

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

January 26, 1989

Called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President Swanson:

Directors Present:

Gordana Swanson
Marvin L. Holen
John F. Day
Joseph S. Dunning
Larry Gonzalez

Jeff Jenkins
Nick Patsaouras
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
Kenneth R. Thomas

Director Absent:

Jan Hall

1. Certificates of Merit presented by Director Day to:
 - a. Raquel Pena, Information Operator-of-the-Month;
 - b. Jose Madrano, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month; and
 - c. Jose Aguirre, Operator-of-the-Month.

Following the ceremony, President Swanson suggested that it would be appropriate for Board members to nominate outstanding citizens for recognition by the Board.

2. Report of the President

President Swanson announced that Mr. Tim Furlong, one of the District's legislative consultants in Washington, D.C. passed away recently. She indicated that today's meeting would be adjourned in his memory and the District Secretary was instructed to send a resolution to his family.

The President advised that the RTD/LACTC Joint Organizing Committee held its first meeting. Another meeting is scheduled and she pledged to keep the Board members informed. At this time, material is being gathered for the Committee's review.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg reported that a newspaper article was written about one year ago on the Line 456. That same reporter has recently published another article on this line and has found significant improvements. The article does indicate that there are quality improvements that the District needs to make. Mr. Pegg pledged his efforts to make those improvements.

The General Manager advised the Board that a tentative agenda for the February 16, 1989 Committee of the Whole Workshop has been drafted. He urged the individual Board members to contact the District Secretary if they wished to place specific topics on the agenda.

4. Director Special Items

Director Day spoke regarding the receipt of material requested by Director Jenkins on the subject of the District's labor contracts. Director Day requested information about the cost of preparing and delivering the material.

Director Day also spoke about the letter he and other Directors received from the Foothill Transit Zone. He read the text of his letter into the record. He expressed concern that this new agency would send letters such as these to this Board.

Director Jenkins requested that the Finance & Joint Development Committee revisit the issue of the development at the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Rail Station site. President Swanson suggested that this request should be discussed with all members of the Board. Director Jenkins requested that this discussion take place at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Director Jenkins also requested that an item be placed on the next agenda regarding the issuance of a Request For Proposal to contract out some of the District's service using RTD buses and taking along some of the labor contracts.

Director Storing reported on the reception held for Director Gonzalez. He reported it was a fantastic event and it was well attended.

Director Patsaouras reminded staff that the Board has requested an update on the search for a new headquarters building. General Manager Pegg reported that the District is involved in two major Requests For Proposals and that process has taken more than four months. He assured Director Patsaouras that a report on the subject will be made at the next Board meeting.

5. Recess to Closed Session to consider labor negotiations, personnel and litigation matters.

A Closed Session was not held.

6. APPROVED designation of benefit assessment hearing officers for appeals panel for cases Al-718-86, Al-723-86 through Al-732-86, and Al-789-86.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 7 through 13 on the Consent Calendar were approved unanimously in one motion, with 10 Directors present. Following query by Directors, items 9 and 14 were unanimously approved with 10 Directors present.

7. APPROVED contract with Allee Construction Inc., Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0049-BB covering construction of perimeter wall addition and modifications at Division 3 (Los Angeles) for the Unit I, basic bid price of \$245,665; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grant CA-90-X283.

8. APPROVED lease of approximately 675 square feet of office space for a construction field office at 1930 Wilshire Blvd. for nine months at a monthly rental rate of \$765 plus operating expenses including parking for two vehicles at an adjacent parking lot; form of agreement subject to approval of General Counsel.

This procurement funded under UMTA CA-03-0130.

9. REESTABLISHED the non-contract positions at Division 16 (Pomona) which were deleted with the adoption of the Fiscal Year 1989 Budget.

Director Thomas asked why staff would want to reestablish the positions. He was advised that the Foothill Transit Zone will not run the lines that was projected in the FY 89 budget and the positions were funded only for a portion of the fiscal year. It is necessary to take this action to provide the service.

10. APPROVED minor route modification to Line 444 in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

11. APPROVED minor route modifications to Lines 120, 470 and 490 in the City of Brea.

12. Received and filed Metro Rail Construction Change Order report for December, 1988.

13. Received and filed Report Calendar for December 15, 1988 thru January 6, 1989.

14. Received and filed Board requests for December, 1988.

President Swanson commented about the timeliness of responses to Board requests and she asked staff to respond to these Director requests in an earlier time frame.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

15. APPROVED Requisition 8-8100-273 and amendment to contract with Booz, Allen & Hamilton to implement Phase II metro rail work at an estimated cost of \$230,840; form of contract amendment subject to approval of General Counsel.

This project funded under UMTA CA-03-0130.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

16. Director Holen reported that the Rapid Transit Committee received a verbal report on an interesting approach on advertising for Metro Rail Stations. No action of the Board is required on this item.

Director Thomas inquired about private development at the Metro Rail Stations; i.e., malls, etc. Staff spoke about some reactive criteria as well as some proactive criteria used for consideration of private development at station sites. Director Patsaouras urged complete recovery of cost of the District's knockout panels as well as any engineering cost.

GENERAL ITEMS

17. Consideration of items arising subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

Director Storing requested a report on the installation of electronic fareboxes. With the concurrence of all members present, this item was added to the agenda.

Staff reported that 641 electronic fareboxes have been installed and are in service. There has been some delay experienced due to a sub-manufacturer. Fareboxes are being installed at the rate of 50 boxes per night. This installation is behind schedule and cannot be completed by the end of February. Staff indicated more information would be provided at the next meeting.

Director Storing urged staff to use every legal means available to them if the manufacturer does not meet the deadline.

Director Holen commented on his recent observance of the use of the new electronic fareboxes and the operator's stated satisfaction with the new fareboxes.

18. Public Comment

There was no comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m. in memory of Mr. Tim Furlong.



Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary