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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

October 2, 1980

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, at 2:15 p.m. on October 2, 1980, at which time President Thomas G. Neusom called the meeting to order.

Directors Present

David K. Hayward  
Marvin L. Holen  
Gerald B. Leonard  
Mike Lewis  
Jay B. Price

Thomas G. Neusom  
Ruth E. Richter  
Charles H. Storing  
George Takei

Directors Absent

Donald Gibbs  
Carl Meseck

Staff Present

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

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

Before turning to the agenda items, President Neusom announced that supplemental proposals submitted by both finalist firms on the subsurface exploration work on the rapid transit project were being distributed to all Board members and that reconsideration of this matter would be on the agenda for the October 16th Board Meeting.

Approval of Security Measures for District Operators and Passengers

The staff report concerning security and defense measures for operators and passengers was presented. General Manager Powers indicated that the deployment of personnel as funded by the \$150,000 from the County of Los Angeles would be flexible and would be responsive to shift in locales.

There was discussion concerning the aerosol weapons proposed, with Director Lewis requesting a weekly incident report. Also, the resolution adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors urged the City of Los Angeles to also provide funding for the security of passengers and operators. Staff was directed to prepare a letter to the City of Los Angeles for the President's signature requesting funding or in-kind services.

Mr. William Haag, Vice-Chairman of the United Transportation Union appeared before the Board and indicated that the Union is supportive of the proposal to allow operators to carry the aerosol weapon. In response to a question concerning liability, the General Counsel indicated that the District feels that the benefit of having trained operators carrying this weapon is greater than the liability.

Director Hayward moved approval of the staff recommendation, which motion was seconded.

President Neusom indicated that since this is a pilot project, a staff report should be required at a given time. Director Hayward requested that a report be prepared on a bi-monthly basis until further notice, and he also requested a monthly incident report.

Director Holen questioned the circumstances under which this aerosol weapon could be used. He further indicated that the law specifies that they be used solely for self-defense purposes.

Director Lewis expressed his doubts about the program, indicating that under a voluntary program such as this, it could raise the potential level of crime against operators. He indicated that he felt that less than 10% of the drivers would take advantage of the volunteer program, and that if such a program were adopted, it should be mandatory.

There was discussion concerning the various types of aerosol weapons available. Appearing before the Board at this time were Greg Roberts, Charles M. Laust, Arthur M. Suchosk, Monte A. Allen and L. Brandt Peterson. Commander George Morrison of the Los Angeles Police Department also appeared and answered questions posed by members of the Board. His statement indicated that reasonable force can be used to prevent a crime or making an arrest, and that the aerosol weapon is authorized for use by a trained person.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

(Director Lewis left the meeting.)

President Neusom summarized the discussion indicating that this proposal is a defensive mechanism to be available to the drivers. On a call for the question, the motion carried as noted below, and the following resolution was adopted:

Ayes: Hayward, Holen, Price, Neuson,  
Richter, Storing, Takei  
Noes: None  
Abstain: Leonard  
Absent: Gibbs, Lewis, Meseck

R-80-478

WHEREAS, the District, the United Transportation Union, and local elected officials are concerned about the increasing incidents of crime aboard District buses; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has provided funding in the amount of \$150,000 to be used for the purpose of deploying additional security personnel aboard District buses in an effort to provide safety for the operators and the passengers; and

WHEREAS, the District has investigated the use of aerosol weapons by operators while on duty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District hereby authorized a voluntary program to allow on-duty operators to carry aerosol weapons for self-defense purposes, subject to training and other requirements specified by the State and other regulatory agencies;

Resolution  
No. Assigned

R-80-478  
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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Treasurer is authorized to reimburse any operator for training and purchase of aerosol or tear gas weaponry in an amount not to exceed \$25, and for the cost of replacement of the weapon if the operator is required to discharge it in a self-defense action while on duty.

Approval of Lease for Fareboxes and Award of Contract for Shelving, Lighting and Mezzanine at South Park Shops

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 2 and 3 were approved as noted below, and the following resolutions adopted:

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

R-80-479

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 0-3399-196 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to enter into a one-year lease with Bi-State Transit of St. Louis, MO, covering 582 fareboxes, 1000 large vaults and transportation charges, at an estimated cost of \$40,500; form of lease agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

R-80-480

RESOLVED, that the apparent low bid submitted by Bacon Bros Equipment, Inc., is hereby rejected in its entirety, and the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Everect Equipment Company, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0106-U, covering furnishing and installation of shelving, mezzanine and lighting at South Park Shops, at a total bid price of \$164,806, which is funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant Project No. CA-03-0106 and is subject to the prior concurrence of UMTA; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Approval of Change Order with GMC for Purchase and Installation of Advertising Frames on the RTS-II Buses

The Board considered the supplemental report on this subject prepared by the Manager of Operations. A copy of this report is filed with the Secretary. It was the consensus of the Board that the color of the frames be white and that the curb-side frame be located as near to the rear door as possible.

On motion of Director Hayward, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 4 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

Resolution  
No. Assigned

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

R-80-481

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 0-3399-244 is approved and the General Manager is authorized to execute Change Order No. 9 with General Motors Corporation covering the purchase and installation of two king-sized advertising frames on each of the 940 RTS-II buses, at a not to exceed cost of \$285,000, which purchase is funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant Project No. CA-03-0178; form of Change Order subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Action Delayed at this Time

Manager of Operations, Sam Black, reported that inasmuch as the production run for the double-deck buses may encounter a substantial delay, he would recommend that the matter of a consultant contract for the inspection of the double-deck buses be deferred to a later date.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

Agenda Item No. 7 - Contract for Services of  
UMTA Employee - FAILED

President Neusom requested that Agenda Item No. 7 be considered next. Staff presented the report on the contract with UMTA for the loan of an Systems Engineering Analysis Specialist for the Rapid Transit Project. Director Leonard stated that he would prefer to defer this matter until the position of Project Manager is filled. General Manager Powers stated that the Board placed a hold on this position until the position of General Manager is filled; however, he has had comments from several Board members expressing a desire to proceed with the advertising for the position of Project Manager. Mr. Gallagher informed the Board that on June 26 the Board authorized the recruitment of a staff of 45 people and he is moving forward on this matter. This contractual arrangement with UMTA will benefit both the District and UMTA.

(Director Takei left the meeting.)



Resolution  
No. Assigned

After further discussion, Director Hayward made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, with the contract to contain a right to reject the employee at any time during the contract period, which motion was seconded and failed as noted below:

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - Designation of Official Title  
for Rapid Transit Starter Line - TABLED

The staff report on this matter was considered, with the General Manager indicating that the name of "SCRTD Metro Rail" was adopted at the Board Meeting on September 25, 1980.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the designation of official title for the Rapid Transit Starter Line was reconsidered.

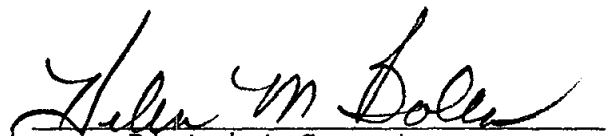
Director Hayward made a motion that the official name be "RTD Metro Rail", which motion was seconded.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

After discussion, Director Storing made a substitute motion that the two branches of the District's operations be officially titled "SCRTD Metro Rail" and "SCRTD Metro Bus", which motion did not receive a second.

In view of the fact that several Board members were absent, Director Price made a motion to table the matter until a future Board Meeting, which motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

  
District Secretary