

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

March 9, 1989

Directors Present:

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

Jan Hall
Jeff Jenkins
Nick Patsaouras
Jay B. Price
Kenneth R. Thomas

Director Absent:

Charles H. Storing

The meeting was called to order by President Swanson at 1:05 p.m., recessed and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

1. Recognized retirees and certificates presented by Director Thomas.
5. Long Beach/Los Angeles Rail Transit Project: Vehicle Issues.

Ms. Echternach, LACTC, appeared before the Board speaking about the seating on the Light Rail vehicles. Mr. Rick Landell with LTK, a consultant firm for the LACTC, also appeared. During discussion, Director Patsaouras indicated that District staff does not believe that the seats to be provided are vandal-proof. The Commission representative and the consultant indicated the seats are vandal-resistant. During inspection by the Board members, Director Patsaouras cut the seat with a pocket knife to emphasize his point about the propensity for vandalism. As the discussion continued, it was stated that it would cost approximately \$80,000 in material costs to replace the seats.

Director Patsouras requested both material and labor costs to replace the seats. It was suggested that the decision of the LACTC be accepted and request funds be set aside to replace the seats at a future date. Ms. Echternach reassured the Board that the LACTC is responsible for the full cost of operation for the first two years. It was suggested that the LACTC consider replacing the padded seat inserts now with plastic seats. Ms. Echternach indicated she would take the suggestion back to the LACTC.

With regard to the exterior, LACTC representatives stated that the outside of the car is carbon steel covered by paint. By APTA graffiti standards, it is rated 1, which is the best.

Following additional dialogue, Director Patsouras presented a motion that unless the District is satisfied that painting will not be required after two years, the system will not be operated by the District. This motion was seconded by Director Holen for discussion purposes.

Director Holen then commented that operational experience has not been woven into the Light Rail Project. Director Jenkins inquired about the differences between the paint on the buses and the paint that will be used on the rail cars. R. Davis of staff responded that there is not a paint on the market that will be graffiti proof and assured the Board that money will have to be spent to keep the rail cars clear of graffiti.

Director Jenkins suggested the issue of the seats and the paint on the rail cars was not worthy of another fight between the District and the LACTC. Director Hall suggested that the District's suggestions should be more constructive. She continued that the District will receive a system with full financial support. She also stated that she will not support the motion. She suggested the Liaison Committee be asked to bring this matter up for discussion. Director Thomas commented that it is important that the Board go on record that the District will have an operational problem in the future.

Director Price offered a substitute motion that this matter be referred to the Joint Rapid Transit Committee.

This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

2. Report of the President

No report was made.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg announced that Diamond Bar has recently become a new city and an item will be placed on the next agenda placing the city in Corridor D.

4. Director Special Items

Director Holen offered a comment about the formation of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission as a planning agency which became involved in the construction of rail lines. He commented about the problem of a rail line being built by an agency that is not familiar with operational issues. He prophesied that the problems encountered in the Light Rail Project will cost millions of dollars over the years.

6. ADOPTED the FY 90-94 Short Range Transit Plan and instructed staff to forward to the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission with a cover letter stating that the plan does not comply with guidelines and that the District is requesting its full compliment of dollars irrespective of penalties.

During discussion, staff advised the Board that the SRTP presumes no fare increases over the five-year period, with the farebox ratio declining to approximately 37%. Questions were asked about fare policy, funding for service expansions, and the need to revise the Plan over time. Staff responded that the SRTP offers a balanced plan for the first year and is a plan that should be acceptable to the LACTC. The Plan does highlight future year problems that need to be resolved. It was suggested that the LACTC be advised that the Board does have concerns about the out years, and those concerns will be addressed at a future date. Question was also asked about the impact of the SRTP on the budget process for the coming year, with the General Manager indicating that the financial

computations for the next fiscal year have been made based on the funding marks supplied by the LACTC. He also indicated the budget process will take into consideration the decision by the Board to provide quality service, and the SRTP is an extremely important first step in the preparation of the budget.

Director Holen asked if the approval of the SRTP would prohibit the reallocation of funds to the provision of quality service. The General Manager indicated it would affect the costs per year, but it would not prohibit reallocation. He continued that the operating guidelines have an impact on the SRTP; the District can make a different set of assumptions in the budget. Staff did point out that we would incur Transit Performance Measures (TPM) penalties, and suggested that the District discuss this matter with the LACTC stating that we are trying to improve the quality of service and therefore should not be penalized.

CARRIED, with 10 directors present and Director Jenkins abstaining.

G. Roberts spoke to the Board on this subject.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Items 8 through 13 on the consent calendar were unanimously approved with 10 directors present. Item 7 was held for brief discussion and then unanimously approved.

- 7. APPROVED Requisition No. 9-0990-10 and exercised an option for one additional year, covering hauling and baled paper pick up with:
 - a. Metropolitan Waste Disposal, Montebello, covering Divisions 4 (Downey), for an estimated cost of \$7,000;
 - b. Cudahy, covering Division 6 (Venice), Hollywood and Wilshire Customer Service Centers, and Terminal 26, for an estimated cost of \$7,000;
 - c. Waste Management, Sun Valley, covering Division 7 (West Hollywood), Location 32 (Headquarters Building), Terminal 20 and 25, for an estimated cost of \$20,000;

- d. Perdomo & Sons, Los Angeles, covering Divisions 1 (Alameda), 2 (Los Angeles), 3 (Cypress Park), 9 (El Monte), 10 (Los Angeles), 900 Lyon Street (CMF), for an estimated cost of \$120,000;
- e. Brown Ferris Industries, Gardena, covering bale paper pick-up at Division 18 (South Bay) for an estimated cost of \$1,800;
- f. Waste Management, Gardena, covering Divisions 5 (South Central), 10 (Los Angeles), 12 (Long Beach), 18 (South Bay), 30 (Central Maintenance Facility), Terminal 28, and LAX Terminal, for an estimated cost of \$7,000;
- g. Sarian Disposal Services, Sun Valley, covering Division 15 (Sun Valley), for an estimated cost of \$7,000;
- h. Century Disposal, Chatsworth, covering Division 8 (Chatsworth) for an estimated cost of \$4,750;
- i. Crown Disposal, Sun Valley, covering bal paper pick up at Division 16 (Pomona) for an estimated cost of \$1,800;
- j. Murcole Disposal, Compton, covering Pico Loop, for an estimated cost of \$1,000; and
- k. Western Waste Industries, Chino, covering Division 16 (Pomona), for an estimated cost of \$1,400;

form of contracts subject to approval by the General Counsel.

- 8. APPROVED Requisition 9-9200-11 and an amendment to existing contract for an additional three-month period with Benito A. Sinclair Associates, covering architectural and engineering services for the design of the Maintenance Building and yard improvements at Division 12 (Long Beach), increasing the total cost by an additional \$22,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of General Counsel.

This project is funded in part under UMTA Grant CA-05-0133.

9. Received and filed Report Calendar - February 17 through March 2, 1989.
10. RATIFIED bus zone changes as filed with the Secretary.
12. RATIFIED temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.
13. Received and filed Treasurer's Report on the District investments for February, 1989.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

14. CARRIED OVER consideration of upgrade of salaries of certain Executive Staff, Department Heads and Assistant Department Head positions.

CARRIED, with 10 directors present and Director Patsaouras voting "No".

Director Gonzalez requested the development of a systematic process by which every job classification is reviewed on a periodic basis.

Appearance of I. Machadah protesting the increases.

15. CARRIED OVER adjustments in salaries for non-contract employees.

CARRIED, with 10 directors present and Director Patsaouras voting "No".

16. APPROVED establishment of additional non-contract positions for Metro Rail Phase II, hazardous waste management, increase operational supervisors, and alternative fuels program as outlined in the General Manager's report dated March 2, 1989. The position of Construction Inspector is withheld from this approval pending an outline of duties.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present.

EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

17. Considered report regarding Vandalism Abatement Program.

The Equipment & Operations Committee recommended adoption of the Program, with the Board President to appoint a special committee of the Board to oversee the Program. This recommendation was moved and seconded.

Director Jenkins asked if this was the net conclusion of the discussions held on this subject over the past two months. Staff responded affirmatively. The Director then stated his belief that the program lacks the guts and determination needed to solve the problem. Members of the Board and staff attempted to answer Director Jenkins concerns, but the Director again expressed his opposition to starting a program without a firm desired effect at the end.

Director Day explained to Director Jenkins that the Board has committees which discuss thoroughly all items presented. He suggested it would behoove Director Jenkins to attend the committee meetings to hear and participate in the discussions. He concluded by stating that Director Jenkins' conclusions were incorrect, and he urged the Director to listen to the tape of the Equipment & Operations Committee meeting on this matter.

Director Jenkins responded that he has no problem with what is on paper, but he expressed his belief that it is incomplete.

Director Hall stated she has concerns about the program also. She urged the adoption of the program and then requested a supplemental report to address the concerns that the Board has about the program.

Director Dunning called for the question, which was seconded by Director Price. The motion FAILED on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

Ayes: Day Dunning, Price, Thomas, Swanson
Noes: Gonzalez, Hall, Holen, Jenkins, Patsaouras
Abstain: None
Absent: Storing

Discussion continued with Director Jenkins again stating his belief that it was not appropriate for staff to come back to the Board without a complete plan.

President Swanson pointed out that the Committee also recommended a supplemental report giving the different kinds of things that can be done to fight graffiti, including costs.

Discussion continued, with Director Day stopping the discussion with a motion to call for the question, which motion was seconded and CARRIED on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

Ayes: Day, Dunning, Gonzalez, Hall, Holen,
Jenkins, Patsaouras, Thomas, Swanson
Noes: None
Abstain: Price
Absent: Storing

Following this vote, President Swanson declared that Agenda Item No. 17 was approved. No objections were heard.

Director Price then offered an additional motion that this subject matter be referred back to staff with instructions to bring back to the next meeting the suggestions as made by Director Jenkins. This motion was seconded and FAILED on a voice vote.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

18. APPROVED proposed agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the provision of weekend service on Line 169; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

19. Received and Filed update report on reorganization legislation.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

20. Approved final selection of an interior color scheme of tan flooring, red seats and addition of RTD striping to interior panels, and the exterior color scheme as recommended by staff for Metro Rail passenger vehicles.

CARRIED, with 10 directors present and Director Patsouras voting against the interior color scheme.

GENERAL ITEMS

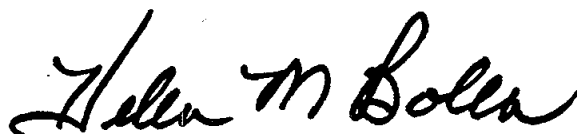
21. There were no items arising subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

22. Public comment

Appearance of G. Roberts and I. Machadah speaking on transit matters.

President Swanson introduced Councilman Milner from the City of Glendale who has been an observer at today's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.



Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary