

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Board of Directors
Thursday, March 1, 1990
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order by President Swanson at 1:34 P.M.

Directors Present

Gordana Swanson, President
Marvin L. Holen, Vice President
Joseph S. Dunning
Larry Gonzalez
Don Knabe

Jerold F. Milner
Nick Patsaouras
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

Directors Absent

Jeff Jenkins
Kenneth R. Thomas

1. Reviewed Resolution to Modify the Assessment Rate Established by the Board for the Metro Red Line Phase II Benefit Assessment District Program and to provide for phased collection of assessments.

Director Holen asked if there were any concerns on this item which should be discussed in closed session before the Board proceeded with the vote. General Counsel responded in the affirmative.

President Swanson called for public comment.

P. Jacobs of COMET (alliance of property owners in the Wilshire/Hollywood area) expressed his opinion that the revised resolution does not address the basic issue of collecting \$75 million from property owners. Amortizing the payments over a longer period places just as much of a burden on the owners.

A. Miliotis, Chairman of COMET, felt the real issue was how much of the \$75 million should be borne by commercial owners and how much should be borne by others. "If anybody benefits, everybody benefits". Would like to see private, government and non-profit properties taxed along with commercial. Suggested an analysis indicating what the private property share of the \$75 million would be and then finding another way to raise the money, perhaps from Prop. A funds.

A. Perdon responded that 97% of the cost of the project will be funded from public revenue. Residents who live along the corridor will be contributing through their income taxes.

G. Spivack added that only non-profit properties are exempt. Privately owned commercial properties occupied by government entities will be assessed.

B. Bicker of the Mayor's Office announced that the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce had contacted the Mayor's office requesting an opportunity to negotiate. He also stated that the Wilshire Stakeholders should be pleased with the revised resolution which meets all their demands except assessing private property, and that he fully expects them to withdraw their petitions.

A. Miliotis reappeared briefly to refute the last statement made by Mr. Bicker.

Board went into Closed Session at 2:15 p.m. returning at 3:07 p.m. with the same members present. No report was made.

2. Received for future action the District's Short Range Transit Plan (SRTTP) for Fiscal Years 1991-1995.

The SRTTP will be brought back to the Board next week for review and adoption and submitted to the Commission the following week. The goal is to increase transit ridership by 187% by the year 2001. A \$41 million increase in the District's operating budget will be required to meet this goal for expansion. Status quo operation would require \$24.6 million in additional funds. Staff will report next week on suggestions for raising these revenues.

The Board returned to Closed Session from 3:15 p.m. to 3:23 p.m. to discuss one additional item regarding benefit assessment. Upon return to open session, President Swanson announced that the Committee will recommend proceeding with the resolution for benefit assessment per the staff's recommendation, and requested that this item be placed on agenda for March 8.

3. Status of FY 91 Metro Blue Line Budget and Service Levels.

The District is going forward with security for the light rail. Thirty-nine positions have been filled to date. This matter is to be taken up at the Commission on March 14.

Director Holen asked cost difference between the Sheriff's Dept. and the District for providing security. The response was \$11.2 million vs. \$6.5 or \$7.2 million.

Director Price requested a comparison of District and Sheriff's Dept. overhead costs with and without the capital investment of patrol cars.

Director Holen suggested a possible compromise to be offered to the Commission -- contract with the Sheriff's Dept. to provide general law enforcement for one year with Transit Police Officers providing fare enforcement. At the beginning of the second year Transit Police would take over all security for the light rail system.

President Swanson said she was in favor of the compromise if all else fails, but does not see it as the best way to go.

Transit Police Chief Papa reiterated the Sheriff Department's position that they would only agree to the use of non-sworn fare inspectors, not in uniform. They want complete control of law enforcement, and would not consider a short term contract.

President Swanson asked Director Holen, as Chair of the Rapid Transit Committee, to set up a joint meeting with the equivalent committee at the Commission to work out a solution.

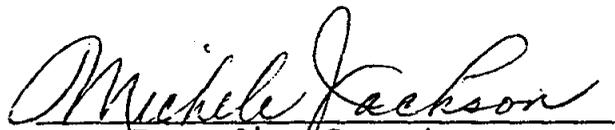
4. Considered report on the implications of complying with South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule XV.

The District has to revise 12 of 14 plans submitted, and until it comes into compliance will be subject to \$83 million in fines per year. The financial impact on the District to get employees to rideshare may have a negative impact on bus service, which might cause employees to get back into their cars.

Director Dunning requested staff to submit to the Board information on what the other transit properties in the United States are doing in this regard.

Director Milner offered to share the City of Glendale's Regulation XV Plan with the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4::07 p.m.


Recording Secretary