

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, September 1, 1983
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Michael W. Lewis
Ruth E. Richter
Nate Holden
Marvin L. Holen

Nick Patsaouras
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
George Takei (entered 1:08 p.m.)

Directors Absent:

John F. Day
Jan Hall
Gordana Swanson

Agenda Item No. 1

General Manager Dyer and Director of Planning Spivack introduced the Short Range Transit Plan and a more detailed explanation was given by Planner Leo Bevon. Mr. Bevon explained the three scenarios: 1) no Prop. A discretionary funds available for bus service; 2) assume a 75¢ fare with approximately \$85 million in Prop. A discretionary funds, and 3) no assumption of fare level with approximately \$85 million in Prop. A discretionary funds.

Scenario 2 is the most productive system, but would have greater line eliminations. Scenario 3 is less productive; the fare is higher, but there is better coverage system-wide.

In response to questioning it was stated that for every 10% increase in fare, a 2.2% decrease in ridership can be projected.

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There was discussion concerning the formula used by the LACTC in determining the percentage of ridership decline based on an increase in fares. This formula, prepared by Simpson & Curtin, projects a 3.3% decline for every 10% increase in fare. However, this formula does not work with fare increases greater than 10%, and the District is forecasting fare increases of 100% and 50%; therefore, the modeling process was used. Mr. Dyer expressed his belief that the Commission will accept the District's detailed modeling instead of the formula.

Director Lewis questioned if it was necessary to make the statement contained in policy recommendation No. 5. Mr. Dyer responded that there has been a lot of discussion concerning the Commission's intent to set fares for the transit operators. He recommended that the District should go on record stating that the transit operators should set fares, not the Commission. Director Storing commented that there is nothing in the legislation creating the Commission that gives them the authority to set fares.

Director Holen commented that he did not believe that the policy recommendations should go beyond Numbers 1 and 2. After further discussion, Director Patsaouras made a motion to accept staff recommendations through 6, which motion was seconded by Director Richter.

Director Storing made a substitute motion to accept Policy Recommendations 1 through 5, which motion did not receive a second.

Director Holden spoke, indicating that there is a strong possibility that an election could be called for the purpose of retaining the 50-cent fare. The Legislature could require that an election be held, and, of course, the District could have some influence on what could be included in the ballot measure. He also questioned Policy recommendation No. 4. Mr. Dyer responded that the Memorandum of Understanding contained two control factors, the budget allocation number and the service hours. Staff contends that if the District is able to implement a potential cost savings element, then the District should be able to use that savings to put service on the street.

On a call for the question on Director Patsaouras' motion, the motion failed as noted below on a Roll Call Vote:

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Ayes: Holden, Patsaouras, Price, Richter,
Takei
Noes: Lewis
Abstain: Holen, Storing
Absent: Day, Hall, Swanson

Director Storing then made a motion to approve policy recommendations 1 through 5, which motion was seconded by Director Lewis. Director Price suggested an amendment to the motion, adding recommendation No. 6 which would be prefaced by the following wording: "In the event of proposed legislation calling for an election" ---. Director Holden suggested that this was a separate issue; the motion before the Board is for policy recommendations 1 through 5. Director Holen indicated that he could not vote for the motion because he believes that number 3 is none of the District's business, under number 4, the transit operators have the responsibility and duty to provide the bus service, and number 5 is clearly set forth in State law.

General Manager Dyer indicated that part of Director Price's concerns are part of the Metro Rail Funding Plan which should be addressed within 30-60 days. He also indicated that he would have no difficulty if policy recommendation 3 was removed. The service hour limitation within the current Memorandum of Understanding is causing some concerns at present. Director Holen responded that the District has the responsibility of providing public transportation services on the street to the extent that funds are available. There is a very clear line of authority within the pieces of legislation that created the District and the LACTC as it relates to the formulation of services within the funding sources that exist.

Director Holen suggested that Policy recommendation No. 4 is pre-empted by State Law should not be considered. Mr. Dyer responded that it can be deleted, but we will still have service hour control and budgetary control.

General Counsel Powers commented that the Prop. A ordinance we are discussing is now State Law, and in this case there is no conflict between State Law and Prop. A.

On a call for the question on Director Storing's motion to adopt policy recommendations 1 through 5, the motion passed on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

Ayes: Holden, Patsaouras, Price,
Richter, Storing, Takei, Lewis
Noes: None
Abstain: Holen
Absent: Day, Hall, Swanson

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Director Price then made a motion to the effect that if any changes were made in the allocation of Prop. A funds, the District would go on record as anticipating that 35% of the funds would continue to go for rail rapid transit, which motion was seconded by Director Holden. After discussion, the motion failed as follows:

Ayes: Holen, Holden, Price, Richter,
Noes: Patsouras, Storing, Takei
Abstain: None
Absent: Day, Hall, Swanson, Lewis

Agenda Item No. 2-Funding Program & Budget for 1984 Olympic Games

General Manager Dyer reported that staff is continuing to negotiate on the Olympic transit service plan. It is anticipated that the report will be completed by the next regular meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Award of Contract

Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Analysts, Inc., 655 Deep Valley Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, under RFP No. 068314 covering spectromatic oil analyses at an estimated cost of \$250,000 for a one-year period, with option for two additional one-year periods at the election of the District; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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Agenda Item No. 4 - Report on EIS/EIR Public Hearings

General Manager Dyer reported that the staff is moving the EIS/EIR process as quickly as possible. This document should be before the Board for adoption at the last meeting in September or the first meeting in October.

General Counsel Powers, who acted as Hearing Officer for the public hearing process, reported that the attendance at the hearings was outstanding. Participation by members of the public was far greater than had been anticipated.

Mr. Greg Roberts appeared before the Board speaking to a number of subjects.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.


District Secretary