

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

September 6, 1990

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

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras
Don Knabe
Richard Alatorre
Mas Fukai
Jeff Jenkins

Marvin L. Holen
Jerold F. Milner
Charles H. Storing
James L. Tolbert

Directors Absent:

Jay B. Price

Gordana Swanson

1. Recessed to Closed Session at 1:07 p.m. to consider real estate litigation matters. Returned at 1:10 p.m. with all Directors present except Directors Price and Swanson.
2. Received and filed the General Manager's report dated August 31, 1990 on Federal Legislative Update.

3. Received and filed report dated August 31, 1990 on the District's existing Business Plan identifying future service expansion needs and constraints.

Mr. Spivack mentioned that Mr. Lentz, a representative from AQMD would be attending this meeting to make a presentation. With the aid of charts, he reviewed the overall goals. In answer to Director Jenkins' question, Mr. Spivack said that transit makes approximately 4 to 5% of the total work trips in the region.

4. Received and filed the General Manager's report dated August 31, 1990 on Energy Contingency Service Plan and strategies for funding rising fuel costs and potential service increases.

There was discussion concerning the large deficit that will arise as the fuel crisis continues. It was suggested that the Commission be requested to expend funds for this shortage.

Director Jenkins suggested that staff show which lines are most profitable. He felt the District should take a look at a systemwide analysis that shed from the District suburban lines and others that are not profitable but have to be run because of public policy issues. These should be run by smaller operators who are better equipped, have local resources, and have some Commission funds available. He said that all route planning, telephone information, etc. should be coordinated by the District.

T. Rubin said that the District is one of the most cost effective transportation agencies in the nation.

Several Directors felt privatization and/or brokering should be reviewed again.

There was concern about getting an honest accounting from Foothill Transit of the actual cost of operating the services taken over from the District.

Director Jenkins introduced Mr. Lentz, AQMD representative. Mr. Lentz said the AQMD has a great deal of respect for the District's ability to increase service over the next few years.

Mr. Lentz indicated that Los Angeles is the nation's dirtiest city. He spoke of the changes in the laws and how they affect all concerned. The AQMD has set a 20-year plan which is divided into three tiers. He explained how and where the RTD will be affected. He said it is expected the State Air Resources Board will be setting state-wide rules at their meeting in September. Specific rules by which agencies will be expected to abide should be ready by early 1991.

There was some discussion on the contract between the AQMD and the Highway Patrol

5. Received and filed an interim report on the Metro Blue Line ridership and fare collection from August 1 through 25, 1990.

T. Rubin commented that the figures reported were much higher than had been expected. Revenue, as well as start-up costs, will be higher.

Problems with the ticket machines were discussed; discussions between the District, Commission and vendor are on-going. On question, staff said that 40 to 45% of the passengers used the TVM's during the month of August.

6. Public comment

President Patsaouras presented G. Roberts with a commendation for his suggestion on extending Lines 90 - 91.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.



Rhodona Thompson
Recording Secretary