



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS  
Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Thursday, April 4, 1985 - 8:00 a.m.  
District Board Room  
425 South Main Street  
Los Angeles

Called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman John F. Day.

Mr. Day asked that the attendance of Mrs. Eleanor Tibbitts of the Special Education Department, Los Angeles Unified School District, and Cynthia Moyer, CACAT Chairwoman, be acknowledged. Mrs. Tibbitts, who serves as Recording Secretary of CACAT, joined the committee at the dais.

Directors Present:

John F. Day, Chairman  
Gordana Swanson, Vice-Chairman  
Leonard Panish  
Nick Patsaouras  
Charles H. Storing

Director Absent:

Marvin L. Holen

1. The Board reviewed the accessible service slide presentation developed by the Community Relations Department. Board members were encouraged to utilize this audio-visual show, "Total Accessibility: The RTD Commitment," as a tool to increase the public's awareness of RTD's commitment to providing services to senior and disabled riders.

2. February Accessible Service Report

In his outline of the Monthly Report on Accessible Services, Gary Spivack noted the progress of the Accessible Service Program, and pointed out that negative factors, such as equipment and operator problems and passups, were decreasing in number. Mr. Spivack attributed this upturn in performance to improved management.

General Manager Dyer said March and April accessible service reports should reflect continued improvement in the Neoplan boardings, adding that the AMG reliability problem should be improved by the installation of new lifts, which should begin in late summer or early fall. Mr. Dyer said the next accessible report will include an installation schedule for the Board's information.

3. Board considered scheduling a national conference on accessible transportation in conjunction with the APTA annual meeting to be held in Los Angeles in October.

The General Manager said he will have to report back to APTA by the end of May regarding the feasibility of putting together a presentation for the annual meeting; the content of a presentation; and agreement among the various organizations that input as to how they will participate.

Mr. Dyer said if District can put together such a presentation, then either the entire Committee or part of the Committee can meet with CACAT and other organizations to develop a working agreement or consensus as to how the program might be assembled.

Committee consensus indicated a willingness to participate in the national conference, to help with the preparation of a presentation for the conference, and to make an appropriate recommendation to the full Board.

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Mrs. Tibbitts indicated CACAT's willingness to participate in the conference, but was concerned that the meeting not be a forum of grievances against APTA and its philosophies. Ms. Moyer questioned the need for APTA to approve the program developed by the district. Discussion followed on the degree of commitment from APTA in allowing District and the local organizations to develop a presentation. Ms. Moyer said CACAT would be willing to work with the Committee on planning for the conference.

Committee Chairman Day said that while there may be a protest at the conference, he hopes the handicapped will realize that their concerns are in fact being recognized by the national organization.

Discussion was held on a planning session that will involve District, CACAT, and other organizations at the earliest possible opportunity. Once this goes forward, the entire community can then participate in a larger meeting. Following development of a format by District, a planning session can be set up within a two-week period and alternatives sketched out, working toward a second or third session. General Manager Dyer said that Gary Spivack and his staff will coordinate scheduling dates.

Adjourned at 8:40 a.m.



Mary Ellen Miranda  
Recording Secretary