

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, October 24, 1985
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras, President
Gordana Swanson, Vice-President
Norman H. Emerson
Carmen A. Estrada
Jan Hall

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

Directors Absent:

John F. Day
Marvin L. Holen

1. Presentation of Certificates of Merit to:
 - a. Rebecca Gamero, Information Operator-of-the-Month;
 - b. David Banks, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month;
 - c. George Nahra, Operator-of-the-Month;and presentation of plaques by Director Price.

2. Report of the President

President Patsaouras said the Senate approved an across-the-board 1.6% cut in transportation.

In other action from Washington, Senator Eagleton was successful in bringing an amendment to the floor to defeat a \$129 million referral recommended to Congress by the Office of Management and Budget. This \$129 million has been approved by the Senate the last two years.

The President noted that Senate and House conferees are scheduled to meet again in a week.

President Patsaouras announced a November 1 Board workshop to be held in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. The location will be provided at a later date.

The President said that Assemblymen Roos and Katz will join the Board at the November 7 Committee of the Whole meeting to honor Supervisor Kenneth Hahn for his success in securing public support for Proposition A.

President Patsaouras asked the Board's consideration in rescheduling the Board's November 21 meeting to November 20 because of a conflict with CAPOTS, which is slated to meet in Stockton on November 21. Hearing no objections, the second November Board meeting will be held November 20.

3. Report of the General Manager

No items were reported.

4. Director Special Items

In September, Director Holden attended a Human Relations Commission ceremony honoring Hispanic community leaders. Citing Director Estrada's numerous achievements, Director Holden read a Senate resolution into the record. In addition, Director Estrada received a certificate from the District.

Director Storing announced that his corridor held a meeting on October 23 in an attempt to familiarize cities in the San Gabriel Valley of the fiscal constraints on the District, in an effort to develop a contingency plan whereby individual cities could help resolve this dilemma. Representatives from ten cities met with District staff and Los Angeles County Transportation Commission representatives, and indicated they would like to be part of the planning process. To this end, policy and technical committees are being set up. Cities will submit the names of persons selected to serve on these committees within the next two weeks.

Director Estrada reported that the Transit Law Enforcement Policy Task Force met this week. In addition to passing a resolution dealing with transit crime, the Task Force approved a study on this subject. Director Estrada said more meetings of the inter-agency management group, which makes recommendations to the Task Force, will be scheduled.

5. Adopted Resolution of Necessity to Institute Eminent Domain Proceedings to Acquire Metro Rail Parcels A1-024, A1-031, and A1-032 known as 530 Ramirez Street, 719 Vignes Street and a vacant lot on Vignes Street.

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EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

6. Considered:

- a. cancellation of award made to Harris Graphics by the Board of Directors on March 14, 1985 covering procurement of one Four-Color Perfecting Press at a cost of \$340,214; and
- b. authorization of the General Manager to negotiate a contract with Didde Graphics, the only other bidder responding to Bid No. CA-90-0022-Y, at a cost not to exceed \$342,391; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel and UMTA concurrence.

Upon substitute motion by Director Panish and carried by a roll call vote of 7-2, requested that a written report be submitted at the November 14 Board meeting outlining the need, justification, usage and economics of the press to enable the Board to decide upon this matter.

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

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT

7. Approved recommendation that the Metro Rail passenger vehicles be outfitted with seats consisting of a rigid fiberglass-reinforced frame with padded inserts.

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CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 8-9)

8. Rejected non-responsive bid submitted by Monarch Litho and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Ideal Printing, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 10-8508 covering printing of monthly passes for a one-year period with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$37,467; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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9. Received and filed report on reduced rates for Regular Monthly Pass, with the recommendation that Alternative No. 2 described in this item be included among other alternatives when and if a fare increase may be proposed, at which time the Board may decide upon the most feasible option.

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Greg Roberts spoke on the matter of passes and discounts. Howard Watts spoke in opposition to reduced rates for monthly passes, and asked that consideration be given to providing the public an opportunity to present its wishes in this regard.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 10-14)

10. Approved Side Letter of Agreement No. XXX between the District and the Brotherhood of Railway, Airline & Steamship Clerks (BRAC).

CARRIED, with Director Storing dissenting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

11. Approved Side Letter of Agreement No. XXXI between the Brotherhood of Railway, Airline & Steamship Clerks (BRAC) and the District.

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12. The recommendation to reclassify one non-contract position was withdrawn from the agenda.

13. Considered authorization of the General Manager to execute a contract with California State University, Long Beach Foundation, under RFP No. 078510 to design and conduct a transit oriented management training certificate program for a fixed price of \$231,748; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

Following Director Price's motion to approve staff recommendation, considerable discussion was held on this item, and a substitute motion was made by Director Panish that staff take into account Board's discussion and return with an alternative proposal which will review alternatives available in lieu of the particular program that has been suggested for the educational aspect, and having to do with the promotion and requirement for participation in this program as a basis for promotion, failed by a vote of 3-6, as noted below.

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

Director Price's motion to insert a phrase was withdrawn, with the approval of the second.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

13. - Cont'd.

Director Price's subsequent motion, to approve staff recommendation, with amended wording to include "the equivalent in transportation education and/or transportation education experience" carried by a roll call vote of 6-3, as noted below:

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

Howard Watts noted his concern about topics treated in executive sessions of the Board.

14. Approved requisitions and authorized the General Manager to extend existing contracts for one additional year with:

- a. Requisition No. 5-0990-84, Allstate Life Insurance Company, covering medical and/or dental services for Non-Contract employees for a total cost of \$2,590,000;
- b. Requisition No. 5-0990-85, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., covering medical services for Non-Contract employees, for a total cost of \$892,000;
- c. Requisition No. 5-0990-86, CIGNA Health Plan of California, covering medical services for Non-Contract employees, for a total cost of \$531,000;
- d. Requisition No. 5-0990-87, Maxicare, for a total cost of \$174,000;
- e. Requisition No. 5-0990-88, Safeguard, covering dental services for Non-Contract employees for a total cost of \$71,000;
- f. Requisition No. 5-0990-89, Blue Cross of California, covering dental services for Non-Contract employees, for a total cost of \$97,000; and
- g. Requisition No. 5-0990-90, California Psychological Health Plan, covering outpatient psychological services for Non-Contract employees, for a total cost of \$83,000;

form of contracts subject to approval of General Counsel.

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

15. Approved Requisition No. 5-7100-081 and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract for the District's primary banking services with Lloyds Bank California at an estimated cost of \$300,000 a year for a two-year period with three additional one-year option periods; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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16. Approved Requisition No. 5-7099-101 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, 333 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California, covering audit services on Metro Rail CFFF Contracts, increasing the total cost by an additional \$62,000 to a total cost of \$100,856; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

CARRIED, with Director Swanson opposed to the motion.

Howard Watts expressed his views in connection with the contract with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells.

17. Received and filed Fiscal Year 1986 Budget Forecast - First Quarter, with a recommendation that staff be requested to prepare detailed information and report back on the line item, "Materials and Supplies" and actual versus budgeted increases. In addition, Board requests that whenever any item appears out of line or there is a discrepancy between the budgeted and actual amounts, that staff provide detailed information in order that appropriate adjustments can be made to balance the budget.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 18-23)

18. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Thorson GMC Buick, under Bid No. CA-05-0133-D covering procurement of three 1-3/4 ton Service Vans (Cargo) for a total bid price of \$41,896; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-05-0133-D.

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19. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with MacDorman & Associates, Arlington, Virginia, under RFP No. 098526 covering consulting services to develop and conduct an absenteeism study and incentive program for a fixed price of \$49,999; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-08-0170.

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20. Approved Requisitions Nos. 5-4400-235, 5-9500-223 and 5-5500-145 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with George Snow Photography, Los Angeles, at an additional cost of \$24,000, increasing the total contract amount to \$48,000; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

21. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Canon, Inc., 841 E. Artesia Boulevard, Carson, California, the single responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X120-A covering a full color copier for a total bid price of \$53,846; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel and UMTA.

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22. Received and filed the report on the Status of Board Requests.

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23. Approved the minutes of Regular Board meeting of September 26, 1985.

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GENERAL ITEMS

24. New Business

Howard Watts talked about a survey pertaining to bus service to Valley College.

Greg Roberts expressed his concerns about the denial of access to the APTA conference in October.

ADJOURNED at 2:40 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary