

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, September 12, 1985
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:25 p.m.

Directors Present:

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

Jan Hall
Nate Holden
Leonard Panish
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

Director Absent:

Marvin L. Holen

1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificates by Director Holden.
2. Presentation of Employee Suggestion Awards by Gayel Pitchford, Director of Personnel.

3. Report of the President

President Patsouras announced that the Metro Rail Project passed the House vote and appears headed for success. The President commended all those who worked in behalf of the compromise resolution, and especially acknowledged the efforts of Barry Engelberg and Roger Slagel. The President recognized that the support of many congressmen from other states was vital to the success of this project, and appropriate letters of thanks will be sent to all those who lent their support to Metro Rail.

On motion by Director Emerson, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved Director Estrada's expenses while in France for the period September 19 through September 24, and further authorized the Treasurer to pay these expenses.

4. Report of the General Manager

Mr. Dyer said that he wished to acknowledge President Patsouras and Mayor Bradley for their efforts in behalf of Metro Rail.

The General Manager said the compromise agreement was fairly complicated, and noted it would be more appropriate to provide the Board with the exact language rather than rely on a verbal report.

The General Manager asked that the Board consider adding a proposed Policy Statement on the Safety of the Metro Rail Project to the agenda as an item under New Business, and that Board consider adopting it at the September 12 or September 26 meeting. President Patsouras ordered this item be added to the agenda under New Business.

Mr. Dyer provided a brief update on state legislation. AB 76 was on the Governor's desk and should be signed in the near term; SB 300, providing for additional funding for state transportation and planning development account, is still alive after considerable dispute. It does have impact on the District's dollar availability over the next few years, Mr. Dyer noted. SB 75, regarding joint and several liability on insurance, is dead.

The General Manager said that access to the District's public hearing scheduled for September 28 to consider changes in service and fare increases will not be impacted by a city-sponsored event to be held on that same day. District faces reductions in operations of 15-20 percent and a resultant \$5-7 million dollar shortfall in its FY 86 budget.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Director Day reported that his committee met earlier in the day and received and filed the Report on Accessible Service for the Month of July 1985; the Report on Los Angeles County Transportation Commission's Distribution of Funds to Paratransit Operators; and the Status Report on Accessible Service Public Information Program.

5. There was no discussion under Director Special Items.

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 6-8)

6. Approved:
 - a. rejection of bid submitted by Milestone Contractors, the only bid received in response to Bid No. 8-8505 covering second floor alterations at the District's headquarter building; and
 - b. authorization of the Purchasing Agent to reissue Invitations to Bid thereon at an estimated cost of \$31,300;

form of bid specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

7. Authorized the General Manager or his delegate to execute an extension of the agreement with Caltrans to provide business relocation services for the Central Maintenance Facility Project to December 31, 1985, and to increase the cost by an additional \$29,700, for a total contract amount of \$51,189.83; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

This project funded in part by UMTA Grant No. CA-23-2015.

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8. Authorized the General Manager or his delegate to exercise an amendment to the following appraisal contracts required for the Central Maintenance Facility Project:
 - a. Requisition No. 5-8100-242 amending appraisal services contract with Robert H. Flavell to extend to June 30, 1986 and to increase the cost by an additional \$42,000 for a total contract amount of \$133,500; and
 - b. Requisition No. 5-8100-241 amending appraisal services contract with George H. Jones to extend to June 30, 1986 and to increase the cost by an additional \$42,000 for a total contract amount of \$116,000;

form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

This project funded in part by UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0213.

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SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 9-11)

9. Considered authorization of the General Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 8-8520 covering procurement of diesel fuel for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$30,000,000; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

On a motion by Director Holden, seconded by Director Storing, the Board considered the Committee recommendation to award a contract covering procurement of diesel fuel for a one-year period to Northwestern Petroleum.

Speakers representing Mock Petrochemical/TRU & Associates included Chris Kunzi, Executive Vice President, Steve Stockstill, and Rodolfo Trujillo. Mr. Kunzi opposed award of the contract to Northwestern Petroleum, and noted that District had in the past awarded split contracts. Steve Stockstill opposed changing bid rules after bids have been opened and award has been made, and said that by making such a change in the middle of the process, the District was acting contrary to the advice of its own legal counsel. Rodolfo Trujillo also urged the Board to award the diesel fuel contract to his company.

Speaking in behalf of Northwestern Petroleum were James Taylor and Charles Thomas. Mr. Taylor said he recognized that District could reject the bid and go out to rebid, if it so wished; however, both he and Mr. Thomas urged the Board to award the diesel fuel contract to Northwestern.

On motion by Director Estrada, seconded by Director Swanson, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-4 as indicated below, the Board rejected all bids and authorized staff to resolicit bids after clarification of the ambiguities in the existing specifications. Further, the Board authorized the extension of contracts with current suppliers for a period of 30 days pending receipt of new bids and award of a new contract.

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

SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

9. Cont'd.

Prior to the roll call vote, Director Holden disclosed that the alternative proposed by Director Estrada had been discussed in closed session during the Committee meeting, and that the Committee's recommendation, by a 3-2 vote, was to award the contract to Northwestern. Considerable discussion followed, with speakers from both organizations addressing their respective company's concerns and interests during their rebuttal periods.

10. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, under RFP No. 078516 covering Comprehensive Crime Insurance for a one-year period at an estimated annual cost of \$75,830; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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11. Authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement with the County of Los Angeles covering the funding of additional peace officer positions and a vehicle in the Transit Police Department to provide crime suppression activities in the Second Supervisorial District for a total cost of \$360,537 to the county from Proposition A funds; form of agreement subject to approval of General Counsel.

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CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

12. Approved Requisition No. 5-4400-204 and authorized the General Manager to extend an existing contract for one additional year with Gumpertz/Bentley/Fried, Los Angeles, covering advertising services, for a total annual cost of \$137,000; form of contract extension subject to approval of General Counsel.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 13-15)

13. Approved additional 30-day extension to contract Lines 602 (DOWNTOWN MINIRIDE) and 605 (WESTWOOD MINIRIDE); form of contract extension subject to approval of General Counsel.

CARRIED, with Director Patsouras casting the dissenting vote.

14. Approved rates for racetrack shuttle bus service for the 1985-86 thoroughbred racing seasons, as amended.

On substitute motion by Director Storing seconded by Director Swanson, the increase per bus per day for 1985-86 was amended from \$118 to \$150, instead of the proposed \$130, as reflected in the roll call vote below:

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

In an unrelated matter, Greg Roberts said the City should be forced to accept RTD bus passes.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

15. Consideration of the preliminary service policy guidelines was deferred until the next meeting of the Advance Planning Committee. Director Swanson invited all Board members to attend this meeting.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 16-19)

16. Adopted a resolution authorizing the General Manager to acquire Real Property Interest in Parcel A2-286 located at 3377 Wilshire Boulevard; form of conveyance subject to approval of General Counsel.

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17. Authorized the General Manager to acquire Right-of-Way Parcels A4-755, A4-765, A4-767, A4-772 and A4-774 at Universal City under the Advance Land Acquisition Program.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-0022.

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Michael Cornwell requested that improvements be made to District's property at Wilshire and Crenshaw. The Board indicated its receptiveness to this suggestion and will bring the property up to standard. Staff is to report on improvements.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

18. Authorized the General Manager to complete the following actions required in connection with Right-of-Way at the Wilshire/Normandie Metro Rail Station:
- a. accept conveyance of two subsurface easements from L.C. Smull which are located in the former Irolo Street Right-of-Way and are required for the Station Entrance;
 - b. execute a quitclaim deed to a subsurface easement that is no longer required for construction of the Station;
- form of documents subject to approval of General Counsel.

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19. Discussion was held on the merits of a trial barrier-free fare system for the MOS-1 segment of Metro Rail.

A motion to advise the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission that District is unalterably opposed at this time to a barrier-free system on any light rail line that the District may operate, and directing staff to conduct an active study on how to coordinate barrier-free and barrier-type systems failed by a roll call vote, as indicated below:

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

A motion by Director Swanson to disapprove the recommendation to install a trial barrier-free fare system for the MOS-1 Segment as established in Milestone 8 for the 18.6 mile Metro Rail system was approved by the Board in a 10-0 roll call vote.

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

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

19. Cont'd.

A motion was made by Director Swanson and seconded by Director Day that the District in future not assume any financial responsibility which may be attached to operating a barrier-free system.

A substitute motion was made by Director Holden and seconded by Director Swanson that the liaison committees of the District and the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission review and report back to their respective bodies on the matter of barrier-free and barrier-type systems. The motion carried unanimously in a 9-0 roll call vote, as indicated below:

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

Also addressing the Board on this topic were Bryan Allen and Greg Roberts.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 20-25)

20. Certified the findings of the public hearing held on August 22, 1985, in connection with the "Insights Into Transit Operations" training grant application.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

21. Approved Requisition No. 5-8100-224 and authorized the General Manager to amend the existing contract with the law firm of Musick, Peeler & Garrett covering condemnation proceedings extending the term of the contract to June 30, 1986 and increasing the total amount by \$150,000 to \$350,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of General Counsel.

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

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22. Approved proposed benefit changes for Transit Police Lieutenants and the Assistant Transit Police Chief only, which provide for pay differentials of 2-1/2% each for the possession of Advanced Management Peace Officer Standards and Training certificates and an increase in the uniform allowance.

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23. Approved revised Non-Contract Grievance and Arbitration Policies as recommended by staff, excluding the provision for partial payment of the arbitrator's fees by the grievant.

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24. Adopted the amended model Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to comply with Political Reform Act of 1974.

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25. Received and filed the Report on As-Needed Employees. Staff is to provide further information on this matter.

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FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 26-28)

26. Received and filed report on District investments for August, 1985.

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27. Approved decrease in mileage rate for business travel by personal automobile.

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28. Approved Requisition No. 5-7099-080 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, Los Angeles, covering special audit services of Tier I and II contractors on the Metro Rail Project, increasing the total cost by an additional \$14,990 to a total cost of \$37,990; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR

29. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Moore Business Forms, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 8-8505 covering procurement of computer paper for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, at an estimated annual cost of \$92,980; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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30. Approved Requisition No. 5-3399-224 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Analysts, Inc., Rolling Hills Estates, covering spectromatic oil analysis, for a total annual cost not to exceed \$360,000; form of contract extension subject to approval of General Counsel.

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31. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Coral Chemical Company, Paramount, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 4-8518 covering procurement of exterior bus wash for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, at an estimated annual cost of \$92,400; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

32. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Thomas Wilds Associates, Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut, under RFP No. 068518 covering consulting services to design a records retention system for the District at a total cost of \$69,400; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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33. Received and filed Report Calendar - August 9 through September 4, 1985.

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34. Received and filed Purchasing Agent's Report:

a. Report of Purchases \$5,000 to \$25,000 - August, 1985.

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35. Approved:

a. minutes of Regular Board meetings of August 8 and August 22, 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

36. New Business

Approved the Policy Statement on the Safety of the Metro Rail Project. In recommending this action to the Board, the General Manager said he believed this to be one of the most important issues to surface.

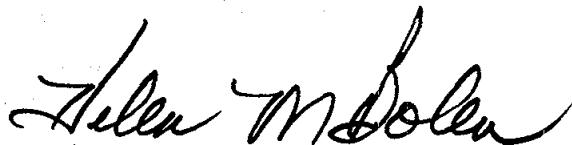
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Greg Roberts expressed his concerns about the procedures for RTD customers to voice their complaints.

Director Storing raised the matter of Auto-Photo Systems. This item will be returned to Committee at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Director Holden requested that he be allowed to review the RFP on Item 9 of the September 12 agenda.

Adjourned at 3:58 p.m.



Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary