



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, April 25, 1985
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:07 p.m.

Directors Present:

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

Nate Holden
Marvin L. Holen (arr 2:17)
Leonard Panish
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

1. Presentation of Certificates of Merit to:
 - a. Steven Gaines, Information Operator-of-the-Month;
 - b. Harry E. Finley, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month;
 - c. Yulce S. Eubanks, Operator-of-the-Month;and presentation of plaques by Director Holden.

2. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to the City of Alhambra in recognition of the City's "Shop By Bus" Program. Ms. Elizabeth McComack, Recreation Supervisor, accepted on behalf of William Vasquez, Director of Human Services.

3. Report of the President.

Mr. Patsaouras solicited the Board's support in lobbying on behalf of SB 290 (Foran). In connection with these efforts, the President said a press conference involving Californians for Better Transportation, LACTC, and RTD was held last week, and he urged Board members to contact the Governor to gain his support.

Mr. Patsaouras said that the General Manager was working on a response to a recent Los Angeles Times' article on bus-related crime. In addition, the President requested that Chief Gates, Sheriff Block, and the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation study the report prepared by Wachs and Levine, and make their findings known to the District.

The President said that Barry Engelberg was working hard preparatory to hearings before Senate and House committees and that Mayor Bradley and Bill Robertson, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Los Angeles AFL-CIO, also planned to testify in Washington, D.C.

The final item mentioned by Mr. Patsaouras was a \$165,000 appropriation by the City of Los Angeles to fund the reduced pass program for the elderly and handicapped.

4. Report of the General Manager.

General Manager Dyer commented on a recent Los Angeles Times' article on bus-related crimes. The focus of this article, Mr. Dyer said, was on Los Angeles and the District, which merits careful review and study by the Board, as well as a response from the District. The District has been requested by the Board of Supervisors to respond within 60 days, and Mr. Dyer said that a draft will be ready by May 2, and a formal, final response will be completed by the first Board meeting in May.

Mr. Dyer called the Board's attention to a report on downtown Los Angeles' transportation problems. He urged the Board's review of this report because of its policy implications, and copies will be provided to the Board.

With regard to the Blue Ribbon Committee Report, Mr. Dyer said the Board may wish, at their next Committee of the Whole meeting, to consider this topic at a workshop session.

4. Report of the General Manager (cont'd.)

In response to the Board's interest in the methane gas problem which arose a month ago, Mr. Dyer will provide the Board with a full, written report.

Following Mr. Dyer's request for direction on items 4A. and 4B. of the addenda, the Board approved a motion to consider items 4A. and 4B. under the Report of the General Manager.

- 4A. Authorized the General Manager to extend the Metro Rail Consultant's Current Annual Work Program nine days from April 30, 1985 through May 9, 1985.

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- 4B. Following discussion of RTD policy position on developing a city-wide approach to balancing the intensity of land use development with a transportation system to accommodate the development, the Board approved a motion to reaffirm the existing District policy with regard to land use and transportation as adopted by Milestone No. 6, and to further communicate to the City that the District would like to work with the City on reviewing the land use policies in the coming months.

Ayes: Emerson, Estrada, Hall, Holden,
Price, and Patsaouras

Noes: Day, Panish, Storing, and Swanson

Absent: Holen

5. Director Special Items.

Director Price expressed his concern about the bus-related crime issue.

Director Emerson reported that the Los Angeles City Council has established May 28, 1985 as the date for the Benefit Assessment District public hearing. He suggested it would be appropriate to have a representative of the District testify at this public hearing.

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 6-7)

6. Approved renewal of License Agreement with the City of Santa Monica for a three-year period, with options for additional three-year period, covering the continued use of a portion of the District's Pico-Rimpau Terminal at a monthly rental rate based on the change in the C.P.I. as stated in the report dated April 25, 1985; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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7. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Allport Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0182-I covering second floor alterations at Division 2 (Los Angeles) for a total bid price of \$211,522; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0182.

In consideration of this matter, Mr. Day acknowledged receipt of hand-delivered correspondence from Abco Builders Corporation in protest of the recommended action, based upon the successful bidder's compliance with MBE and DBE requirements.

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EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 8-11)

- 8A. Authorized the Purchasing Agent to issue Invitations to Bid with a ten-day bid period covering the sale of 43 scrap, surplus and obsolete buses; and authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the highest responsible bidders thereon for an estimated revenue to the District of \$40,000;
- 8B. Authorized the Purchasing Agent to issue Invitations to Bid covering the sale of 110 scrap, surplus and obsolete buses; and authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the highest responsible bidders thereon for an estimated revenue to the District of \$95,000;

form of bid specifications, bid requirements, and contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (cont'd.)

9. Approved Requisition No. 5-7200-022 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Municipal Leasing Corporation, Bonita, covering lease of additional data processing equipment, increasing the total cost by an additional \$925,000 to a total cost of \$7,825,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-05-0121.

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10. Approved Requisition No. 5-3314-2079 and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Lawson National Distributing Company, Chicago, Illinois, covering repair and rebuild of six M.A.N. bus engines at an estimated cost of \$75,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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11. Approved Requisition No. 5-3314-2078 and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract covering repair of four Neoplan double-deck bus engines at an estimated cost of \$75,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 12-13)

12. Approved minor route modification to Lines 119, 260 and 358 in the City of Lynwood.

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13. Authorized the General Manager to enter into an inter-agency transfer agreement with the City of Carson for the "Carson Circuit" fixed-route shuttle service; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

14. Considered authorization of the General Manager to execute a contract with Marsh & McLennan, Inc. of Los Angeles under RFP No. 048501 covering All-Risk Property Insurance for a three-year period at an estimated annual premium of \$385,268; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

DEFERRED until the meeting of May 9, 1985 in order to enable staff to obtain additional information and return to the Board with a recommendation.

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FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT

15. Approved disposition of Location 24 (old Division 8) Site Area at Van Nuys Boulevard and Sherman Way through a long-term lease, and through the appropriate issue of public notice. Further, the Board recommended that staff return to this committee for consideration at the next stage in this process.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 16-21)

16. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Sui Dynasty, Los Angeles, under RFP No. 038526 covering graphic design services for the production of a District System Map for an estimated cost of \$39,700; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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17. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Advanced Systems, Inc., Torrance, under RFP No. 018508 covering provision of self-study multi-media training programs for Data Processing Department employees for an estimated cost of \$49,954; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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18. Approved Requisition No. 5-3399-12 and authorized the General Manager to extend an existing contract for an additional eight-month period with Information Builders, Inc., New York, New York, covering lease of FOCUS software by an additional \$20,000, for a total cost of \$36,500; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd.)

19. Received Status Report on Board Requests.

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20. Received and Filed Report Calendar - April 4 through April 17, 1985.

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21. Approved:

- a. minutes of Special Board meeting held April 4, 1985;
- b. ratification of bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary;
- c. ratification of temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

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GENERAL ITEMS (Items 22-24)

22. Approved calling a meeting of the City Selection Committee pursuant to Section 30221 of the Southern California Rapid Transit District Law, to be held on Thursday, June 6, 1985 at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, to enable the Corridor "D" subcommittee of the Committee to elect a Director for the term expiring June, 1989, and instructing the Secretary to notify members of the City Selection Committee of the date, time, and place of the meeting as provided in District Law.

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GENERAL ITEMS (cont'd.)

23. Consideration of labor matters.

President Patsouras announced that the Board would retire to Closed Session to receive information on a proposal to ratify the labor agreement between the United Transportation Union and the District, and to receive an update report on negotiations with the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks Union.

Earl Clark, General Chairman of the UTU, expressed his desire that the Board ratify the contract that had been accepted by the rank and file members of the UTU.

Greg Roberts appeared, requesting a copy of the contract.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m. with all Directors present.

APPROVED, by a roll call vote of 10-1, with Director Storing casting the dissenting vote, a resolution to ratify the labor agreement including a statement concerning the bonus or floating holiday to be used to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday.

Director Storing stated his opinion that the vote on this labor agreement will be historical because it will demonstrate that the Board of Directors is unable to face the financial quagmire in which the District finds itself. Director Holden responded that this is not a perfect contract, but it is the best we can achieve under the circumstances. The people who will benefit most from the success in reaching an agreement without a strike are the people of the County of Los Angeles who depend on public transportation.

Mr. Clark thanked the Board for their vote and said he appreciated the efforts of all those who participated in the process.

24. New Business.

Director Day reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation met this morning for the purpose of planning for the APTA annual meeting.

Adjourned at 3:58 p.m.



Helen M. Boien
District Secretary