

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

July 26, 1990

Called to order at 12:20 p.m. by President Patsaouras:

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras
Larry Gonzalez
Joseph S. Dunning
Marvin L. Holen
Jeff Jenkins

Don Knabe (arr. 1:05 p.m.)
Jerold F. Milner
Charles H. Storing
Gordana Swanson
Kenneth R. Thomas

Directors Absent:

Jay B. Price

1. Recessed to Closed Session at 12:25 p.m. to consider personnel, labor negotiations, real estate and litigation matters returning at 1:35 p.m.

The Board recessed the regular Board meeting to consider items on the Special Board Meeting agenda and reconvened at 2:04 p.m.

2. Report of the President

No report was made.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg gave a brief report on the status of the Blue Line operations. He reported that by the end of the free fare period approximately 700,000 passengers will have been carried on the system. The free fare is a unique marketing approach to public transportation. Additional staff was assigned to the start up operations to handle the crowds. Staff has also repeatedly advised the public that there is a specific closing time for this service. Mr. Pegg reported that District staff has responded well to this challenge.

Director Dunning extended to all District and Commission personnel a commendation for a job well done. Other Directors also offered their congratulations and on a motion duly made, on a Roll Call vote, seconded and carried, letters of commendation were to be sent to General Manager Alan Pegg of SCRTD and Executive Director Neil Peterson of LACTC commending the staffs of both agencies for the successful grand opening.

Upon query regarding the fare comparison between bus and rail line, staff responded that the fare on the Blue Line is \$1.10 and \$2.30 on an express line; with the time of the bus ride being approximately five (5) minutes faster.

Director Holen commented that the District is very well run. The failure to get this message out is in the media's vision. We have one of the very best transit systems in the U.S. in terms of operations. The Blue Line was not a special success, but a part of the District's overall operational capabilities.

4. Director Special Items

Director Gonzalez asked about providing bilingual signs at the Blue Line stations.

Director Jenkins asked about payments to subcontractors and contract provisions, specifically A157. He suggested that the Board's policy statement regarding timely subcontractor payments has been put in the wrong place and he requested General Counsel Gifford to research the matter.

5. Received a status report on implementation of service on Metro Blue Rail Line.

Art Leahy addressed the operational aspects of service. Ridership has been much higher than expected. He said that extra trips were run on a daily basis and additional help from employees in other departments has been required.

John Richeson said that approximately 100 windows have been replaced due to damage. The Long Beach loop is expected to open for passenger service on September 1.

6. Received status report of the Metro Rail fire.

Al Perdon gave an overview of what had transpired from the onset of the fire to present. He indicated that the LACTC has commissioned an independent investigation. The cost of the fire may range from \$500,000 to \$5 million.

J. Walsh and P. Baxter commented on security at rail construction sites and the timeliness of securing the fire.

7. Considered ratification of fare structure for lines utilizing El Monte Busway following Metro Rail fire.

General Manager Pegg opened the discussion on this matter, indicating that the public's reaction to this marketing decision has been extremely supportive. President Patsouras reported that based on the information available the Sunday evening following the Metro Rail fire, he took the action to have the District participate in the social reaction to the catastrophe by providing a free fare on bus lines utilizing the El Monte Busway on the first business day following the closure of the Busway as a result of the Metro Rail fire.

Director Swanson presented a motion to ratify the action taken by the President, and requested that all policy items be brought to the attention of the Board in the future. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. Director Holen suggested that there are times when the President must take action in consultation with the staff. Director Dunning requested separation of the motion.

Following further discussion, Director Dunning made a substitute motion that the Board ratify the action taken by the President to allow a fare-free day on Monday, July 16, 1990 on all lines utilizing the El Monte Busway. This motion was seconded. During the Board discussion on this matter, President Patsouras withdrew the item indicating he would bring it back to a subsequent meeting.

Director Swanson continued with a motion that all policy matters are to be decided by the Board of Directors. This motion was seconded and carried with seven (7) affirmative votes.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 8-19)

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Consent Calendar was approved in one motion, excluding item 13, with 8 directors present.

8. APPROVED Requisition 0-9400-179 and exercise of an option with Valley Detroit Diesel Allison, City of Industry, for one additional year covering procurement of bus engine and transmission parts at an additional estimated cost of \$3,500,000 for an estimated total contract amount of \$7,000,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

9. APPROVED:
 - a. rescission of contract to Mohawk Manufacturing and Supply, Niles, IL, for failure to execute contract on Bid No. 5-9023; and
 - b. execution of a contract with Brake Supply, Inc., Ontario, the most responsive responsible bidder under Bid No. 5-9023 covering procurement of Chicago Rawhide and National grease seals for a one year period with an option for an additional year at an estimated annual cost of \$227,736;

form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

10. APPROVED a contract with Wall to Wall Enterprises, Glendale, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X329-L covering the procurement of replacement lighting fixtures at Division 9 (El Monte), for a total bid price of \$48,504; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement funded in part under UMTA Grant CA-90-X329.

11. APPROVED a contract amendment with M. Valencia & Company, Pasadena, ratifying cost overruns relating to Metro Blue Line Community Relations Consulting Services, increasing the total cost by an additional estimated \$16,000, for an estimated total contract amount of \$40,925; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement funded totally by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission under AFE No. 21800.

12. APPROVED requisitions and amendment to existing contracts for a one-year period covering security guard services:
 - a. No. 0-1800-107 with Coleman Security at an estimated additional annual cost of \$75,000, for an estimated total contract amount of \$275,000;
 - b. No. 0-1800-108 with West Oaks Security at an estimated additional annual cost of \$100,000, for an estimated total contract amount of \$510,000; and
 - c. Nos. 0-1800-109 and 0-1800-124 with U.S. Guards, Inc. at an estimated additional annual cost of \$100,000 and ratification of \$13,000 in cost overruns in FY 1990, for an estimated total contract amount of \$518,000;

form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

14. Received and filed Report Calendar - July 7 to July 25, 1990.

15. Received and filed Statement of Purchases - \$5,000 to \$25,000 for June, 1990.

16. RATIFIED bus stops and zones agenda report as filed with the Secretary.

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

18. APPROVED Board Requests for July 13, 1990.

19. APPROVED minutes of Special Joint Meeting held June 11, Special Board Meetings held June 21, June 28 & July 12, Regular Board Meetings held June 28 and July 12, and Special Emergency Board Meeting held July 13, 1990.

Directors Dunning and Storing questioned item 'b'. Following a brief discussion, Director Dunning made a motion to approve Item 13A only, which motion failed on a roll call vote as noted below:

Ayes: Dunning, Gonzalez, Knabe, Patsaouras, Thomas
Noes: Storing
Abstain: Holen, Jenkins, Swanson
Absent: Milner, Price

General Counsel Gifford suggested that the Board authorize the General Manager to expend a set amount with the current contractor.

Director Jenkins then made a motion to reconsider which was approved with Director Storing voting "No." He then made a motion to approve staff recommendation which motion was approved on a roll call vote as noted below:

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

- 13a. APPROVED rejection of a single proposal submitted by Crown Fence, Long Beach, under RFP 90-21 and reissuing RFP with revised scope of work covering fence repair and maintenance for the Light Rail project, form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel;
- b. AUTHORIZED the General Manager to exceed the \$25,000 Board authorization threshold for continuation of interim services until such time as a contract can be put in place.

This project subject to funding from the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

20. APPROVED Requisition 0-0998-06 and a contract with Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, through Robert A. Driver, the District's Insurance Broker, covering renewal of the District Public Liability/Property Damage Insurance Program for a premium of \$1,480,000 plus premium tax and CIGA assessment; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

21. APPROVED Requisition No. 0-0998-08 and ratified inclusion of Blue Line property in the District's All-Risk Insurance Policy, effective July 14, 1990, at an annual cost of \$315,700 and, at a later date when other Blue Line properties are completed their values will be added to the All-Risk Property Insurance Policy; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Funded by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

22. APPROVED a contract with Allee Construction Co., Inc., the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X222-K for construction of the Telecom Complex at Unit Shop II - Central Maintenance Facility for a total bid price of \$2,768,950; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project funded in part under UMTA Grant CA-90-X222.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

23. APPROVED a sublease agreement, including two one-year options, with the Transit District Employees Federal Credit Union (TDEFCU) for the lease of 3000 square feet of office space within Annex E of the Headquarters facility for a period of two years, commencing October 1, 1990 at a first year rental rate of \$3,900 per month, or \$1.30/sq.ft./mo, which shall be subject to annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

24. Reviewed the State Legislative Update and took the following action:

AB 3097 Support, if amended

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

A motion was made and seconded to support SB 1097, if amended to include the provision that defacing property would be a felony. The motion failed on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

A motion was then made and seconded to support SB 1097 with amendments as contained in the staff report. This motion also failed on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

Staff was instructed to bring SB 1097 and the Katz Bill on graffiti back at a future meeting.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

25. APPROVED agreement with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to operate a segment of Line 169 on weekends and holidays with the District to be reimbursed in the amount of \$65,000 to cover the operating cost for the period April 16, 1990 to April 15, 1991; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 9 directors present

26. CONSENTED to the City of Lynwood Shuttle Bus Service Expansion (Lynwood Trolley).

UNANIMOUS, with 9 directors present

27. WITHDREW item regarding License Agreements with the Municipal Bus Lines of Santa Monica and Culver City for the use of the LAX Transit Center.

28. CONSENTED to the proposed County of Los Angeles Antelope Valley Line 787 route modification with conditions as noted in the General Manager's report dated July 19, 1990.

UNANIMOUS, with 9 directors present

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

29. APPROVED Requisition 0-1800-138 and a contract with Excel Security Service under RFP 90-24 covering Metro Blue Line Security Guard Services at:

- a. three locations for a two-year period, with an option for three additional one year periods; and
- b. four parking lots of an initial six-month period with an option for an additional six months;

at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$698,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement funded by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

UNANIMOUS, with 9 directors present

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

30. APPROVED use of District reserve funds for a period of 30 days, with a maximum of \$2,000,000, for the Benefit Assessment District share of MOS-1 expenditures.

The Board requested a meeting be scheduled between President Patsouras, General Manager Pegg, RTD and Chairman Edelman and Executive Director Neil Peterson, LACTC, to negotiate an agreement to satisfactorily cover repayment of all costs expended by the District to cover Benefit Assessment portions, including interest, and to report back to the Board within a 30 day timeframe.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

APPROVED Benefit Assessment rate of zero cents per square foot for the 1990/91 assessment year in Special Benefit Assessment Districts A1 and A2.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

31. APPROVED a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission for \$161,981,000 of Proposition A in operating revenue for Fiscal Year 1991; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

32. Received and filed District's annual statement of investment policy.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

33. APPROVED the filing of a grant amendment application and all necessary documents pursuant to Section 9 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, requesting deobligation of \$6,215,000 from Grant No. CA-90-X222 and reobligation to Grant No. CA-90-X377; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

34. AUTHORIZED expenditure of funds to implement South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Regulation XV - Trip Reduction Plans, as required by law, for an amount not-to-exceed \$310,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

GENERAL ITEMS

35. There were no items arising subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

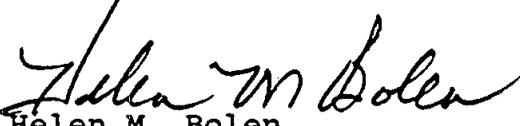
Director Knabe suggested letters be sent to Chief Papa, SCRTD, and the Sheriff's Department for their work with the Blue Line system. On a roll call vote it was determined that a letter would be sent to Chief Papa, SCRTD Transit Police but not the Sheriff's Department as they are a contractor.

36. Public Comment

Appearance of J. Walsh speaking on transit related matters.

Appearance of G. Lyon, International Union of Operating Engineers, asking about the termination of two District employees and the case they were investigating.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary