SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, October 20, 1983
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Michael W. Lewis, President
Ruth E. Richter, Vice-President
John F. Day
Nate Holden
Marvin L. Holen
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
Gordana Swanson
George Takei

Directors Absent:

Jan Hall
Nick Patsaouras

1. Presented Certificates of Merit to:

   a. Gibson L. Deck, Operator-of-the-Month;

   b. Betty Langley, Information Operator-of-the-Month;

   c. Frank P. Blankenship, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month.

2. Presentation of Employee Suggestion Program award to Ron Smith, Mechanic at Division 4.

3. Report of the President.

4. Report of the General Manager.

Mr. Dyer requested that the Board consider, under New Business, the setting of a public hearing.

General Manager Dyer also informed the Board that conformed copies of the Olympics Budget were distributed earlier in the week.

Mr. Dyer also advised that he would request a Closed Session later in the meeting to consider labor negotiations.

Mr. Dyer concluded his report by announcing that KNXT Television will air their five-part series on transportation beginning on Monday, October 24th.

5. Director Special Items.

Director Swanson made a motion requiring any Director or the President of the Board to notify members of the Board in advance of any meetings with community groups or representatives so that other members of the Board may attend, if they so desire. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Director Storing, Chairman of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee, reported that the Committee had met on October 19th to review the staff report and the CACAT reports on accessible service. He made a motion to approve the Committee's recommendation to adopt a four-point program on accessible service as follows:

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1) Define a specific set of objectives to be achieved for accessible service.

2) Cost out these objectives.

3) Organize to accomplish these objectives.

4) Set up timeframes to accomplish these objectives.

He also included the Committee's directive that a staff report on this four-point program be prepared for consideration by December, 1983. This motion was seconded.

Director Storing also moved approval of the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation, with membership to be on a voluntary basis, composed of five members of the Board of Directors, which motion was seconded.

During discussion, Director Day stated that it is very important that the District take this step, it will be a demonstration to the public and the handicapped community that we are serious in attempting to rectify what appears to be some deficiencies in our service.

On a call for the question, the motions carried, with Director Richter abstaining.

Following approval of the motions, Director Day indicated that the following members of the Board had volunteered to serve on the Committee:

John Day
Marvin L. Holen
Nick Patsaouras
Charles Storing
Gordana Swanson

President Lewis concurred in the proposed membership for this Committee.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

6a. Approved Requisition No. 3-4400-240 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with N. W. Ayer, 707 Wilshire Boulevard., Los Angeles, covering professional advertising services at an estimated cost of $174,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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6b. Approved Requisition No. 3-4400-249 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with N. W. Ayer, 707 Wilshire Boulevard., Los Angeles, to include special advertising services for the Olympics at an estimated cost of $265,000 for the twelve-month period; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Carried with Director Storing voting against the motion.

7. Adopted procedure for acquisition of real estate as set forth in report dated October 13, 1983.

This action also amends Section 8.13 of the Rules & Regulations.

In response to questions, General Manager Dyer indicated that a full report on Joint Development Policies will be brought to the Board in the near future. He also stated that federal law prohibits the use of federal funds for joint development purposes; the District can acquire property for that purpose, but it must use separate funds. UMTA will require that if the property is required, the District must acquire all rights and this will be reviewed by UMTA 'as to need'.

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7A. Authorized the General Manager to direct Booz-Allen & Hamilton to continue work in the role of Systems Engineering and Analysis Consultant to the Metro Rail Project pending execution of a new contract; such effort would continue through November 10, 1983 at an estimated cost of $55,000.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 8-10)

8. Approved requisitions and authorized the General Manager to renew existing contracts covering medical and dental insurance contracts for Non-Contract employees for a one-year period:

   a. Requisition No. 3-0990-5, Allstate Life Insurance Company, 3440 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, for medical and/or dental services for employees who select the Allstate option at an estimated annual cost of $1,942,000;

   b. Requisition No. 3-0990-6, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., 4747 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, covering medical services for employees who select the Kaiser option at an estimated annual cost of $602,000;

   c. Requisition No. 3-0990-7, INA and Ross Loos Health Plan, 700 North Brand Boulevard, Glendale, covering medical services for employees who select the INA/Ross Loos option at an estimated annual cost of $511,000;

   d. Requisition No. 3-0990-8, Blue Cross of Southern California, 21555 Oxnard Boulevard, Woodland Hills, covering dental services for employees who select the Blue Cross option at an estimated annual cost of $92,000; and

   e. Requisition No. 3-0990-9, Safeguard Health Plans, Inc., 13215 East Penn Street, Whittier, covering dental services for employees who select the Safeguard option for an estimated annual cost of $45,000;

   form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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9. Approved Labor Contract extension agreement for a 30-day period between the District and the Teamsters Union; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

10. Approved labor contract extension agreement for a 60-day period between the District and the Transit Police Officers Association; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 11-14)

11. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Eskimo Radiator Manufacturing Company, 6309 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 10-8319 covering bus radiator cores; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

    This procurement funded under UMTA Grant CA-90-0029.

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12. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract under Bid No. CA-90-0029-A covering Radiator Fan Assembly Cores with the lowest responsible bidders:

    a. Nimco Bus Division, P. O. Box 5305, Newwark, New Jersey, covering 110 cores for a bid price of $9,865;

    b. Western Diesel Electric, 8135 Atlantic Ave., Cudahy, covering 120 cores for a bid price of $28,630;

    form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

    This procurement funded under UMTA Grant CA-90-0029.

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13. Approved rejection of non-responsive bids submitted by Hewlett Packard Company and John Fluke Company and authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders under Bid No. Ca-03-0209-GG covering procurement of electronic test equipment:

    a. A.D.S. Inc., 5241-A7 Lincoln, Cypress, covering Items 1, 6, 8, 9 and 10 for a total bid price of $36,300;

    b. Tektronix, 17052 Jamboree, Irvine, covering Item 3 for a total bid price of $9,840;

    c. O'Halloran Associates, 10700 Ventura Blvd., North Hollywood, covering Item 4 for a total bid price of $12,630;

    d. Ross Communications, Inc., 1302 West 9th Street, Upland, covering Item 5 for a total bid price of $1,485;

    e. Needham Sales, 1610 East Avalon, Santa Ana, covering Item 7 for a total bid price of $2,500; and

    f. Practical Technology, 12 Village Center, Carmel Valley, covering Item 11 for a total bid price of $5,300;

    form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel; subject to concurrence of UMTA.

    These procurements funded under UMTA Grant CA-03-0209.

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14. Received and Filed Report Calendar for the period October 4 to October 14, 1983.

GENERAL ITEMS

15. New Business.

In accordance with the request of the General Manager, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the setting of a public hearing on Monday, November 21, 1983, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of setting fares for Olympic service.

Director Holden asked General Manager Dyer to report on his recent appearance before United Neighborhood Organization. Mr. Dyer responded by indicating that he had met with this group on Tuesday, October 18th and basically had agreed to the following:

1) ask the Board to consider UNO's suggestion to suspend the opening of the Customer Service Center at Whittier & Ford Blvds.

2) arrange and participate in an inspection tour of bus service in East Los Angeles with equal representation on this tour by RTD Board, staff and UNO representatives.

3) assignment of Planning Department staff members to work with UNO in studying and implementing a "Model Bus Service" program for East Los Angeles.

Mr. Dyer summarized that items 2 and 3 are within the scope of responsibilities of the General Manager, however, the Board will have to decide the issue of the Customer Service Center. Director Price stated that he felt that this Customer Service Center is appropriate and he made a motion to proceed, which motion was seconded by Director Richter. Director Holden made a substitute motion to attempt to ascertain how much money we would pay if we were to suspend the contract. Staff indicated that the value of the contract is approximately $80,000, and Mr. Dyer indicated that he would like the opportunity to present the facts on this issue before the Board makes a decision.

Director Day made a motion to table this matter, which motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Closed Session

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 2:23 p.m. to receive a report on labor negotiations, returning at 3:15 p.m., with all Directors present except Richter, Hall, Holden, Holen and Patsaouras.

Under New Business, the Board was addressed by Greg Roberts regarding Line 415.

President Lewis announced that the meeting would adjourn in memory of Director Swanson's father who passed away this week.

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Helen M Holen
District Secretary

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