

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Board of Directors

January 4, 1990

Long Beach Light Rail Facility
4350 E. 208th St. (So. Roadway Ext.)
Long Beach, CA 90810

Board Members Present

Gordana Swanson, President
Marvin L. Holen, Vice President
Joseph S. Dunning
Jan Hall

Jerold F. Milner
Nick Patsaouras

Board Members Absent

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

Called to order at 1:20 p.m. by President Swanson

1. Received Status report on condition of the fleet and the District's maintenance efforts.

Staff reported that the District is keeping pace with fleet problems and trying to improve the quality of the equipment being put out on the street.

The last order of diesel buses will come in this fall, and the first CNG bus will go into revenue service sometime next month. All buses purchased in the future will have to meet new emissions standards.

The following problem areas were discussed:

- a. Behind on mid-life project. A large portion of the fleet will wear out in the 1992/93 timeframe and will have to be replaced with the more costly, new technology buses.
- b. Vandalism (major painting required on bus fleet); Anticipate major problem on the light rail line.
- c. Correction of air conditioner bolt failures.
- d. Difficult to find skilled painters and mechanics.
- e. New CHP regulations have caused some divisions to fail inspections based on record keeping, even though the equipment is safe.

Director Jenkins inquired as to whether the District has looked at the potential cost exposure as a result of the new AQMD regulations, and suggested that a new Board committee be set up to oversee environmental issues and formulate a strategy.

General Manager Pegg stated that there is a shortage of funds to replace the fleet today, without the added impact of AQMD regulations.

Director Holen requested a report with the following information:

- a) Average age of bus fleet by 1992.
- b) Median age of fleet by 1992.
- c) Number of buses, or percent of fleet, that will be in excess of 12 years by 1992.
- d) Is the District developing a financial plan, not based on speculation, but based on identified funds and bus purchases (with bus age spread).
- e) What other bus purchase programs exist in the basin, especially those directly funded by the Commission, and how those buses are used.

Staff responded that the Short Range Transit Plan update will be brought before the Board in a few weeks and should answer those questions.

2. Preliminary evaluation of LACTC's estimate of staff and budget requirements for fiscal years 1990, 1991 and 1992.

LACTC is now proposing a staff of 233 personnel for full light rail operation as opposed to their original proposal of 150 personnel. Their Board is being asked next week to approve a funding level for 1990/91 based on that staffing level. (District originally planned 278 positions.)

Director Hall asked if the Commission had 1) defined "operator"; 2) made a decision to contract out security to the L.A. County Sheriffs.

Staff responded that the Commission accepts the fact that the RTD will be the rail "operator", but has not fully defined the term. Art Leahy indicated that he felt the Commission would contract with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, and then turn that contract over to the District. Mr. Leahy continued that the Commission as owner of the system is extremely concerned about the safety image at this precedent-setting facility and wants to use the Sheriff's Department because of its vast resources. It is common knowledge that use of the Sheriff's Department will be more expensive, and the Commission has expressed a willingness to provide additional funds for graffiti/vandalism and security.

Director Hall cautioned that the inclusion of these additional monies in the "cost per mile" for operation of the light rail will cause the District to compare unfavorably with other operators.

3. Long Beach-Los Angeles Light Rail Line reports and workshop on SCRTD Activation:

Received status reports on the following:

- a. Overview
- b. Transportation and Schedules
- c. Equipment Maintenance
- d. Facilities Maintenance
- e. Police and Security
- f. Safety

4. There was no Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:17 p.m.


Recording Secretary