

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

November 2, 1989

Called to order by President Swanson:

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
Kenneth R. Thomas

1. Considered report on further analysis of Long Beach Light Rail Line budget and staffing levels.

Staff reviewed the elements of the report noting that the staffing requirements as developed by the District differ from those deemed adequate by the LACTC. The difference is 51 positions. It is the District's position that all positions requested by the District must be filled in order to offer on-time, adequate and safe operation on the light rail system.

Director Dunning made a motion, which was seconded, that "the Board go on record adopting preventative modes of staffing and operating the light rail system". Discussion then ensued on the subject.

Staff said that we are in the process of running cars and are training individuals to continue to run the operation. These positions need to be filled in order to go forward. The District is the legally designated operator of the light rail system and responsible for operation.

Mr. Leahy indicated discussions have been held with the Commission to try and resolve the differences. Reference was made to the consultant report for the LACTC which is the document being used by LACTC as a guide to determine staffing levels.

Staff commented on the agreements the LACTC has made with the car builder that must be followed by the District for the warranties to be valid. The District is doing everything possible to get the rail system opened on time. All staff involved is committed to a successful on time, reliable, safe operation. It was noted, however, that the current disagreements with the LACTC on staffing, maintenance problems, etc. may affect the May 15, 1990 pre-revenue service or the July 15, 1990 revenue service start dates.

Director Gonzalez asked where the funding of the 51 positions would come from if the District continued on their present hiring course. Staff responded that funding would be from the LACTC or a reduction in bus service. Mr. Perdon stated staff is meeting with the LACTC staff tomorrow and if no progress is made the matter would come back to the Board.

On a Roll Call vote as noted below, Director Dunning's motion setting policy was approved:

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

Appearance of H. Watts speaking about light rail operation.

A motion was made, seconded and approved on a Roll Call vote as noted below to approve staffing levels as recommended by District staff with the funding issue to be addressed at a later time. General Manager Pegg reiterated staff's commitment to on-time start of light rail. District staff was instructed to invite Commission members to address the Board on this issue of staffing for light rail:

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

Following the vote, Director Dunning requested his vote of "abstain" be changed to a "yes" vote.

Director Holen suggested a joint meeting be set up with the LACTC to discuss the differences. President Swanson also suggested that, if appropriate, the LACTC Chairman bring whatever Commissioners they felt was necessary.

2. Mr. Tom Rubin, Controller-Treasurer, briefly reviewed the report dated November 1, 1989, noting that at times it is difficult to get dollars from the LACTC. During discussion on outstanding claims, Director Jenkins volunteered his assistance in collecting funds owed as a result of providing service in the San Gabriel Transit Zone area.

The status report on LACTC payment of District billings for rail construction capital expenditures, and other items was "Received and Filed."

UNANIMOUS

3. APPROVED, on a roll call vote as noted below, adoption of the Resolution of Intent to Establish Benefit Assessment Districts for Phase II, including amendment as noted in the report dated November 1, 1989, and setting the public hearing for Saturday, January 20, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Spivack noted for the record that item 7 of the resolution should read \$.33 per square foot.

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

Appearance of Mr. G. Allen, Executive Director Wilshire Chamber of Commerce; Mr. McCrary; Mr. Messingain; Mr. B. Bicker of the Los Angeles Mayor's Office; Mr. D. Morton; Mr. G. Roberts; Mr. T. DeAngelo and Mr. H. Watts.

4. Recessed to Closed Session at 1:08 p.m. to consider labor negotiations, personnel and litigation matters. Returned at 2:20 p.m. with all directors responding to roll call except Director Jenkins.
5. On a Roll Call vote, APPROVED Change Order No. 4, covering changes in contract for electronic collection equipment with

Cubic Western Data as noted below:

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

6. Considered introduction of new rail reorganization structure.

Following introductory remarks, Director Patsaouras made a motion to approve the Executive Summary document as presented. This motion was seconded and discussion ensued.

There was considerable discussion between Board members concerning the impact of the documents before them. Several directors suggested carrying over this item to give everyone more time to read and understand the material presented to them prior to and during the meeting.

Director Milner made a substitute motion to bring the matter back in 30 days with final action to be taken in 60 days. Clarification of the timeframe indicated in the motion was requested with it being specified that the first regular meeting of December, 1989 and the first regular meeting of February, 1990 to be the dates.

Prior to voting, a question was asked regarding the District's authority to participate in construction of MOS-II. Ms. Gifford, General Counsel, said that the 8-point plan is still in effect and it states that the District will construct MOS-II.

On a roll call vote as noted below, Director Milner's substitute motion was approved:

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

President Swanson asked staff to prepare a document identifying the real problems; how to divide responsibility so both the LACTC and District can go forward and do their jobs.

Director Gonzalez said originally he felt there was no need to go to the Legislature to settle the problems of reorganization but, he is becoming convinced that it may be the only way to solve the situation. He requested that this item appear on each and every agenda for discussion and/or necessary action.

7. There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary