

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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Minutes of Special Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the District

April 2, 1981

Upon notice duly given, the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at a Special Meeting in the District Board Room, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California, at 10:00 a.m. on April 2, 1981, at which time President Thomas G. Neusom called the meeting to order.

Directors Present:

Jan Hall (entered 10:07 am)	Nick Patsaouras
David K. Hayward (entered 10:22 am)	Jay B. Price
Marvin L. Holen (entered 10:05 am)	Ruth E. Richter
Mike Lewis	Charles H. Storing
Carl Meseck	George Takei
Thomas G. Neusom	

Staff Present:

Richard T. Powers, Acting General Manager
Jack T. Stubbs, Assistant General Manager for Administration
Suzanne Gifford, Acting General Counsel
Richard Gallagher, Manager & Chief Engineer, Rapid Transit
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
David D. Dominguez, Manager of Human Relations
Helen M. Eolen, District Secretary

Also present were members of the public and the media.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Agenda Item No. 1 - Authorization to Negotiate
Consultant Contracts for the Metro Rail Project

Director Meseck, Chairman of the Rapid Transit Committee, reported that the Committee had met on three occasions to hear presentations from consultants proposing to provide a) General Engineering Services for Ways & Structures, b) General Engineering Services for Subsystems, and c) General Architectural Services for Stations.

(Directors Holen and Hall entered the meeting)

Under Agenda Item No. 1(a), Director Meseck moved approval of the Committee recommendation to authorize the negotiation of a contract with Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall/Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas, Inc., which motion was seconded by Director Price and carried as noted below, and the following resolution adopted:

Ayes:	Hall, Holen, Lewis, Meseck, Neusom, Patsaouras, Price, Storing, Takei
Noes:	Richter
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Hayward

Resolution
No. Assigned

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RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to enter into negotiations with the firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall/Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas, Inc. covering General Engineering Consultant Services for Ways & Structures on the Metro Rail Project, which project is funded under UMTA and State Grants, and to bring the negotiated contract back to the Board for approval.

Under Agenda Item No. 1(b), Director Meseck reported that the Rapid Transit Committee, on a 3-2 vote, recommended the firm of Kaiser Engineers, Inc., for the General Engineering Consultant services for Subsystems and he so moved, which motion was seconded by Director Price. Director Meseck then presented the Committee minority report, recommending the firm of DeLeuw, Cather & Co. Director Patsaouras commented briefly in support of the minority report. Director Price reported that the Evaluation Committee, composed of District staff as well as outside experts, were also split in their recommendation. Director Storing stated that he has confidence in the Chairman of the Rapid Transit Committee and would defer to his judgment. Director Lewis reported that he had attended the presentations and there was no question concerning the competency of both firms.

Resolution
No. Assigned

He indicated his decision to support the firm of Kaiser Engineers was based on his belief that Kaiser Engineers could better provide the particular type of design work that the District requires at this point in time. Director Takei concurred with Director Lewis, adding that Kaiser Engineers had been involved in other recent transit projects and their record is very persuasive.

On a Roll Call vote, which carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

Ayes: Hall, Holen, Lewis, Neusom,
Price, Takei
Noes: Richter, Meseck, Patsaouras,
Storing
Abstain: None
Absent: Hayward

R-81-207

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to enter into negotiations with the firm of Kaiser Engineers, Inc., covering General Engineering Consultant Services for Subsystems on the Metro Rail Project, which project is funded under UMTA and State Grants, and to bring the negotiated contract back to the Board for approval.

Under Agenda Item No. 1(c), Director Meseck distributed a recapitulation of the strengths and weaknesses of the firms interviewed to provide

Resolution
No. Assigned

General Architectural Consulting Services for Stations. Director Meseck also reported that on a split vote, the Rapid Transit Committee recommends a contract with Madison/McAfee/Stull Transit Group. He also stated that he and Director Takei had voted for the firm of Harry Weese & Associates. Director Takei commented that the minority report on this item concurred with the recommendation of the Evaluation Board. He further stated that he feels the Harry Weese firm is internationally recognized and would bring in-depth experience to the project.

President Neusom spoke, indicating that he had read all the material supplied by the consultants and that the majority of the Committee felt that any one of the firms could do the job. The educational background and character of the work that had been done by the firms were considered. He reported that in his opinion the Madison firm was willing to place senior people on the District's project, their presentation was crisp, and indicated clearly what they proposed to do. They even offered to do things that were matters of negotiation and the Committee did decide that the Madison firm was the firm to select.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Director Hall stated that she had some concern about this proposed contract. This particular aspect of the system is the most visible. Experience must play a major role in the assessment of their ability to perform on this project. The experience of the Madison firm is not as clear-cut as the Harry Weese firm. She suggested that if there is other material to evaluate, perhaps presentations before the full Board would be in order.

After discussion, Director Hall made a motion to set a date and time for the full Board to hear presentations by the Firms of Madison/McAfee/Stull Transit Group and Harry Weese & Associates, which motion was seconded.

Director Holen inquired if it is possible to make changes in the make-up of the Joint Venture teams. Acting General Counsel Gifford replied that if the successful proposer wants to make changes in the subcontractors those changes must have the approval of the District. The proposals are evaluated on the structure of the teams. The make-up of the teams is one of the criteria on which the teams are evaluated initially.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Director Holen commented that he was impressed with one of the members of the Stull firm. He also stated that he recognized that in terms of background, depth, time and responses to the RFP, the Weese firm was superior. He indicated that as a member of the Committee, he cast his vote for the Madison firm because the District has never had the opportunity before to retain an MBE firm as a major consultant.

(Director Hayward entered the meeting)

After further discussion, Director Hall withdrew her previous motion. Director Richter moved approval of the firm of Harry Weese & Associates, which motion was seconded by Director Hall and carried as noted below on a Roll Call vote and the following resolution was adopted:

Ayes: Hall, Hayward, Lewis, Meseck,
Patsaouras, Storing, Takei,
Richter
Noes: Holen, Neusom, Price
Abstain: None
Absent: None

R-81-208

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to enter into negotiations with the firm of Harry Weese & Associates, covering General Architectural Consulting Services for Stations on the Metro Rail Project, which project is funded under UMTA and State Grants, and to bring the negotiated contract back to the Board for approval.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Agenda Item No. 2 - Consideration of Personnel
Matters

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board retired to Closed Session at 10:37 a.m. to discuss the matter of the vacant position of General Manager.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 11:05 a.m. with all Directors responding to Roll Call. No report was made of matters discussed in Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.


District Secretary