

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

Called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President Patsaouras.

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras, President	Nate Holden
Gordana Swanson, Vice-President	Marvin L. Holen
John F. Day	Leonard Panish
Norman H. Emerson	Jay B. Price
Carmen A. Estrada	Charles H. Storing

Director Absent:

Jan Hall

1. Presentation of Certificates of Merit to:
  - a. Debra Coddington, Information Operator-of-the-Month;
  - b. Albert R. Gonzalives, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month;
  - c. Gilbert C. Moncivais and Willie Tibbs, Operators-of-the-Month;and presentation of plaques by Director Price.
  
2. Recognition of Officers of the Transit Police Department in Police Olympics: Lt. Ernest Munoz; Officer Wayne Shetler; Sgt. Gene McRiley; and Lt. David Deluca.

3. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Kathleen McNanie, Marketing Manager of Jack in the Box Restaurants, for support of public transportation through participation in coupon advertising.

4. Report of the General Manager

Mr. Dyer discussed the importance of three State bills which would impact the District: SB 300 (Foran), SB 75 (Foran), and AB 76 (Vicencia). He urged Board members to contact key legislators for support of SB 300.

Under developments at the federal level, the General Manager reported that, because of the efforts of President Patsouras, the mayor, supervisors and others, the House Appropriations Subcommittee approved \$130 million for Metro Rail for FY 1986. The agreed upon language specifically states that within 30 days of the date the bill becomes law the Urban Mass Transportation Administration will be required to issue a full funding contract.

Mr. Dyer went on to state that the budget is not an act of Congress; it does not go to the President. It is a resolution of the House and Senate on the various appropriation accounts. The House Budget Subcommittee has offered some reductions in Section 9 funds; however, there appears to be no reduction in Section 3 funds. If there is approximately \$7.5 million reduction for the District, it will not be possible to reduce service for another 90 days. Consequently, there is a possibility of a \$15 million reduction in the budget for this fiscal year. Staff would have to start the process in late August or early September in order to change the system effective January, 1986.

The General Manager informed the Board that the Senate appropriation process has not occurred and probably will not until the full House Appropriations Committee acts on the appropriation numbers.

Mr. Dyer requested that addendum to the agenda no. 4A be added to the agenda as Item No. 22 under New Business, and it was, so ordered by President Patsouras.

5. Report of the President

President Patsouras acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the efforts of Barry Engelberg and Roger Slagel, who, because of their labor and knowledge of the governmental process, were instrumental in ensuring the success of the passage of \$130 million for Metro Rail.

The President invited the Board to attend the Transit Anti-Crime Task Force meeting scheduled to be held Tuesday, July 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

President Patsouras honored Director Price's request to reschedule the second regular meetings in November and December 1985.

Upon motion by Director Price seconded by Director Swanson, the rescheduled dates are Thursday, November 21 and Thursday, December 19.

6. Director Special Items

Director Emerson announced that a CTC all-day workshop will be held on August 16, and suggested that the District and the LACTC host a reception following the workshop. He urged the District explore this possibility, and that an invitation to this effect be extended as soon as possible.

Director Estrada asked if figures were available on the impact of the fare increase on ridership. In response, General Manager Dyer said that information will be available by mid-August, at which time over-crowded lines will be identified. It is anticipated, however, that ridership will increase substantially in September, at which time students will return to the system in great numbers.

SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 7-9)

7. Authorized the Purchasing Agent to issue Invitations to Bid covering the sale of 65 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 \$60,000; form of bid requirements, specifications and contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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8. Approved Requisition No. 5-7200-FY1 and authorized the General Manager to extend an existing contract for one additional year with McCormack & Dodge, Natick, Massachusetts, covering maintenance of system control and program product software, for an estimated annual cost of \$32,700; form of contract extension subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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9. Adopted policy, guidelines and administrative procedures for disposition of surplus equipment to charitable organizations.

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SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

9A and 9B.

On motion duly made and seconded, agenda item 9B was added to the agenda. Chairman Holden requested in committee that the entire Board hear and dispose of Item 9A. Accordingly, staff returned to the afternoon session with additional information on the matter of excess public liability insurance, and the Board was presented with various alternatives for their consideration.

9A. Considerable discussion was held on this item regarding the merits of authorizing and encouraging the General Manager to assume a greater self-insurance retention limit while maintaining a practical balance between the self-insurance retention and the premiums being quoted, based on past loss experience. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the General Manager to accept an insurance proposal that would provide the best balance between premiums and self-insurance retention, and to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

A substitute motion to hold a meeting on July 31 to consider and vote on staff recommendations was seconded, but FAILED on a roll call vote as noted below:

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

CARRIED, on a roll call vote of 7-3, the original motion, as noted below:

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

SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

- 9B. Approved Alexander and Alexander of California, insurance brokers, to act as the District's exclusive agent in obtaining competitive premium quotations for renewal of the District's Comprehensive Crime Insurance for a one or multi-year term commencing September 14, 1985.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 10-12)

10. Considered Special Services Fares for FY 1985-86.

Following lengthy discussion on this item, a motion was duly made and seconded to approve a recovery ratio of 55% for special event service fares.

FAILED, by a 5-4 roll call vote requested by the President, a substitute motion by Director Panish, as noted below:

Ayes:	Holden, Panish, Patsaouras, Price, Swanson
Noes:	Day, Emerson, Estrada, Storing
Abstain:	Holen
Absent:	Hall

APPROVED the original motion, on an 8-2 roll call vote requested by the President, as noted below:

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

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

11. Considered the Transportation Measurement Program (TPM) of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

APPROVED a motion to formally ratify the District's request for the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to waive penalties computed for assessment upon the District during FY 85 and FY 86, pursuant to its authority under statute and adopted policy.

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APPROVED a motion to support creation of a revised LACTC Transit Performance Measurement Program which is based upon cost effectiveness.

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12. Considered results of Public Hearing on Line 208 (Hollywoodland Shuttle) and Line 217 (Fairfax Avenue).

Approved, on a permanent basis, the route of Line 217 and establishment of new Line 208, the levels of service and transfer arrangement as contained in the report dated July 17, 1985, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary.

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CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

13. Received a status report on the design concept for the District System Map, with a presentation from Graphic Design Studio. Committee requested that staff and consultant return with more refined art work, which will be presented individually to committee members, and a progress report be made to the Board in August.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 14-21)

14. Rejected non-responsive bid submitted by Hausman Bus Sales and Parts Company and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Graham Brake and Diesel Company, Chatsworth, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 7-8508 covering procurement of 1,700 shock absorbers for a total bid price of \$44,002; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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15. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Execu-Chair Industries, Thousand Oaks, the lowest responsible bidder under bid No. 7-8509 covering procurement of a Console Command Center for a total bid price of \$24,037; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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16. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Twining Laboratories, Long Beach, under RFP No. 038504 covering Central Maintenance Facility material testing, laboratory and inspection services for an estimated cost of \$138,000; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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

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17. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with BMH Clinical Laboratory, Tarzana, under RFP No. 018521 covering clinical laboratory services to analyze blood and urine specimens for a one-year period, with an option for two additional one-year periods at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$100,000; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

18. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Western Exterminator Company, Los Angeles, under RFP No. 028522 covering districtwide pest control services for a one-year period, with an option for two additional one-year periods at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$32,000; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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19. Received Report Calendar - July 3 through July 18, 1985.

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20. Approved:

- a. ratification of bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary; and
- b. ratification of temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

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21. Received Status of Board Requests.

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GENERAL ITEMS

22. Director Emerson inquired about the agenda for the August 1 Committee of the Whole, and was informed the agenda will be sent out next week.

Greg Roberts' concerns were three-fold: service to the community colleges; his attendance at the LACTC; and Line 242.

- 22A. Authorized the General Manager to submit to UMTA, pursuant to Section 3 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, an application for funds to enable Affirmative Action Career Development trainees to complete their training plans initiated under UMTA grant CA-03-0287.

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ADJOURNED at 3:05 p.m.

  
Helen M. Bolen  
District Secretary