



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, August 8, 1985
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Directors Present:

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

Directors Absent:

Norman H. Emerson
Jan Hall
Nick Patsouras

1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificates by Director Day.

2. Presentation of Second Quarter 1985 Safe Performance Award to Transportation Division 15 and Maintenance Division 12 by Director Estrada.

3. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Margaret Jenkins, Director of Marketing for El Pollo Loco Restaurant, by Director Estrada.

4. Report of the President

No report was made.

5. Report of the General Manager

Mr. Dyer asked the Board to consider staying overnight on Saturday, August 24, at the Committee of the Whole workshop session in order to continue with the items on the agenda. The weekend workshop might then be continued to Thursday, August 29. Board members will be polled and plans implemented accordingly.

Following a motion duly made and seconded, items 5A and 5B were added to the agenda for Board discussion.

Item 5A - Cont'd.

The General Manager briefed the Board on developments pertaining to public liability and property damage excess insurance. Mr. Dyer said District was able to secure additional coverage, bringing total coverage for excess public liability and property damage insurance to a total of \$20 million with \$4 million in self-insurance reserve. District will continue to work on this matter.

Director Day suggested that the matter of insurance be referred to Director Holden and the Surface Operations Committee for further investigation. Director Day also suggested the possibility of transit operators forming an insurance group. Director Holden proposed that Government Affairs staff be involved in drafting legislation pertaining to caps on insurance losses.

Greg Roberts asked that the matters of documenting unsafe or negative incidents on buses, timeliness of completing these reports, and improved communications be addressed by District. Staff noted his comments accordingly.

Director Holden stressed the importance of accident prevention and reportage, as well as the responsibility inherent in increased public awareness on this issue.

Item 5B

Board was requested to approve the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission's resolution, adopted on July 24, 1985, regarding the District's request for an additional \$7.6 million in Fiscal Year 1984-1985 Proposition A Fare Reduction Funds.

A motion was duly made and seconded, and discussion was held.

Item 5B - Cont'd.

A substitute motion to table this item until the August 22 meeting pending further definition of the issues was made and seconded. Upon a roll call vote of 6-2, this item was tabled.

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

6. Director Special Items

Director Storing commended Nell Soto, San Gabriel Valley's representative in the District's Community Relations Department, for her contributions to the District in behalf of Metro Rail, the pass buy down program, her fund raising efforts for the proposed El Monte parking structure, and the formation of La Puente's "Friends of RTD."

Director Holden inquired about the status of the contract award for modification of Division 5. General Manager Dyer responded that the specification has been amended and the document is back out on the street. It is anticipated that the contract award would be before the Board at the last meeting in September.

EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 7-8)

7. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Korody-Colyer Corporation, Wilmington, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 7-8512 covering procurement of pistons and liners for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$187,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

CARRIED, with Director Holden casting the dissenting vote.

8. Approved:

- a. Requisition No. 5-3398-23 and authorized the General Manager to exercise options available under Contract No. 73744 with Cubic Western Data Corporation, San Diego, covering purchase of additional fare collection equipment to equip the District's fleet with fareboxes and related peripheral equipment at a total cost not to exceed \$6,730,400; and
- b. Requisition No. 5-3398-24 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Cubic Western Data, San Diego, covering:
- 1) modification to farebox providing data output capability via an external twist lock connection; and
 - 2) provision of the data communication harness from external connection at farebox to the radio box;

This will increase the cost by an additional \$426,404 to a total cost of \$10,786,316; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0259.

CARRIED, with Director Holden casting the dissenting vote. Director Holden stated he was voting against the motion because he thought it would be in the best interest of the District to ask the manufacturer to extend the test period for an additional six months.

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT

9. Authorized the General Manager to:
- a. File a grant amendment request to Project No. CA-90-X059 to transfer at least \$9.2 million from surplus fare collection equipment funds to offset anticipated Central Maintenance Facility land acquisition cost increases;
 - b. Request that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission amend the FY 1985-89 Transportation Improvement Program to program at least \$9.2 million for Central Maintenance Facility Right-of-Way, the precise amount depending on the balance remaining after setting aside funds for fare collection equipment.

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CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT
(Items 10-11)

10. Received and filed a report on the design concept for the District System Map.

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11. Received and filed a report on District Initiatives to Promote Monthly Pass Sales.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 12-13)

12. Adopted fare structure for Special Services Fares for Fiscal 1986 indicated as Number 4 on Exhibit B attached to the report dated July 31, 1985, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary.

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Edward Duncan of Windsor Hills expressed his concern about special event fares.

13. Reviewed the Transit Performance Measures Program and took action requesting the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to forgive past penalties, to provide an incentive in the Program, and to do away with the current punitive plan. The Board also supported the development of a Transportation Price Index as an alternative to the Consumer Price Index which is referred to in the Program.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

14. Received and filed the federal legislative update.

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Following a motion duly made and seconded, the Board also voted to oppose S. 1359, the National Mass Transportation Act of 1985, and to support H.R. 3129, the Federal Mass Transportation Act of 1985.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT

15. Authorized the General Manager to implement annual work programs for FY 1986:
- a. City of Los Angeles, Req. No. 5-8100-196 at an estimated cost of \$500,000;
 - b. Power System, DWP, City of L.A., Req. No. 5-8100-200 at an estimated cost of \$100,000;
 - c. Water System, DWP, City of L.A., Req. No. 5-8100-199 at an estimated cost of \$100,000;
 - d. CommuniCom, Req. No. 5-8100-201 at an estimated cost of \$20,000;
 - e. County of Los Angeles & Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Req. No. 5-8100-198 at an estimated cost of \$30,000;
 - f. Pacific Bell, Req. No. 5-8100-195 at an estimated cost of \$80,000;
 - g. Southern California Gas Company, Req. No. 5-8100-202 at an estimated cost of \$20,000; and
 - h. Western Union Telegraph Company, Req. No. 5-8100-197 at an estimated cost of \$30,000

for a total estimated cost of \$880,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0130.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 16-19)

16. Authorized the General Manager to:

- a. submit to UMTA, pursuant to Section 3 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, an application for the "Insights into Transit Operations" training grant in the amount of \$133,333 (\$100,000 Federal/\$33,333 Local); and
- b. schedule a public hearing for August 22, 1985, at 1:00 p.m.

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17. Approved:

- a. cancellation of Requests for Proposals 048508A and 048508B; and
- b. Requisition No. 5-9500-16 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Allstate Insurance Company, Brea, to include Preferred Provider and Utilization Review at a proposed savings to the District of \$46,000 for the four-month period; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

18. Approved requisitions and amendments to contracts for Professional Government Relations Services as listed below:
- a. Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg & Tunney, at an estimated monthly cost of \$37,500 per month, not to exceed \$75,000, through September 30, 1985;
 - b. Palumbo & Cerrell, Inc., at an estimated monthly cost of \$5,000 per month, not to exceed \$10,000, through September 30, 1985; and
 - c. Bill Hecht & Associates, at an estimated monthly cost of \$10,500, not to exceed \$21,000, through September 30, 1985;

form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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Mr. Samuel Shiffer appeared before the Board, speaking against this item in particular and against Metro Rail in general.

19. Approved Requisition No. 5-9810-22 and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Talent World covering the 1985 Employee Picnic for a total cost of \$32,384; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

20. Adopted Revised Appeals Procedure for Benefit Assessment Districts, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

21. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Unisource Corporation, City of Commerce, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 7-8510 covering procurement of roll paper towels for a one year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$43,100; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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22. Received and filed Report Calendar - July 19 through July 31, 1985.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

23. Approved:

- a. minutes of regular Board meeting of July 11, 1985 and special Board meetings of May 2, 1985 and June 6, 1985.
- b. ratification of bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary; and
- c. ratification of temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary;
- d. Purchasing Agent's Report of Purchases \$5,000 through \$25,000 - July, 1985.

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GENERAL ITEMS

24. New Business

Director Holden requested staff to provide guidelines for procedures by which non-contract employees can be commended.

Greg Roberts and Edward Duncan spoke on transit related issues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.


Helen M. Bolén
District Secretary