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MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, May 9, 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
Carmen A. Estrada
Jan Hall

Nate Holden (arr. 1:28)
Marvin L. Holen
Leonard Panish (arr. 1:05)
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificate by Director Holen.
2. Report of the President.

President Patsaouras reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. He said the District's presentation was well received by both Houses of Congress, and expressed his gratitude to those who testified in behalf of the District. He also thanked Directors Holen and Swanson for their efforts, and was most appreciative of Barry Engelberg's preparations for this trip.

President Patsaouras reported that the District was able to give Assemblyman Bill Gray, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, a briefing on the Metro Rail Project on May 4.

3. Report of the General Manager.

General Manager Dyer said that he hoped to have a budget draft ready for the May 23 meeting, and a detailed review could be ready for the June Committee of the Whole meeting, adding that there might be need for an additional Board meeting for budget consideration.

The APTA Rapid Transit Conference is scheduled to be held in Atlanta in early June; Mr. Dyer encouraged Board members to attend if possible.

4. Director Special Items.

Director Storing said he and Director Day would be willing to visit Los Angeles Valley College with regard to several requests from Greg Roberts for service modifications. In further discussion about this matter, Gary Spivack said District has submitted several questions to the college but no response has been received. Mr. Dyer suggested a 30-60 day waiting period on this matter pending budget preparation, at which time adjustments in service are considered.

Director Emerson noted he shared a document with the Board on the subject of a proposed Strategic/Business Plan. He suggested the Board give some consideration to merging some of the provisions in the labor agreements, the SRTP and the budget into a strategic business plan framework. In addition, he suggested a workshop on strategic planning for the District. Director Hall indicated a workshop on planning would benefit the District.

Director Day requested authorization to travel to Denver to meet with ADAPT, a disabled group, preparatory to the APTA Annual Meeting in October. On motion duly made, second and carried, Director Day's travel to Denver was approved.

Director Holen suggested the establishment of a Director Emeritus program for former members of the Board of Directors. The value of such a program, he suggested, would far outweigh any costs of the program. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, with Director Storing voting "no," a Director Emeritus program was approved.

SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

5. Authorized 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 with a liability limit of \$40,000,000 per occurrence; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

CARRIED, on a roll call vote requested by President Patsouras, as noted below:

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

Director Day made a motion that the whole subject of the District's insurance merited an extensive study by the Surface Operations Committee, with a recommendation to the Board. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Gateway Industries, Hazel Crest, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 4-8517 covering procurement of wheelchair securement straps for a total bid price of \$56,253; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

7. Approved the Report on Los Angeles Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee study of transportation problems with the following recommendations: that the City establish a coordination mechanism; that priorities be implemented; that an implementation plan be developed; and that a funding mechanism be established to carry out the program. Further, District is to communicate its concerns with regard to this implementation and coordination, and is to request the opportunity to work directly with the Blue Ribbon Committee and City agencies.

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT

8. Authorized the General Manager to:
- a. file a grant amendment to increase CA-05-0133 by \$57,981, the amount of Section 5 Tier IV carryover funding available for allocation to the District according to SCAG and LACTC.
 - b. request that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission amend the FY 1985-89 Transportation Improvement Program to program the \$57,981 for Central Maintenance Facility Right of Way.

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- 8A. APPROVED a motion to add Item 8A. to the agenda.

Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with E. C. Construction Company, El Monte, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 5-8503-A covering site work, Division 6 (Venice), for a total bid price of \$131,555.00; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT

9. Approved Requisition No. 5-8100-138 and authorized the General Manager to implement the Third Annual Work Program with Metro Rail Transit Consultants (a joint venture of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall/Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc./Kaiser Engineers [California] Corporation/Harry Weese and Associates, Ltd.) for services as General Consultants at an estimated cost of \$14,500,000; form of work program subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0130.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

10. Reviewed the State Legislative Update, and approved the following positions on legislation:

AB 1576 (Lewis) - Opposition.
AJR 37 (Alatorre) - Support.
SB 1147 (Presley) - Support.
SB 75 (Foran) - Reaffirmed support.

CARRIED, with Director Holden objecting to action on SB 75 (Foran).

The District is to apprise the appropriate agencies of its position and/or support of the legislation listed above.

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT

11. Reviewed and approved city-wide alternatives for balancing the intensity of land use development with a transportation system to accommodate the development including potential actions regarding building moratoria.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

12. Authorized the General Manager to revise the 401(k) Thrift Plan to permit employees with two years of service to join the plan.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

13. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, Los Angeles, under RFP 038514 covering audit services for an estimated cost of \$94,000 for a two-year period; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

Howard Watts and Greg Roberts expressed their opposition to the recommended action.

Following discussion, at the request of President Patsaouras, a roll call vote was taken on a motion by Director Storing to defer a decision on this matter for two weeks:

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

The motion to defer was defeated by a vote of 6-4.

At the request of President Patsaouras, a roll call vote was taken on a motion to approve the staff recommendation as follows:

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

CARRIED, by a vote of 6-4.

The President asked that the General Manager consider the Board's concerns with regard to timelines for contract consideration. Discussion followed about policy and procedures, and the Board reiterated its desire to make knowledgeable decisions. Other suggestions included referring such matters to the Administration & Efficiency Committee. General Manager Dyer stressed the importance of the Board's confidence in staff recommendations. Emphasis focused on enabling the Board to make good decisions based on the best available knowledge.

CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd.)

14. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Computerland, Los Angeles, covering procurement of sixteen personal computer systems with related hardware, software and maintenance at an estimated cost of \$136,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under UMTA Grants No. CA-90-0022 and No. CA-90-X059.

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15. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Valley Detroit Diesel, City of Industry, the lowest responsible bid under Bid No. 2-8514 covering procurement of cylinder blocks for a total bid price of \$59,984; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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16. Approved Requisitions No. 5-1200-11 and No. 5-9500-96 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 \$43,000 to a total cost of \$252,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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17. Received and Filed Report Calendar - April 18 through May 1, 1985.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd.)

18. Received and Filed:

- a. Purchasing Agent's Report of Sales of First Quarter, 1985; and
- b. Report of Purchases \$5,000 to \$25,000 - April, 1985.

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19. Approved:

- a. minutes of Regular Board meetings held April 11 and April 25, 1985, and Special Board meeting held April 19, 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

21. New Business

At the request of the General Manager, the Board approved placing item 21A on the agenda.

GENERAL ITEMS (cont'd.)

- 21A. Authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Jewish Family Services to cover the disposition of two surplus buses.

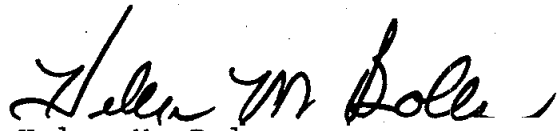
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Discussion was held on whether this agreement constituted a gift of public funds, goods, or services, and whether or not a hold harmless agreement was required. The questions of adequate consideration, policy matters and written transfer agreements arose, and the Board discussed previously donated buses. The General Manager offered to bring a policy back to the Board.

Under other new business, Howard Watts and Greg Roberts discussed bus service to Los Angeles Valley College; they were assured that the matter will be taken care of and that it has been referred to Director Storing.

Supervisor Schabarum's May 1 letter to President Patsaouras, in which he asked the Board to initiate steps to eliminate all service on Lines 466, 495, 497 and 498 to achieve 1986 budget reductions, was discussed. Following Mr. Dyer's statement that this was a major policy issue, the Board discussed other important considerations such as loss of federal funds, time factor, possible agency conflicts, potential negative impact on the downtown area, and merits of the supervisor's proposal. In addition, the Board consensus was that this was a weighty issue in terms of money and impact, and worthy of a response to Supervisor Schabarum. Mrs. Swanson suggested requesting back up information from the supervisor as to how the supervisors arrived at this decision.

Adjourned at 3:21 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary