

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

Called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras, President
Gordana Swanson, Vice-President
John F. Day
Norman H. Emerson (arr. 1:05)
Carmen A. Estrada
Jan Hall

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

1. Presentation of Safe Performance Awards to Maintenance and Transportation Employees with 25 years or more of service by Director Swanson.

2. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificate by Director Price.

Michael W. Lewis, former member and president of the Board of Directors, was awarded a plaque in honor of his 8-1/2 years of service to the District. He was commended by President Patsaouras for his dedication and leadership.

Nola Wolf, District librarian, was recognized by the Board and presented with a scroll in recognition of her accomplishments. In his comments, Gary Spivack acknowledged Ms. Wolf's contributions to the District during her six years with RTD.

3. Report of the President

President Patsaouras said he thought that success was within reach with respect to transit programs at the federal level. The President and the General Manager noted that the Senate Budget Committee cut amounted to only 25 percent of Section 9 monies; however, it is not known at this time how the monies will be redistributed. Budget hearings are scheduled to be held in May, and President Patsaouras hoped a number of Directors would be present at that time.

4. Report of the General Manager

Mr. Dyer asked that Item 4A on the Addendum to the Agenda be included in the Consent Calendar. A motion to this effect was duly made, seconded, and ordered.

The General Manager encouraged Directors to testify before the Transportation Committee in behalf of SB 290 (Foran) on March 19, if possible, and added that he was considering asking the private sector also to testify.

5. Director Special Items

Election of Officers (Item 23 on the agenda)

At the request of Director Holen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Election of Officers was brought forward on the agenda under Director Special Items.

The Board received the report of the Nominating Committee. Nick Patsaouras was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as President, and Gordana Swanson was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as Vice-President.

District Secretary Helen M. Bolen administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Patsaouras and Mrs. Swanson.

In approving this action, the Board adopted a resolution designating persons authorized to sign checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the District on its accounts.

President Patsaouras expressed his appreciation for the Board's continued support and trust, and pledged to serve the District to the best of his ability. He pledged also to bring the Metro Rail Project to fruition, and talked briefly about his goals with regard to negotiating with the unions to subcontract some of District's services. Mr. Patsaouras pledged his continuing support to John Day, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation, affirming his belief that the District is a pioneer in providing these services.

Vice President Swanson thanked the Committee and the Board for being reelected. In her remarks, she acknowledged the Board's unique cohesiveness and freedom from posturing, saying she believed all members of the Board want to do their best for the regions they serve.

EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 6-9)

6. Authorized the General Manager to loan two (2) surplus 8V71 or 6V71 diesel engines to the CNG Cylinder Corporation for research on reducing diesel emissions to meet 1990 requirements.

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7. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Harris Graphics, Des Plaines, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid. No. CA-90-0022-Y covering procurement of one four-color perfecting press for a total bid price of \$340,214; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-0022.

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The Board heard Mr. Edward Duncan's comments regarding this item. Representing the California Conservation Coalition, Mr. Duncan was asked to leave a copy of his materials with the District Secretary to enable Board and staff to review his suggestions.

8. Rejected non-responsive bids submitted by Lamminen Wash Systems and Ross & White Company and authorization of the General Manager to execute a contract with Transco Industries, Inc., Portland, Oregon, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 8-8428 covering procurement of washer brush assemblies for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$38,435; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (cont'd.)

9. Director Holden inquired about the A-frames on the Neoplan buses, with General Manager Dyer responding that the District is in receipt of a letter from Neoplan indicating their willingness to replace the A-frames on the 415 buses. Tests are being done on the new A-frame design by an engineering firm in the Denver area, with installation expected to commence April 22.

General Manager Dyer went on to explain that the currently approved approach to the A-frame problem is only a temporary fix. Director Holden asked about the recall of the buses. Mr. Dyer stated that the District does not want the buses to be recalled. Mr. Holden then asked about the safety problem referred to in the letter from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Mr. Dyer responded that referred to a problem with the defroster, not the A-frames.

President Patsouras commented that the issue of the A-frame cracks has been resolved. The manufacturer has come forward and made assurances that the product will be fixed. Director Holden commented that one set of documents is given to the Board and the next day a different set of documents is referred to. Director Storing assured Director Holden that the letter from Neoplan advising the District that the A-frames will be replaced was received by the District yesterday, and was brought before the Committee this morning.

On motion of Director Storing, seconded and unanimously carried, this report was received and filed.

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 10-11)

10. Authorized the General Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Southern Pacific Land Company covering a replacement lot for Division 6 employees, at a rental of \$3,000 per month on a month-to-month basis; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (cont'd.)

11. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Edward C. Barker & Associates, Architects, Inc., Los Angeles, under RFP No. 078416 covering architectural engineering design services for the design of the bus servicing facilities and yard improvements at Division 2 (Los Angeles) for an estimated cost of \$361,888; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-0022.

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ADVANCE PLANNING REPORT (Items 12-15)

12. Approved the Five-Year Financial Plan for the FY 86-90 Short Range Transit Plan in principle, with the understanding that formal approval is withheld until the final report is completed.

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13. Approved the Final Report of Public Comments on Fare and Service Levels for FY 1986.

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ADVANCE PLANNING REPORT (cont'd.)

14. This item was removed by staff from the agenda.
15. Received and Filed the Report on Circulation Improvements in the Los Angeles Central Business District.

The Board approved setting a date for a workshop to examine recommendations concerning circulation improvements in the CBD, and recommended that members from the City of Los Angeles, the CRA, and other appropriate agencies be invited to attend and participate.

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In further discussion on the matter, the Board asked that members of City Council be present, as well as senior members of the mayor's staff, and that the date of the workshop be left open to arrange with two or three members of the Transportation Department a mutually agreeable date on which to hold the workshop.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT

16. Representatives of Home Savings and Loan and Ahmanson Development Corporation spoke regarding their plans to construct a multi-story building on the site proposed for condemnation. Among the speakers were Messrs. Thomas G. Baggot, K. D. Merselis, and Stephen D. Gavin.

Discussion was held on the ramifications in delaying condemnation proceedings for varying lengths of time. Home Savings and Loan representatives said the company wishes to retain its property, and suggested that the proposed construction might be compatible with the underground Metro Rail station. It was owner's opinion that unnecessary action was being asked of the Board at this time, and that District's notice failed to comply with all the provisions of Civil Procedure Section 1245.235.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT (cont'd.)

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Owner's representatives indicated they were willing to cooperate and negotiate with District. District and owner's time lines were reviewed, with District emphasizing that delays would greatly impact the January 1986 start, particularly because of the depth and scale of construction.

General Manager Dyer said good faith attempts to negotiate had been made; however, since there had been a change in ownership, District might be willing to resume negotiations based on a minimal delay.

On a motion by Director Estrada seconded by Director Emerson and approved by the Board, owner of record is to be renotified and the Adoption of Resolution of Necessity to Institute Eminent Domain Proceedings to acquire this parcel was put over until the regular Board meeting of April 11.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 4A and 17-22)

- 4A. Approved Requisition No. 5-3800-019 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Herman Clements Security Services, Inc., Carson, covering security services, increasing the total cost by an additional \$65,000 to a total cost of \$147,666; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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- 17A. Authorized the Purchasing Agent to issue Invitations to Bid covering the sale of 26 surplus buses and authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the highest responsible bidders thereon for an estimated revenue to the District of \$23,640; form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd.)

17B. Authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute contracts covering the sale of 11 scrap and surplus buses remaining unsold under District's Bid No. 1-8524-S for an estimated revenue to the District of \$10,000; form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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18. Authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders under Bid No. 2-8507 covering rubbish hauling from District facilities for a two-year period:

- a. United Services, West Covina, covering Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 17, 25, 28, 34 and Location 32, for a two-year cost of \$91,872;
- b. System Disposal Service, Cudahy, covering Divisions 7 and 12, for a two-year cost of \$16,800;
- c. Inner Rubbish Disposal, Los Angeles, covering Division 6, for a two-year cost of \$6,480;
- d. Lopez Rubbish Disposal, Chatsworth, covering Division 8, for a two-year cost of \$6,240;
- e. Waste Management, Gardena, covering Division 18, for a two-year cost of \$7,800;
- f. Sarian & Sons, Sun Valley, covering Divisions 11 and 15, for a two-year cost of \$15,840;
- g. Western Waste, Chino, covering Division 16, for a two-year cost of \$4,320;
- h. Perdomo & Sons, Los Angeles, covering the Central Maintenance Facility, for a two-year cost of \$1,560;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd.)

19. Authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders under Bid No. 1-8508 covering procurement of transmission PTO gears and 6V92 engine parts for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District:
- a. Flexible Distribution Center, Compton, covering items 1 and 2 for an estimated annual cost of \$55,145;
 - b. Korody Colyer Corporation, Wilmington, covering items 4 and 6 for an estimated annual cost of \$80,940;
 - c. Muncie Reclamation & Supply Company, Muncie, Indiana, covering item 3 for an estimated annual cost of \$31,630;
 - d. Transit Service Company, Greensboro, North Carolina, covering item 5 for an estimated annual cost of \$133,680;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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20. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Specialized Business Systems, Inc., Glendale, the only bidder responding to Bid No. 1-8529 covering procurement of lateral mechanized file units for a total bid price of \$27,250; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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21. Received and Filed Report Calendar - February 21 through March 6, 1985;

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CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd.)

22A. Approved minutes of regular meeting of February 28, 1985; and

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22B. Ratified bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary.

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22C. Ratified temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

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GENERAL ITEMS


23. This item was moved forward on the agenda to Director Special Items.

24. New Business

Edgardo G. Rivas was directed by the President to provide the District Secretary with materials for distribution to the Board, and to report to the Assistant General Manager for Planning and Communications regarding personnel matters.

Greg Roberts' comments on security matters and Lines 412 and 420 were noted for the record.

Adjourned at 3:12 p.m.



Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary