

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Board of Directors
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

June 7, 1990

Called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Vice President Holen:

Directors Present:

Gordana Swanson (arr. 1:32 p.m.)
Marvin L. Holen
Joseph S. Dunning (arr. 1:27 p.m.)
Jeff Jenkins
Don Knabe

Jerold F. Milner
Nick Patsaouras
Charles H. Storing
Kenneth R. Thomas

Directors Absent:

Larry Gonzalez

Jay B. Price

1. Received a status report on Los Angeles County Sheriff Department hiring for Blue Line security.

Sharon Papa, Transit Police Chief, reported that the negotiations with the Sheriff Department were substantially completed. She said there may be difficulty in meeting all the requirements for the contract. If unable to do so, they will return to the Board with a complete report.

Captain Frank Vadurro of the Sheriff Department gave an overview of their proposed plan for implementation of security at the Blue Line stations.

General Manager Pegg said that the issue of training RTD Transit Police Officers upon termination of the contract with the Sheriff Department was not settled.

2. Reviewed the General Manager's report dated June 1, 1990 on Rail Liability Insurance Program. Barbara Anderson said that a recommendation concerning the program would be placed on the June 28 Board Agenda. She also said that the LACTC would be paying premiums for Light Rail. The report was received and filed.

3. Received a copy of the Fiscal Year 1991 proposed budget. Staff said that no action or discussion was necessary at this time as a workshop on the budget has been proposed for June 21, 1990.

There was lengthy discussion concerning operation of the Blue Line and budgetary items, transfer of Metro Rail MOS-1 to the Commission, and coordination with the RCC.

President Swanson requested that Blue Line operation be placed on each agenda. Director Dunning suggested that a policy statement be composed of the key points of the December, 1989 agreement with the Commission.

4. Received an oral report on current start up operations of the Metro Blue Line. Mr. Richeson indicated that a written report would be available at the next Board meeting. He noted the progress since the last report and the tasks that should be accomplished prior to actual start-up.

5. Staff reviewed the General Manager's report dated June 1, 1990, on Blue Line Community Relations Program activities and events.

6. The Committee reviewed the General Manager's report dated June 1, 1990 on current issues surrounding bus electrification in Los Angeles County.

Director Holen requested that staff monitor any and all new technology. He suggested that a task force composed of the District, City and County be set up to pursue the different types of technologies for clean air vehicles.

7. The Committee received and filed the General Manager's report dated June 1, 1990, a current status of alternative fuel programs of the District and other transit properties throughout the nation.

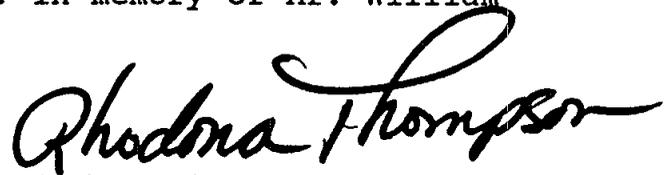
8. There were no items for Closed Session.

General Manager Pegg urged Board members to attend an art exhibit at City Hall June 6 through July 17.

9. Public Comment

Appearance of G. Lyon, International Union of Operator Engineers, Local #12, requesting a reply to his inquiry. Staff noted that the matter being referred to is under investigation by the Grand Jury and that the District will take no action at this time. Mr. Lyon said that the matter had been referred back to the Board of Supervisors by the Grand Jury.

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m. in memory of Mr. William Rhine.


Rhodona Thompson
Recording Secretary

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Joint Meeting

Southern California Rapid Transit District
and
Rail Construction Corporation

District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Monday, June 11, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

RTD

Gordana Swanson, President
Marvin L. Holen, Vice President
Joseph S. Dunning
Larry Gonzalez
Jeff Jenkins
Don Knabe
Jerold F. Milner
Charles H. Storing
Kenneth R. Thomas

RCC

David E. Anderson, Chairman
Ernie Camacho
Judith Hopkinson
Robert Kruse
Donald McIntyre
James T. Pott

Members Absent:

Nick Patsaouras
Jay B. Price

Herbert L. Carter

Introductions were made.

1. Project status on MOS-1. RTD staff reported that the recent tunneling break-through at Union Station virtually completes the excavation of MOS-1. Staff then proceeded to make a brief presentation on the current status of the project. In response to questions, staff reported that the project was first approved at a budget of \$2.1 billion. This cost estimate included an \$81 million contingency factor. RTD Director Jenkins asked about the Benefit Assessment District litigation and its impact on the funding arrangements. The District is currently appealing the decision and concurrently has drafted suggested legislative changes.

2. Design review. RTD staff spoke to the District's contributions. RCC Chairman Anderson commented that the design review should be a staff-to-staff function, not a Board-to-Board responsibility. RCC Director Pott stated this coordination should be done and the sooner the better.

RTD Director Holen mentioned that discussions with other rail properties has determined that it is essential that operational factors should be woven into the design process. RCC Director Pott asked about the UMTA model and where the riders would be coming from. RTD staff responded that the majority of the riders would be from the bus system. Over a period of time more people will be attracted to the system from their autos.

3. Discussion of roles and responsibilities. RCC Director Kruse asked about the operators design review process. He assumed it is substantially complete. Director Kruse also asked about the flow of operator design conditions for MOS-1 and if they were basically the same as for MOS-1. RTD staff responded that it is assumed there would not be substantial changes to the design by the LACTC, but there has been discussion about cost cutting strategies.

RCC staff commented that all possible areas were being considered in an effort to reduce costs. Cross-over locations and other issues were possible areas. Mr. McSpedon indicated he was not aware of any major operational impact design changes for MOS-2.

RTD Director Storing asked how far along the RCC was in security or acquiring personnel in order to carry out the RCC's assignment as an independent body. RCC Chairman Anderson responded that the integration of rail staff is proceeding.

RTD Director Dunning asked if there was a clear vision of what the RCC's role was to be. RCC Chairman Anderson indicated their responsibility is clear. Their role is to confirm and adopt the selection of the President of the RCC. Director Dunning inquired if this meant to confirm as in approval of an action by another body. RCC Chairman Anderson replied the specific language is to confirm and approve; that is RCC's role.

RTD Director Storing commented that it was his understanding that the RCC was to be completely independent. Again, RCC Chairman Anderson commented that the RCC is a subsidiary of the LACTC. The RCC has a responsibility to the LACTC and to the SCRTD.

RTD Director Gonzalez raised a question about staffing and the July 1 deadline. Mr. McSpedon responded that the anxiety felt by District staff was also felt at the Commission as well as by himself. About 200 people work on the Blue Line and MOS-1 at both agencies. All employees at both agencies might not be a perfect fit in the new structure. The LACTC budget has identified 54 additional positions for MOS-1 management; there are some 30-plus positions that are currently being filled.

RTD Director Thomas spoke to the specific provision in the December, 1989 Agreement which states that the DBE function would remain at the District. He continued that it is his understanding that a budget has been established whereby some of the DBE functions would go to the LACTC. RCC Chairman Anderson stated there is a specific portion of the agreement that calls for a continuation of that function to be done for MOS-1 at the District.

RTD Director Gonzalez spoke, indicating Mr. McSpedon had explained the personnel policy. The understanding, however, was to consolidate both staffs into one agency. He continued he would hope that the RCC would consider absorbing the staffs of both agencies. RTD President Swanson supported this plea, because the sole purpose is continuity. RCC Director Kruse said it was his clear understanding that the RCC's role is selection and they are proceeding in the selection of staff. RCC Director McIntyre said that Director Gonzalez' request for an answer, in writing, was a fair one and he supported that request.

RTD Director Jenkins opined that the RCC should be as autonomous as the law allows it to be. He believes that when the two agencies are merged there will be some duplication of functions. He continued that the RCC should not be a job placement agency and that the RCC deserves the greatest degree of freedom.

RTD Director Gonzalez stated that the District entered into the December, 1989 Agreement with the understanding that the RCC would operate independently to the extent allowed by law. He expressed his hope that the RCC would adhere to the suggestion made by President Swanson. He urged legislation to make the RCC an independent body.

RTD Director Holen commented that the strength of the RCC lies in the reputation of its individual members. He strongly recommended that the RCC establish full authority and responsibility. RTD Director Thomas added that the charter for the RCC comes from the agreement between the LACTC and the RTD.

RCC Director Camacho stated that the RCC takes the agreement on which the RCC was formed very seriously.

RCC Director Hopkinson asked about the funding for the staff. RTD staff responded an updated financial plan will be developed which will identify RTD and LACTC components. The District will have a line item in its budget to reflect the District's input.

Comments were made about the RCC's role to design and construct the system, and the RTD's role as grantee and operator. RTD Director Holen also mentioned the construction claims issue and suggested that the RCC meet with the District's Counsel to determine how the District has proceeded in this area.

RTD President Swanson concluded the meeting by recapping the topics discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary