

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, July 7, 1983
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

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Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Michael W. Lewis, President	Charles H. Storing
Ruth E. Richter, Vice-President	Gordana Swanson
Jan Hall	George Takei
Jay B. Price	

Directors Absent:

John F. Day
Marvin L. Holen
Nick Patsouras

1. Presentation of Employee Suggestion Program Awards.

Director of Personnel Gayel Pitchford presented awards of \$555 to Arthur Martinez and \$1,000 to Robert Kang.

2. Report of the President.

President Lewis announced that Director John Day was hospitalized but was expected to be released in a few days.

3. Report of the General Manager.

General Manager Dyer reported that the Senate mark-up hearings for transportation appropriations will be considered by Senator Andrews' committee on July 12 or 13. There is about \$21 billion in the National Transit Appropriations Bill, which is about \$800 million over what is expected to be approved by the Senate. There will be no hearings and no opportunity to be heard except through our representatives in Washington. There will be a Conference Committee meeting between the House and the Senate possibly in August.

Mr. Dyer reported that there is an ongoing internal dispute within APTA regarding the discretionary Section 3 dollars and the percentages to go to rail operators and bus operators. He will attend a meeting scheduled for July 11 in Kansas City and will report to the Board the results of that meeting as soon as possible.

General Manager Dyer reported there will be additional amendments to the Surface Transportation Act that should come out in late July or early August. He indicated that the Board will need to make some basic decisions on the direction this agency should go.

Mr. Dyer reported that a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is being scheduled for July 25 and 26 to review the technical work on the Metro Rail Project. He suggested the Board members consider attending a dinner on July 25.

4. Director Special Items.

President Lewis noted that the District, while it has a rich and solid history does not have on display any art depicting that history. He requested that some photos and art work be displayed in the public access areas of the District building.

Director Richter reported that Representative Bobbi Feidler will be hosting a talk show on Saturday, July 9. She suggested that the Board members might find it interesting.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

5. Scheduled public hearing on August 25, 1983 at 1:00 p.m. regarding proposed elimination of the Tourist Pass.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

6. Authorized the General Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with Los Angeles County to conduct Special Transit Needs Study of Los Angeles County Second Supervisorial District for a maximum fee of \$39,000; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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7. Authorized the General Manager to renew the annual Cooperative Service Agreement contract with the County of Riverside for a one-year period beginning July 1, 1983; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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8. Received and Filed the status report on the Pomona Valley Transportation Study.

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9. Approved minor route modification of Lines 55, 56, 75, 313 and 434 in the City of Los Angeles.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd)

10. Approved replacement of Line 826 by Regional Services' Lines 108 and 110.

Director Swanson, Chairman of the Advance Planning Committee, made a motion to carry this item over until the August 25th Board meeting to allow staff time to contact all the cities involved and to hold public meetings on the proposed change, which motion was seconded.

This motion failed to carry, with Directors Richter and Storing voting against the motion.

Director Richter indicated that this matter has been studied and it does not have any major impact on the people. Director Takei asked if staff could make the contacts suggested so that the Board could take action at its next meeting.

Director Price, whose area the change would occur in, indicated that he will be out of town until the middle of August and he would like to be here when action is taken.

Director Takei proposed a motion that this matter be delayed until the July 28th meeting and in the interim, staff is to contact the city officials. This motion died for lack of a second.

After discussion, Director Price made motion to delay action on this matter until the August 11th meeting, which motion failed on a Roll Call vote as follows:

Ayes: Hall, Price, Swanson, Takei

Noes: Lewis, Richter, Storing

Abstain: None

Absent: Day, Holen, Patsaouras

Director Richter then made a motion to approve staff recommendation, which motion was seconded and carried with Director Price voting "No."

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT

11. Received and Filed the report on the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission's Los Angeles-Long Beach Light Rail Project.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

12. Received and Filed the State Legislative Update Report.

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President Lewis reported that he has an appointment on July 11 with the Chairman of the Air Resources Board in Sacramento. He will report the results of that meeting to the Directors at their next meeting.

13. Approved Requisition No. 3-7200-140 and authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute contracts covering recruitment services for hiring of two System Programmers at a total cost not to exceed \$26,000; form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

14. Approved the creation of new Non-Contract positions that are included in the Fiscal Year 1984 Annual Budget.

President Lewis inquired how the District contemplated using sub-contract authority during Fiscal Year 1984. He expressed his concern that we are taking the wrong step and sending the wrong message by the addition of these new positions. He concluded by indicating that he could not support the motion.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd)

During discussion, President Lewis stated that the Board action in approving the budget was to freeze all new positions included with the exception of those positions directly related to the Metro Rail Project and to ask for additional justification. He indicated that he does not believe that the District needs, for a two-year period, an additional 150 people.

Director Takei commented that over the past two years, we have substantially increased our ridership and we need to have the staff to handle the increased work loads.

General Manager Dyer spoke concerning the current projects of the District and how the District cannot begin to cut back the staff until after the Olympics and how the productivity of the staff will also be increased. He indicated that we are proposing to spend \$298 million in capital dollars next year as compared to \$70 million this year; to do so, will require more people.

President Lewis asked how many bus drivers and mechanics are included in this increased staff request. General Manager Dyer indicated that the proposal will eliminate full time bus drivers and add more part time drivers. In numbers, there is no overall change. President Lewis then asked how many more people will be needed next year. Mr. Dyer indicated that approximately 100 people will be needed for the Metro Rail Project the following year. The District should be in a position to phase down in Fiscal Years 1985 and 1986.

On a call for the question, the motion passed on a Roll Call vote with Director Lewis voting "No."

CONSENT CALENDAR

15. Approved Requisition No. 3-3399-1315 and authorized the General Manger to exercise an option for one additional year with Western Petroleum Inc., 8560 Alondra Blvd., Paramount, covering Anti-Freeze for an estimated cost of \$92,000 for the one-year period; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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16. Approved Purchasing Agent's Reports:
- a. Statement of Materials and Supplies for June, 1983;
 - b. Statement of Purchases \$5,000 - \$25,000.

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GENERAL ITEMS

17. New Business.

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary