

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation  
Board of Directors  
District Board Room  
425 South Main Street  
Los Angeles

March 2, 1989

Called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Day:

Directors Present:

John F. Day  
Charles H. Storing  
Larry Gonzalez  
Marvin L. Holen (replacement)  
Joseph S. Dunning (replacement)

Directors Absent:

Jan Hall  
Kenneth R. Thomas

Observer: Gordana Swanson

Appearance of E. Tibbets and Charles Devlin who praised Director Day for his work in accessible transportation. A plaque was presented to Mr. Day by CACAT for his long and hard work for accessible transportation. Appearance of J. Cressey, representing the Commission's Advisory group also commending Director Day.

Director Day thanked District staff noting that it takes team work to make things happen. Director Day asked Director Storing to continue with the efforts for accessible service.

1. Received public comment on the District's proposed policies for accommodating wheelchairs on buses.

Terry Moren gave a background review of the policies that are in effect.

Appearance of D. Craig, wheelchair manufacturer, who thanked the District for holding a technical fair where he was able to learn firsthand the problems the District faces in boarding wheelchairs and also the problems wheelchair users face. Mr. Craig asked for clarification on some terminology used. He said he would like wheelchair manufacturers to test stability. He also suggested that the District purchase only floor tie downs. Mr. Craig's comments were partly based on the fact that the wheelchair they manufacture is considered unstable. Terry Moren indicated a retesting of their chair would be arranged.

Further discussion concerned modification to wheelchairs so that buses could more easily accommodate them. It was also noted that each individual chooses a wheelchair that is most suited for their disability.

Appearance of V. Shanklin who stated that although her wheelchair has been tested satisfactorily for District buses, she still experiences incidents where operators refuse to allow her to board.

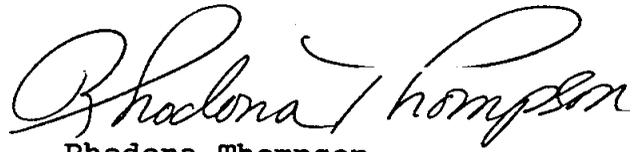
Appearance of J. Cressey who indicated he considered himself lucky to have a job and van. He did agree, as noted previously, that when individuals choose a wheelchair they tend to look for the functions that are best suited for them. Sometimes it seems to be a tradeoff when that individual depends on public transportation. He expressed his opinion that more testing should be conducted. He also suggested that operator training be given more consideration and that a training video be reinvestigated.

Appearance of Randy and Kim Horton. They asked about securement of wheelchairs when the individual is unable to secure themselves; providing information on boarding requirements by the bus agencies when a wheelchair is purchased; and, making securement straps longer.

2. Received and filed status report on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (CACAT).

3. There was no public comment.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at  
11:58 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhodona Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rhodona Thompson  
Recording Secretary