

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Board of Directors
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

July 6, 1989

Called to order at 1:07 p.m. by President Swanson

Directors Present:

Gordana Swanson
Marvin L. Holen
Joseph S. Dunning
Larry Gonzalez

Jeff Jenkins
Jerold F. Milner
Nick Patsaouras
Charles H. Storing

Directors Absent:

Jan Hall
Jay B. Price

Kenneth R. Thomas

1. Certificate of Appreciation presented by Gordana Swanson to George Snow.
2. Appearance of Neil Petersen, Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, who gave a status report on the rail program and full funding contract.

He said that the controversial discussion at Los Angeles City Council regarding alignment has caused a delay in receiving the full funding agreement. The federal government does not view the project favorably when local agencies who are contributing financially are not in agreement.

The EIS draft sent to UMTA will proceed with publication in the federal register. Under the current schedule a current agreement could be done by 9-1-89 if the EIS has been approved by UMTA.

Every slip in the time schedule incurs additional costs, which must be picked up at the local level.

President Swanson offered the aid of Board members to keep the process moving along. Mr. Petersen indicated that District staff has been assisting; but when the policy decisions are needed Board members' help will also be enlisted.

There was some discussion about the possibility that various agencies could consider changes in future alignments. Any changes for the route alignment could jeopardize chances of receiving federal funding require a new EIS. This would put the project back about five years.

Mr. Petersen explained that the cost reduction panel is currently focusing on Phase II.

Discussion also centered on other corridors within the areas the studies being done, contacting residents in the areas, checking with local agencies, funding availability, etc.

Mr. Petersen said that staff from both agencies are working together to resolve problems. Anything that cannot be resolved will be brought to a joint transit committee meeting of both agencies.

The various lines being proposed or reviewed for the future were shown on charts. What is actually built depends in part on funding that is available. Every extra dollar spent on light rail and metro rail is a dollar taken from other projects. Rail rights-of-way are also being reviewed for future preservation.

Mr. Petersen used charts to discuss funds available both at the start of the projects and what is currently available. Following lengthy discussion, RTD Board members expressed great concern with the figures used by the Commission noting they were not in agreement. The Commission was requested to redo the chart to more accurately show the costs: original, current and projected for light rail and metro rail.

Concern was also expressed by RTD about the lack of using our staff for decision making on the light rail project; a system we will be operating.

3. Introduced members of the Peer Review Panel on farebox revenues. A verbal briefing was given noting that a final report will be brought back. Members of the Peer Review Panel said that improvements have already been noted.
4. Received the General Manager's report dated June 30, 1989 on

implementation of Metro Blue Line.

Barbara Hanson presented an overview of the current status on light rail. Ms. Hanson noted that currently the cooperation between the District and Commission is going smoothly. She said that the test period for the rail cars has been activated by the Commission. Vendors are commencing training on the operation of the rail cars and RTD Operations Supervisors will be receiving hands on training.

Staff will be returning with a report on fares, integration of bus/rail systems and modifications to the bus system.

President Swanson said she was pleased about the cooperation between the District and Commission, but urged staff to alert the Board of any problems as they arise. Mr. Richeson said that the Commission has requested the District's assistance in many areas where their resources are not sufficient. We are making every effort to help.

On query by Director Dunning, staff said that the Commission is being billed for this staff time and all work is being documented. Mr. Leahy said we are currently negotiating with the Commission for FY 90 budget but an agreement has not been reached.

5. Recessed to Closed Session at 2:35 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The Board returned at 2:52 p.m. with all Directors present except Gonzalez, Hall, Price and Thomas. No report was made of matters discussed.
6. There was no public comment.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.



Rhodona Thompson
Recording Secretary