

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Board of Directors
August 2, 1990
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:00 P.M.

Directors Present

Nick Patsaouras, President
Richard Alatorre
Jeff Jenkins
Jerold F. Milner
Charles Storing
Gordana Swanson
Kenneth R. Thomas
James L. Tolbert

Directors Absent

Marvin L. Holen
Don Knabe
Jay B. Price

Items were considered in the following order:

President Patsaouras introduced and welcomed newly appointed Director Richard Alatorre, and the District Secretary administered the oath of office.

3. Received status report on Benefit Assessment District Litigation and Legislative Efforts.

A petition for review, and two letters from members of the public urging the court to hear the case, have been filed in the Supreme Court. The decision of the court will be known within the next two months. If the court decides not to hear the case, assessments will have to be returned. No federal appeal is available to the District.

General Manager Pegg reported that staff is working with a number of potential authors in Sacramento to pursue new legislation.

According to legal staff the court will rule on the applicability of the "one man one vote" rule and whether the District had the right to exempt one class of property (residential).

Should assessment districts be judged constitutional, the District will amend the rules to make assessments based on square footage and to assure that RTD will be allowed to make such assessments for a project which has been turned over to the LACTC.

Public comment was received from H. Watts who registered his objection to any appeal and/or legislation that would change the appellate court decision.

Director Jenkins suggested that staff contact and try to get some type of assurance from the affected business people that they will not work against favorable legislation.

This item will be placed on agenda for the August 9 Board Meeting at the request of President Patsaouras.

1. Received the 4th Quarterly Report of the Marketing & Communications Department.

Staff reported dispensing 100,000 Blue Line videos and initiating a new promotion with the L.A. Dodgers.

2. Received and filed status report on the District's clean air efforts.

Based on current passenger-mile data, the District's fleet of nearly 2000 diesel buses is reducing air pollution by approximately 20 thousand tons per year, compared to the amount of pollution that would be produced if those bus passengers utilized private automobiles.

The District's clean emissions programs include the use of Methanol, Methanol with Avocet, Compressed Natural Gas and particulate traps.

Director Storing questioned whether the District gets penalized by UMTA for using buses on an experimental program. Staff responded that UMTA Region 9 is willing to consider an increase in the spare ratio for clean air buses.

Director Jenkins suggested trying to make arrangements with the AQMD so that the District receives some benefit for substantially decreasing pollutants.

Director Swanson suggested inviting the AQMD to participate in a Board workshop meeting.

4. Received report on Metro Blue Line Service Extension through the Long Beach Loop.

8/19/90 - Pre-revenue operations on the Long Beach Loop.

9/1/90 - Opening of Loop with ceremony.

9/2/90 - Revenue service on the Loop. Increased hours of service (5 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and increased headways on weekends.

Subway on the north end of the line will open in October or November.

President Patsaouras requested Bill Bicker of the Mayor's office to extend Dash shuttle service to match new extended Blue Line hours.

Incoming Director, James Tolbert, arrived and was welcomed by President Patsaouras. The District Secretary administered the oath of office.

5. Public Comment

H. Watts addressed the Board regarding recent changes to the Brown Act.

Adjourned at 1:48 P.M.


Recording Secretary