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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
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September 24, 1981

Upon notice duly given, the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at a regular meeting in the District Board Room, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California, at 1:00 p.m. on September 24, 1981, at which time President Thomas G. Neusom called the meeting to order.

Directors Present:

Jan Hall	Jay B. Price
Marvin L. Holen (entered at 2:08 p.m.)	Ruth E. Richter
	Charles H. Storing
Carl Meseck	Gordana Swanson
Thomas G. Neusom	George Takei
Nick Patsouras	

Director Absent:

Michael W. Lewis

Staff Present:

John A. Dyer, General Manager
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel
Samuel M. Black, Manager of Operations
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
Jack Stubbs, Assistant General Manager for Administration
Richard Gallagher, Manager & Chief Engineer, Rapid Transit
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations
David D. Dominguez, Manager of Human Relations
Robert G. Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
Helen M. Bolen, District Secretary

Also present were members of the public and the news media.

Presentation of Certificates of Merit

Director Storing presented Certificates of Merit to Dorothy Jernigan, Information Employee-of-the-Month; Gilbert C. Moncivias, Operator-of-the-Month; and to James D. Sherman, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month.

Introduction of Line Instructors

William Foster, General Superintendent of Transportation, introduced a group of Line Instructors from Divisions 8 and 15.

Status Report on Proposition "A"

General Counsel Powers reported that Judge Weil has refused to stay his previous decision that the sales tax must be collected. The State Board of Equalization does not believe that they will be able to start collecting the tax on October 1, and will most likely start the tax collection on January 1, 1982. Mr. Powers also reported that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission has indicated that any monies collected would probably be held in an escrow account until the matter of the constitutionality of the proposition is decided.

Report of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee

Director Richter, Chairman of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee, reported that the Committee, on a split vote, recommends approval of the staff recommendation on Agenda Item No. 4, which is the lease of space in the Del Amo Fashion Center for a South Bay Customer Service Center. Director

Report of the Customer relations & Public Information Committee -
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Richter then asked that the motion on this Committee recommendation come from Director Swanson. Director Swanson then made the motion to approve staff recommendation, which motion was seconded by Director Hall.

Director Meseck stated that he feels it is poor business practice to spend the amount of money to sell passes that the establishment of this service center will require. He said that the District should put greater emphasis on the commissioned agencies to sell the pass for their standard rates. He commented that based on the figures presented, it would cost approximately \$7.40 to sell a pass; even if the number of passes sold is doubled, the cost of \$3.70 is still greater than the commission we pay to other agencies to sell passes.

Director Takei commented that Director Meseck's comments were persuasive and that in view of the uncertain funding climate, the District should take a cold, hard look at expenditures of moneys for this type of service.

Director Price made a motion to table this item until the next regular Board meeting, which motion was seconded by Director Swanson and failed on a Roll Call Vote as noted below:

Report of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee -
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Ayes:	Hall, Price, Neusom
Noes:	Meseck, Patsaouras, Richter, Storing, Swanson, Takei
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Holen, Lewis

President Neusom stated that since the motion to table was lost, the original motion is now under discussion.

Director Swanson spoke at length, indicating that she had spent a lot of time studying this issue and she researched the area thoroughly. She indicated that at the present time this is the best deal that is available to the District. The South Bay area comprises over 1.5 million people or 1/7 of the Los Angeles County population. To leave this large area without access to public transportation information is unfair. She reaffirmed her motion to accept the staff recommendation concerning the establishment of a Customer Service Center at the Del Amo Fashion Center.

Director Price stated emphatically that the recommendation proposed is the best possible location and the best possible price for the establishment of a service center in the South Bay area. Director Hall inquired as to what the costs of the miscellaneous charges were for our current location versus the proposed location. Staff responded that the differences were approximately \$60. Director Hall then stated that the difference in total costs between our current location and the proposed location is approximately \$350 per month. This amount of money

is insignificant. The real issue seems to be is the District going to discontinue this type of service in the South Bay. Director Meseck stated that we can't afford this high price to sell a pass.

Director Swanson responded to Director Meseck's comments indicating that no matter where a service center is established, the same amount of money will need to be spent to provide security; the salary of the ticket clerk will be the same. The difference is the rental cost, which in this instance is approximately \$350 per month more. The issue is if the District is going to continue to keep customer service centers for the services they provide to the public other than the selling of passes. If this is the case, then the policy needs to be examined for other areas as well as the South Bay.

Director Storing made a statement that the proposed location is ideal. He urged the Directors to keep in mind the service offered other than the selling of passes.

On a call for the question, on a Roll Call vote, as noted below, the motion failed to carry.

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

Following the vote, President Neusom directed that this item be placed on the agenda at a future meeting.

Closed Session

President Neusom indicated that he would entertain a motion to adjourn to Closed Session to consider a Workers Compensation matter. On motion of Director Richter, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 1:45 p.m., returning at 1:55 p.m., with all Directors except Directors Holen, Lewis and Meseck responding to Roll Call.

Report of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee -
Continued

Director Richter moved approval of Agenda Items No. 5 and 6, which motion was seconded and carried as noted below and the following resolutions were adopted:

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

R-81-545

RESOLVED, that the report dated September 24, 1981 is approved and the General Manager is authorized to enter into agreements with the Daily News and the Herald Examiner for the purpose of conducting an experimental 6-month program involving two divisions on the sale of newspapers aboard District buses, in conformity with the State Vehicle Code; form of agreements subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-81-546

RESOLVED, that the report dated September 24, 1981 relative to the donation of a surplus, outmoded coach to the Los Angeles Childrens Museum is approved, and the Maintenance Department is authorized to cut, paint and prepare a part of the coach for exhibition at the Museum.

Report of the Advance Planning Committee

Director Swanson, Chairman of the Advance Planning Committee, recommended that under Agenda Item No. 7, a public hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m. and she moved approval of Agenda Items No. 8 through 11. This motion was seconded and carried as noted below and the following resolutions adopted:

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

R-81-547

RESOLVED, that the Secretary is hereby authorized to issue formal notice of a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, October 28, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. to receive comments on proposed service changes to be effective December, 1981 or later.

R-81-548

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 1-4600-41 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue Requests For Proposals covering consultant services to prepare Title VI Compliance, which project is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-09-0099; form of RFP subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-81-549

RESOLVED, that the report dated September 16, 1981 relative to revision of rates paid for Park/Ride facilities at the Circle Drive-In Theatre and the Van Nuys Drive-In Theatre is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Pacific Theatres covering this revision of rates; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Director Hall also requested that as the District is approached by the land owners at the park/ride facilities, the District should try to secure improvements to those facilities.

Report of the Advance Planning Committee - Continued

R-81-550

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of California, Business and Transportation Agency, covering the continued operation of the AMTRANS Shuttle Bus Service for a one-year period beginning November 1, 1981, with an increase in charge per bus from \$50 to \$60; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-81-551

RESOLVED, that the report dated September 21, 1981 relative to a minor route modification to Line No. 16 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to include in the Official Route Descriptions First Revised Page 16, to become effective as soon as possible.

Report of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee

Director Storing, Chairman of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee, recommended that Agenda Item No. 12, the Status report on Grumman Flexible Retrofit Program be "Received and Filed." The Board concurred in this recommendation.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 13 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

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

Report of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee - Continued

R-81-552

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 8.3 (b) (4) of the Rules and Regulations, the Special Purchasing Committee met and approved Requisition No. 1-3400-39;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 1-3400-39 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the procurement of thirty-five 35-foot Advance Design Buses, with option for between 1 and 10 additional buses, which project is funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant No. CA-03-0132; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Report of the Facilities & Construction Committee

On motion of Director Patsaouras, Chairman of the Facilities & Construction Committee, Agenda item No. 14 was approved and the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-81-553

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Richard J. McAndrews, 18837 Roselle Avenue, Torrance, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 9-8101, covering rehabilitation of and addition to Transportation Building at Long Beach (Division 12) at a total bid price of \$397,500, which project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0040; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Report of the Personnel Committee

Under Agenda Item No. 15, Director Takei, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Committee requests that the matter of the amendment of the Non-Contract Overtime Policy be returned to staff for further study and will be considered at the same time that the Non-Contract Salary and Classification Study is presented to the Board. The Board concurred in this request.

Report of the Finance Committee

On motion of Director Patsouras, seconded and unanimously carried, the Operating Report for the month of August 1981 was "Received and Filed".

Approval of Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 17 through 25 on the Consent Calendar were approved, except for No. 22, and the following resolutions adopted and/or actions taken:

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

Approval of Consent Calendar - Continued

R-81-554

RESOLVED, that Requisitions No. 1-3500-260 and 1-3500-261 are approved, and the General Manager is authorized to execute contracts with Digital Equipment Corporation, P. O. Box CS 2008, Nashua, New Hampshire, covering:

- a. Spare parts for word processing computer maintenance at an estimated cost of \$27,600, and
- b. Spare parts for word processing work stations maintenance at an estimated cost of \$35,700;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-81-555

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 1-3500-259 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to amend an existing contract with Compath, 1940 Frank Stiles Street, South El Monte, covering Automatic Call Distribution System, increasing the estimated cost by \$3,200 to an estimated total cost of \$355,400, which project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-05-0052-A; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-81-556

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 1-9400-146 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering procurement of one 10-ton stake truck with lift gate, which project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0052; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-81-557

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 1-7200-68 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering fire suppression equipment, which project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-05-0052; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Approval of Consent Calendar - Continued

R-81-558

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 1-3314A-2403 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering procurement of cylinder blocks, crankshafts and flywheel assemblies; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-81-559

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 1-3399-255 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to extend an existing contract with Pyromet Industries, 595 Industrial Road, San Carlos, covering consultant services relating to metallurgy, welding, process or design and structural analysis for one additional year, increasing the total cost by \$9,800 to a total cost of \$19,600; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-81-560

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Edgington Oil, 2400 East Artesia, Long Beach, the highest responsible bidder under Bid No. 8-8121-S covering sale of District's used oil at an estimated revenue to the District of \$78,750 for the one-year period; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Approved minutes of Regular meeting held September 10, 1981.

Ratified bus stop zone changes as described in report dated September 18, 1981, filed with the Secretary.

Ratified temporary route diversions as described in report dated September 18, 1981, filed with the Secretary.

Approval of Consent Calendar - Continued

Under Agenda Item No. 22, in response to questions from the Board, Mr. Gallagher stated that the furniture required for the consultants is a negotiated part of their contract and that the District charges the consultants \$125 per month per work station, and that this charge will continue until approximately 70% of the cost of the furniture has been paid. This is in addition to the monthly charge they will pay for the rental of furniture prior to delivery of purchased furniture.

(Director Holen entered the meeting at 2:08 p.m.)

Director Takei commented that the consultant contracts have been negotiated and awarded and to approve this furniture rental item is simply a good faith effort on the District's part. He then moved approval of staff recommendation, which motion was seconded. After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-81-561

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 1-8000-279 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to amend an existing contract with Holtzman Office Furniture, 1477 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, to increase and extend the lease of office furniture for the Metro Rail Department from a rate of \$4,628 per month to 6,888 per month; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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Director Special Items

On motion duly made, seconded and carried as noted below, travel was authorized for President Neusom:

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

R-81-562

RESOLVED, that President Neusom is authorized to travel to North Vernon, Indiana, on September 30-October 2, 1981, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay expenses incurred.

Director Holen asked that Agenda Item No. 4 be reconsidered. There was discussion concerning protocol on a request for reconsideration. General Counsel Powers, referring to Roberts' Rules of Order, indicated that reconsideration can only be requested by a member of the prevailing side; therefore, a Director who voted "no" could request reconsideration. There was discussion concerning this matter, with Director Swanson indicating that the wishes of the Directors from the South Bay area should be considered. Director Takei countered that Director Meseck had left the meeting and he has strong feelings on this matter. To reconsider the matter at this time would be inappropriate.

Director Richter asked that this matter be scheduled for reconsideration at a meeting in November to allow Directors time to investigate the area. Director Swanson replied that this item has been carried forward from previous meetings to allow that opportunity.

Director Special Items - Continued

Director Hall made a motion that this item be placed on the agenda of a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 1, which motion was seconded and carried as noted below:

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

Vice-President Richter announced that Director Lewis' grandmother, Florence Enyart, passed away on September 8th and recommended that the meeting be adjourned in her memory. The Board concurred in this request and the Secretary was instructed to send a resolution to the family of Mrs. Enyart.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.


District Secretary