

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

May 25, 1989

Called to order at 1:26 p.m. by President Swanson:

Directors Present:

Gordana Swanson, President
Marvin L. Holen, Vice President
Joseph F. Dunning
Larry Gonzalez
Jan Hall

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

Director Absent:

Jerold F. Milner

1. Certificates of Merit and plaques presented to:
 - a. Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month, Lawrence Morris.
 - b. Operator-of-the-Month, Albert Johnson.by Director Gonzalez.

2. Report of the President - Consideration of Bus Service Enhancement Agreement with Los Angeles County for FY 1990, was added to the agenda as Item 26 by unanimous vote.

3. Report of the General Manager

No report was made.

4. Director Special Items

Director Jenkins inquired about his request for the preparation of a Request for Proposal for the development of contracting out of bus operation and maintenance service. General Manager Pegg responded that the staff work on this request should be completed by the first regular meeting in June.

Director Patsouras mentioned that he had received a bouquet of flowers from an appreciative patron as a token of thanks for improving the service on Line 152. The Director indicated his intent to give the flowers to the District Secretary.

President Swanson noted that Roger Slagle, Congressman Glenn Anderson's Counsel on the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, and a former District employee, was in the audience. She thanked him for stopping by and for keeping in touch with the District.

5. The Board recessed to Closed Session to consider personnel matters at 1:38 p.m. following the approval of the Consent Calendar. No report was made.

6. Approved designation of benefit assessment hearing officers for appeals panel for Case A1-757-86 (Home Savings of America).

Unanimous with eight Directors present.

7. Approved designation of benefit assessment hearing officers for appeals panel for Case A1-239-86 (Fishking Processors, Inc.).

Unanimous with eight Directors present.

8. Approved the agreements between petitioners and the Southern California Rapid Transit District and adoption of resolutions ordering changes in benefit assessments.

Unanimous with eight Directors present.

9. Approved adoption of a Resolution of Necessity to Institute Eminent Domain Proceedings to acquire the underlying fee title in Metro Rail parcels A1-028-7, A1-028-8 and A1-028-14, located east of Union Station and within Ramirez, Vignes, and Lyon Streets, Los Angeles.

Unanimous with eight Directors present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 10 through 17 on the Consent Calendar were approved unanimously in one motion with eight Directors present

10. Received and filed Report Calendar - May 12, 1989 through May 25, 1989.

11. Received and Filed Purchasing Agent's Report of Purchases \$25,000 through \$100,000 - April, 1989.

12. Approved Requisition No. 9-9400-138 and the exercise of an option for one additional year with Refrigeration Sales Company, Long Beach, covering Freon Refrigerant at an additional estimated cost of \$237,148; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

13. Approved Requisition No. 9-9500-125 and amended an existing contract with Advantage Care for pre-employment physicals, drug screens and safety exams increasing the total cost by an additional \$170,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

14. Approved a contract with Megadyne Information Systems, Santa Monica, California, under RFP No. 88-07 covering the provision of a Voice Response System for a total cost of \$296,514; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-X059.

15. Received and Filed the Metro Rail Construction Change Order Report for April 1989.

16. Approved minutes of Board meetings held April 27, May 4 and May 11, 1989.

17. Approved Board requests for April 1989.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL COMMITTEE

18. Considered changes to Non-Contract pension plan.

Director Price, Chairman of the Personnel & Legal Committee, moved approval of the staff recommendation, which motion was seconded.

Comments were heard from the following Non-Contract employees:

Doris Darby spoke, voiced her opposition to the proposal and offered suggestions for improvement in the proposed plan.

Albert Reyes also appeared before the Board, directing attention to the fact that the proposal does not provide an improvement in benefit to a particular, sizeable group of employees equal to that provided to the rest of the non-contract population. He also advised the Board that the majority of non-contract employees with whom he had discussed this proposed plan, indicated they would gladly contribute a higher rate to the pension plan in order to have some improvements.

Maureen Michelson's statement was read into the record by Doris Darby. Ms. Michelson had to leave the meeting early due to illness.

Rhodona Thompson also appeared, stating her concerns with the proposed plan and suggested alternative options be offered which may be more appealing to the non-contract work force.

Director Dunning inquired if there was a way to confirm the concerns of the non-contract employees. Reference was made to a petition from non-contract employees requesting consideration of a '23 and out' pension plan. The Director specifically asked for a determination regarding the employees' concerns that they would prefer to pay for some of the features. The General Manager responded that it is a feature of the non-contract benefits that there is no vote by the employees. He stated his preference not to make any change in that procedure.

Director Dunning then asked if it was reasonable to request some kind of evaluation of the suggestions made by the employees.

Director Price mentioned that under the new, proposed plan, a non-contract employee would have to wait until age 62 to retire with an adequate pension. He continued that it is wrong to set a retirement plan for one set of employees that is different from the rest of the employees.

Following further discussion, Director Hall asked how the proposed plan could be modified to cover the gap that has been alluded to by the employees appearing before the Board. Mr. Pegg responded that it would require two steps; 1) identify those employees that do not receive an equitable improvement in benefits in the proposed plan, and 2) determine how the plan can be modified to provide equity to those employees. Upon question, the General Manager indicated it would take approximately two months to return with this information.

Director Jenkins asked if this inequity was an oversight on the part of staff putting the plan together. He also asked if a package could be offered whereby the non-contract employee could pick a plan that best suits the individual. Mr. Pegg stated his belief that the District is best served by a plan on a level basis.

Elmo Douglass, a non-contract employee, also appeared, expressing support for the proposed plan.

G. Roberts also appeared, speaking to this issue.

A motion to table this matter was made, seconded and carried on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

19. Approved a contract with Gasco Gasoline Co., Oxnard, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 05-8901 covering the District's annual usage of gasoline for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for a total bid price of \$819,295; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with seven Directors present.

20. Approved a contract with Sardo Bus and Coach Upholstery, Gardena, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 4-8920 covering bus seat replacement for a total bid price of \$1,469,385; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with seven Directors present.

21. Received and filed status report on Cubic Farebox Procurement.

Unanimous with seven Directors present.

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

22. Adopted Space Planning Study for New Headquarters Building with the following guidelines:

1. Approved the concept of the purchase of new furniture where significant space savings are demonstrated.
2. Withhold Board approval of specific square footage requirements until additional space requirements are determined.
3. Deferred action on parking policy until the next full Board meeting.

Unanimous with seven Directors present.

G. Roberts spoke to this item.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

23. Received and Filed the State Legislative Update and approved the following action:

Support: AB 1388

Oppose: AB 961

Unanimous with seven Directors present.

Received a report from staff on SB 129, after which staff was directed to place this item on the agenda for the Special Board Meeting to be held on June 1, 1989.

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

24. Approved Board Resolution and authorized District Officers to complete the sale of approximately \$50 million in Revenue Anticipation Notes (RANS) to raise cash for District operating costs in FY 90, including the obtaining of a Letter of Credit from The Mitsui Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with seven Directors present.

25. Approved draft letter to Mayor Tom Bradley, concerning a proposed City of Los Angeles zoning ordinance to create open space and public facilities zones, and its presentation to the City Planning Commission at its regular scheduled meeting on June 6, 1989.

Unanimous with seven Directors present.

G. Roberts indicated his opposition.

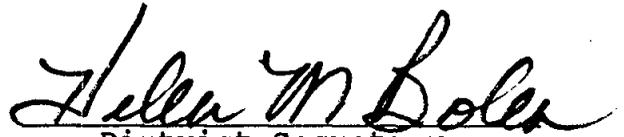
GENERAL ITEMS

26. Authorized staff to renew the District's existing contract (Agreement) with Los Angeles County to enhance bus service on selected lines in order to relieve passenger overcrowding.

Unanimous with seven Directors present.

27. G. Roberts expressed opposition to agenda items 6-9 and 25, requested public access to RTD facilities from Spring Street and alleged violations of the Brown Act.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.


District Secretary

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Board of Directors
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
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June 1, 1989

The meeting commenced at 1:45 p.m.

Directors Present:

Gordana Swanson
Marvin L. Holen
Joseph S. Dunning
Larry Gonzalez
Jan Hall
Jeff Jenkins .

Jerold F. Milner
Nick Patsaouras
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
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1. Sharon Papa presented a commendation to Lieutenant Burnley who had received the 1989 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the 16th Annual We Tip National Crime Fighting Conference. Mr. Bill Brownell, Director of We Tip, appeared before the Board presenting Lieutenant Burnley with a plaque.

We Tip presented the Board of Directors with a certificate for being a Sponsor of the We Tip program. Along with this was a recap of the activities for the two day sponsorship.

2. Sharon Papa presented commendations to Officers Rentschler and Stonehouse for acts of heroism, wherein they entered a burning building and rescued four adults and two small children.

3. Received and filed report on ridership trends dated May 26, 1989. Staff briefly reviewed the highlights of the report.

Director Patsouras suggested that the public be made aware that service was not cut due to an increase in revenue. Director Thomas asked staff why sales of tickets were so low. Staff said that sales of the tickets have doubled over last year but were not as high as anticipated. They proceeded to review the different promotions of the tickets noting that this fare media is new but is gaining acceptance.

Staff was requested to evaluate the discount feature of the ticket to determine if a greater discount was warranted. Staff was also requested to explore selling these tickets to the cities that are participating in the pass buy-down program.

4. Received and filed the Fiscal Year 1989 Third Quarter Claims Management Report and Performance Profile.

There are new measures before the state to revise portions of the workers' compensation law which could involve a tremendous cost increase to the District. Also, personnel matters will be removed from the regular workers' compensation.

It was noted that a copy of the proposed bill had just been received by the District, and it was being reviewed by members of staff. A recommendation regarding this bill will be made to the Board.

Appearance of Mr. Steve Mock, Hertz Claims Management, to speak on the report.

5. Received the General Manager's report dated May 23, 1989 regarding Metro Red Line Station names. Following discussion, it was determined that station names should be as follows:

Union Station
Civic Center
Pershing Square
7th St. Metro Center
Westlake/MacArthur Park

6. A copy of the proposed Fiscal Year 1990 budget was given the members of the Board. Mr. Pegg said that discussion would occur during the next two Board meetings. A vote on the budget would be requested at the June 22 meeting.

President Swanson requested a working session be held on the budget. Members of the Board will be polled to determine a date and time.

7. Public Comment

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.



Rhodona Thompson
Recording Secretary