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Western Petroleum Inc., Paramount, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 10-8419 covering procurement of coolant and antifreeze for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$85,900; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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32. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Safeway Sign Company, Gardena, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 1-8522-A covering procurement of aluminum bus stop signs, for a total bid price of \$58,030; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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33. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Uniforms Inc., Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 12-8426 covering procurement of bus operator uniforms, for a total bid price of \$32,285; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

34. Received and Filed Report Calendar - January 18 through February 7, 1985.

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- 35a. Approved minutes of Regular Board Meeting held January 24, 1985.

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- 35b. Ratified bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary.

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- 35c. Ratified temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

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- 35d. Received and Filed Purchasing Agent's Report - Statement of Purchases \$5,000 to \$25,000 - January, 1985.

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GENERAL ITEMS

36. New Business

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss labor matters and litigation at 4:27 p.m., returning at 5:10 p.m.

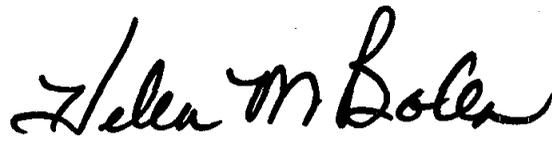
On motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors ratified the collective bargaining agreement between the SCRTD and the Transit Police Officers Association (TPOA) covering the period October 1, 1984 to September 30, 1987.

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On motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors recommended settlement of the LAX litigation.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.


District Secretary