

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

November 16, 1989 - 1:30 p.m.

Called to order by Vice President Holen:

Directors Present:

Marvin L. Holen
Joseph S. Dunning
Larry Gonzalez

Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
Kenneth R. Thomas

Directors Absent:

Jan Hall
Jeff Jenkins
Jerold F. Milner

Nick Patsaouras
Gordana Swanson

1. Report of the President

No report was made.

2. Report of the General Manager

Assistant General Manager, Equipment & Facilities, John Richeson reported on the disagreement between the District and Commission on how the security should be handled for light rail stations.

Director Gonzalez, Chairman of Police and Public Safety Committee requested a meeting to discuss the matter. He requested that the Chief of TPOA, the General Manager of RTD and members of LACTC attend. He suggested that Neil Peterson of LACTC be contacted to invite members of the Commission. Director Holen specified that the definition of "operator" should be considered at the meeting.

3. Director Special Items

Mr. William Rhine, Assistant General Manager, Transit System Development, announced to the Board that this would be his last Board meeting. On his doctor's advice he will work only til the end of November. Director Dunning requested a memo of commendation be prepared for Mr. Rhine.

6. Considered changes to the Non-Contract pension plan. Following brief discussion on the handout report dated November 14, 1989, the Board took action on items B and F only. Item B changed the vesting schedule from 10 years to 5 years; item F increased retirees' pension by 5%. A roll call vote was held on each of the two items with the same vote recorded as noted below:

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

On motion of Director Dunning, the balance of issues for changes in the non-contract pension plan were carried over to a future meeting when more Board members would be present.

4. Received Peer Review Panel report on Facilities Maintenance Plan for the Long Beach/Los Angeles Light Rail Line.

Appearance of Mr. Ronald Swindell who was a member of the Peer Review Panel.

5. Considered Hearing Officer's report of proposed substitution of Damon Construction Co., as a subcontractor for Metro Rail Contract A112.

Mr. Wexler, attorney for Damon Construction Co., spoke in opposition to the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to substitute the sub-contractor. Also appearance by Mr. Santana, attorney for Illinois Walsh Construction Co. requested the Board to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation for substitution.

Following lengthy discussion between the attorneys, members of the Board and staff, the matter was tabled.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried with 6 directors present, items 7 through 15 on the Consent Calendar were approved in one motion.

7. APPROVED a contract with Western Office, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 11-8906 covering furniture for the Light Rail Operations for an estimated total bid price of \$116,690; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

8. APPROVED issuing Invitations to Bid covering the sale of fifty (50) non-revenue vehicles and execution of contracts with the highest responsible bidders for an estimated revenue to the District of \$25,000; form of bid requirements, specifications and contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

A portion of revenue will be credited to various UMTA grants where appropriate.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

9. APPROVED Requisition No. 9-7200-185 and contract amendment with PacifiCorp Capital, Inc. of Reston, Virginia, covering lease of two IBM direct access storage device units, increasing the total cost by an additional estimated \$202,350; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

10. Received and filed the Metro Red Line Construction Change Order and Claims Activity reports for October, 1989.

11. Received and filed Statement of Purchases - \$5,000 to \$99,999 - October, 1989.

12. Received and filed Board Request List - November 3, 1989.

13. APPROVED minutes of Regular Meeting for October 26, 1989.

14. RATIFIED temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

15. RATIFIED bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

16. CONSIDERED additional, reclassification and deletion of certain Non-Contract positions.

This item was discussed as two separate items 16(1) and 16(2).

APPROVED General Manager's report under Item 16 (1) dated November 10, 1989 requesting reclassification of the following positions in three different departments:

Senior Public Affairs Representative - from Range 12 to 14
Assistant District Secretary - from Range 10 to 14
Transit Police Lieutenant - from Range 16 to 18

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

The General Manager's report under item 16 (2) dated November 2, 1989, requested five (5) additional positions and reclassification of four (4) positions in Transit Systems Development. This is a follow-up to recent reorganization of MOS-1 support functions. Director Gonzalez indicated that with the uncertain future of metro rail, he could not support the proposed changes. Following discussion, Mr. Rhine requested to meet with Director Gonzalez to explain in detail the proposed changes.

CARRIED OVER - 6 directors present

17. APPROVED requisitions and renewal of medical and dental insurance contracts for non-contract and TPOA employees, and the life insurance contract for all District employees:

- a. Requisition No. 9-0990-275 with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Pacificare, and The Hartford Insurance Company; (medical)
- b. Requisition No. 9-0990-276 with The Traveler's Co., Blue Cross of California and Safeguard Health Plans; (dental)
- c. Requisition No. 9-0990-277 with The Hartford Company; (life)

form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

Director Holen asked staff how these benefits compared to those of the union employees. Staff replied they were not equal to those of the union. Director Gonzalez asked what it would take to make non-contract medical equitable to that of the contract employees. Staff indicated they would prepare an analysis for presentation to the Board.

18. APPROVED Requisition No. 9-0990-273 and contract with Standard Insurance Co. to renew the Long Term Disability Insurance contract for Non-Contract, TPOA, Teamsters and selected Schedule Maker employees for an estimated cost of \$696,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

19. APPROVED Requisition No. 9-0998-10 and contract amendment with HCM Claim Management Corp., Park Ridge, N.J., covering continuance of third year PL/PD Claims Administrations Services, for an estimated additional cost of not-to-exceed \$5.3 million; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

20. APPROVED Requisition No. 9-8100-919, for Change Order 63, for the relocation of utilities on contract A141 with Tutor-Saliba/Groves & Sons, a joint venture, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

21. APPROVED redelegation of Contract Officer authority for the Metro Red Line Project to the Assistant General Manager of Transit Systems Development (TSD); and

APPROVED delegations of Change Order Execution Authority as noted in the General Manager's report dated November 15, 1989.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22. Received and filed report on preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for Location 24 in Van Nuys.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

23. APPROVED:

- a. submitting two Section 8 Grant Applications to UMTA Suburban Mobility Initiative Grant Program for studies of Park-N-Ride facilities at Universal City and Laurel Plaza in North Hollywood;
- b. requesting the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to amend the Fiscal Year 1990 Unified Planning Work Program to include these parking facility planning studies;

form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

24. RECEIVED AND FILED report on methods and procedures for assuring that District funds are expended in compliance with federal and state requirements and District goals for other District contracts, including public information and public relations matters.

Staff was directed to include that the District's contract with the prime include a provision that the prime, within the limits of the law, be required to pay progress payments in a timely manner to subcontractors when a dispute exists between the prime and the District as to change orders.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 directors present

GENERAL ITEMS

25. There were no items arising subject to the posting of the agenda.

26. There were no items for Closed Session.

27. Public comment

Appearance of G. Roberts speaking on metro rail and bus operation issues.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Georgia Broussard
Assistant District Secretary