

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, October, 10, 1985
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:04 p.m.

Directors Present:

Nick Patsouras	Jan Hall
Gordana Swanson	Nate Holden
John F. Day	Leonard Panish
Norman H. Emerson (arr. 1:10 pm)	Charles H. Storing
Carmen A. Estrada	

Directors Absent:

Marvin L. Holen	Jay B. Price
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1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificates by Director Holden.

2. Report of the President

President Patsouras thanked staff for an outstanding job in hosting and preparing for the APTA Convention. He especially commended Janis Whirledge and Pricilla Adler for their efforts.

President Patsouras thanked Director Day for his work with the disabled people during the APTA Convention.

Mr. Patsouras announced that the Appropriations Committee of the Senate maintained the \$85 million mark of the subcommittee on transportation. It now appears that the bill will go to the full House or the conference committee the first or second week of november and on the President's desk by November 14.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Dyer reported that the APTA Conference members concluded this was best conference in the last 5 years and they were pleased and delighted that RTD, the municipal operators, LACTC, and others worked harmoniously to put together a great conference. It was the consensus that the workshops and general sessions were beneficial for all who attended. He commended the many staff persons who worked to make the conference a success, specifically commending Janis Whirledge and Pricilla Adler for their work.

4. Director Special Items

Director Day, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation, reported on the Committee's meeting that morning.

The Committee recommended the August Progress Report be 'Received and Filed' and staff was directed to prepare a written report pinpointing the specific problems that the District has in improving its record on accessible service and suggested remedial actions.

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Director Special Items - Cont'd.

Gordana Swanson spoke about the issue of privatization of transportation. She feels the Board needs as much information as possible to deal with this issue. Director Swanson then made a motion, which was seconded by Director Emerson, instructing staff to prepare a paper as soon as possible indicating subsidy per passenger on each line in our system.

Director Hall asked about the purpose of the document and Director Swanson replied that the Board should be aware which lines are the most cost effective. Director Emerson asked if the information currently existed. General Manager Dyer responded yes but not in complete form; however, staff can have it in 1-2 weeks. Director Emerson asked if it was the intention to reflect the methodology used in arriving at this figure. Mr. Dyer indicated that the subsidy per passenger was not used as a basis for recommending lines be cut.

Director Day commented that, in his opinion, the District sometimes forgets the business it is in. Our primary purpose is to operate a bus system; unfortunately we are not in complete control of our funding situation. He expressed his dismay that the District has to consider cutting service and is dependent upon the Commission for a portion of its funds, yet the District takes the criticism for any reductions in service that must be considered. He also expressed concern about the intention for the District to divest itself of some bus lines. He concluded by indicating he is not willing to give up any bus lines unless it can be shown to be in the public's best interest.

President Patsaouras commented that it is inevitable that this region will see privatization. The question is does the District take the leadership role or do we let others force it on us? The discussion was concluded with General Manager Dyer indicating staff was preparing a series of papers for the Board's review on the subject of privatization.

On a call for the question, Director Swanson's motion failed on a roll call vote as indicated below:

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

Director Special Items - Cont'd.

Director Holden commented briefly on his observation of the District's fleet.

Director Holden also inquired about the status of the District's request, which was based on his motion at a previous meeting, to the Commission for \$8.6 million in funds.

SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 5-6)

5. Approved Requisition No. 5-7200-244 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Municipal Leasing Corporation, McLean, Virginia, covering lease of 3081 processor, associated peripheral equipment, and refinancing of existing lease balance, increasing the total cost by an additional \$2,840,930 to a total cost of \$11,076,650; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is partially funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-X120.

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6. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Mock Petrochemical/TRU and Associates, Irvine, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 10-8501 covering procurement of diesel fuel for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year, for an estimated annual cost of \$27,521,260; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

CARRIED, with Director Storing voting "No"

Appearance of representatives from Mock Petrochemical/-TRU and Associates thanking the Board for the opportunity to do business with the District.

EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

7. Rejected non-responsive bid submitted by P & C Sales & Service and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Empire Chemical, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder, under Bid No. 6-8519 covering procurement of anti-slip safety walk material for use on the District's fleet of accessible buses for an estimated cost of \$43,900; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 8-11)

8. Rejected non-responsive bid submitted by Bradco/- Classics and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Moerbeek Industries, dba, P.F.M. Co., Lomita, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0182-J covering skylight replacement at Division 2 (Los Angeles) for a total bid price of \$112,450, subject to concurrence of UMTA; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

9. The Board received a recommendation for a contract with International Management Group. There was discussion among Board members regarding cost versus expected savings, methodology used in arriving at the cost of the contract, the fact this was an unsolicited proposal, and that the item before the Board was the result of negotiations.

A motion to reject staff recommendation failed on a roll call vote as noted below:

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

Following additional discussion, a motion was made to reconsider staff recommendation, which motion was seconded and carried on a 6-3 vote.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following action was approved on a roll call vote as noted below:

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

Approved Requisition No. 5-3399-202 and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with International Management Group, Topeka, Kansas, covering:

- a. Consulting services to evaluate operational efficiency, develop and implement cost reduction measures at South Park Maintenance Facility; and
- b. Provide operational planning for relocation of Maintenance and Stores from South Park Shops to the new Central Maintenance Facility;

at an estimated cost of \$429,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Staff was requested to return to the Board in three months with a status report.

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

10. Approved Requisition No. 5-4200-145-A and revised scope of work for General Planning Consultant and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Schimpeler-Corradino, Louisville, Kentucky, the General Planning Consultant, to prepare an Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report for the relocation and construction of Division 6 (Venice), increasing the total cost by an additional \$230,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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11. Approved Requisition No. 5-3500-223 and authorized the General Manager to conduct procurement of the Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchange (EPABX) through competitive negotiation at an estimated cost of \$4,700,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-X059.

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Greg Roberts appeared before the Board speaking in opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 12-14)

12. Approved Requisition No. 5-9500-204 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for two additional years with Allstate Life Insurance Company, Northbrook, Illinois, covering employee life insurance at an estimated annual premium of \$840,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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13. WITHDREW from consideration a contract with California State University, Long Beach Foundation, to design and conduct a transit oriented management training certificate program.

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14. Report on As-Needed employees

The Board reviewed the General Manager's report dated October 3, 1985 on As-Needed Employees. Following lengthy discussion, on a roll call vote as noted below, the Board concurred in staff recommendation not to give benefits to as-needed employees.

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

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 15-17)

15. Received and Filed report on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission covering Proposition A Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$79.8 million for Fiscal Year 1986.

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The Board directed a letter be sent to the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission from President Patsouras expressing concerns of the District as noted in the General Manager's report dated October 3, 1985.

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16. Ratified a change in the mileage rate paid for the use of private automobiles on District business from 20 1/2¢ per mile to 21¢ per mile for up to 600 miles per month effective October 1, 1985.

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17. Received and Filed listing of District Investments for September, 1985.

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Following a motion duly made, seconded and carried, Items 17A and 17B were added to the agenda.

- 17A. Received and Filed report on potential agreement with Home Savings regarding Metro Rail requirements at 7th/Flower Metro Rail Station site.

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FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

- 17B. Recessed to Closed Session for discussion at 2:38 p.m. returning at 3:01 p.m. with the following report and action.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following action was approved on a roll call vote as noted below:

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

Received report on selection of development firm for long term lease of Location 24 at Van Nuys Boulevard and Sherman Way. Approved exclusive negotiation with Woodland Financial with final agreement to be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

Mr. Mohr of Western Commercial appeared before the Board opposing the action taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 18-22)

18. Approved Requisitions Nos. 5-1200-23, 5-8100-248, 5-9400-155 and 5-9500-199 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with California Newspaper Service Bureau, Los Angeles, covering newspaper advertising services at an estimated cost of \$161,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

19. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Maintex, Inc., El Monte, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 5-8508 covering procurement of steam cleaner detergent for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, at an estimated annual cost of \$69,980; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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20. Approved Requisition No. 5-8100-238 and authorized the General Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County contract in the amount of \$121,836; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This amendment includes the Consolidated Fire Protection District's Third Annual Work Program (AWP).

This project is funded under UMTA Grant CA-03-0130.

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21. Received and Filed Report Calendar - September 20 through October 2, 1985.

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- 22a. Approved Minutes for Regular Board Meeting held September 12, 1985.

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- 22b. Ratified bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

22c. Ratified temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

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22d. Approved Purchasing Agent's reports on:

1. Purchases \$5,000 to \$25,000 - September, 1985;
2. Sales - Third Quarter, 1985.

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GENERAL ITEMS

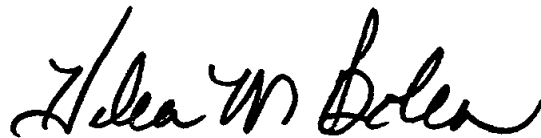
23. New Business

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 3:01 p.m. to discuss a workers' compensation case, returning at 3:06 p.m. with all Directors present except Directors Holen and Price. No report was made.

Director Holden requested a certified transcript of Surface Operations Committee Agenda Item No. 6 held this morning.

Howard Watts and Greg Roberts appeared before the Board with transit related complaints.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.



Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary