

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Board of Directors
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

October 25, 1990

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

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras
Richard Alatorre
Mas Fukai
Marvin L. Holen
Jeff Jenkins

Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
Gordana Swanson
James L. Tolbert

Directors Absent:

Don Knabe

Jerold F. Milner

1. Recessed to Closed Session at 12:22 p.m. to consider personnel, labor negotiations, real estate and litigation matters returning at 1:20 p.m. with nine (9) Directors present.

2. Report of the President

- a. Considered fare structure for physically disadvantaged. President Patsouras indicated there are about 400 boardings per day by wheelchair patrons. He suggested that passengers who cannot be served because of a malfunctioning lift be given a free ride. It is estimated that no more than 80 such instances occur in a day. During discussion, it was suggested that this would be covered under the On Time Warranty Program, however, on motion duly made, seconded and carried with 9 directors present, the Board took action specifically granting free rides to wheelchair bound patrons who are denied a ride due to malfunctioning lift equipment. Director Swanson expressed her concern that this action not be construed as a message that the wheelchair lifts will not be maintained in good working order.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg reported that staff performed their duties very well during a recent accident involving the Blue Line. Service was restored quickly, equipment was checked, and the District's safety team was on the scene. Director Storing commented that he sincerely hoped that the LACTC was learning from the Blue Line experience that rail systems cannot be built at grade level. President Patsouras informed the Board that the LACTC and Supervisor Hahn is calling for a study of the design and construction of the system and how to implement modifications.

4. Director Special Items

Director Swanson expressed her concern about reading the RTD Board had agreed to a study on the electric trolley. She stated that she doesn't believe that the Board has made a policy decision on this matter yet. She continued that it is not fair to the Board to read about an intention that they have not participated in.

Director Swanson also reported that the League of California Cities adopted a resolution passed by the majority of cities which supports the District's efforts regarding the availability of aerosol spray paints to the general public.

In conclusion, Director Swanson mentioned that she had received a letter from the Mayor of the City of Gardena congratulating the District on the two awards received at the APTA Annual Conference.

5. APPROVED, on a Roll Call vote as noted below, **Benefit Assessment Agreement** between Jacob Friedman and the Southern California Rapid Transit District and adopted a resolution regarding Benefit Assessment Case A2-89-86.

Ayes: Alatorre, Fukai, Holen, Jenkins, Price,
Storing, Swanson, Tolbert, Patsaouras
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Knabe, Milner

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 6, 8 through 12, 14 and 16 through 23 of the Consent Calendar were unanimously approved in one motion with 9 directors present. Items 7 and 13 were removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Director Swanson and considered separately. Item 15 was withdrawn by staff.

6. APPROVED a contract with Weld Build Body Company, Vernon, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X283-K covering the procurement of two 25-ton tow trucks for a total bid price of \$229,137; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-X283.

8. APPROVED a contract with Central Detroit Diesel Allison, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X329-S covering the procurement of Allison transmissions for a total bid price of \$214,045; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-X329.

9. APPROVED a contract with Custom Turbo Rebuilding, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 10-9010 covering the procurement of turbochargers for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$477,200; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

10. APPROVED Requisition No. 0-3900-123 and an option for one additional year with Davis Printing Inks Corporation, covering the cost of printing and graphic supplies at an additional estimated cost of \$35,000, for an estimated contract amount of \$70,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

11. APPROVED Requisition No. 0-0990-484 and a contract with Airwave Communications, Sepulveda, covering a 25-year lease for one 470 MHz radio channel at an annual cost of \$19,200 for a total estimated 25-year cost of \$480,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

12. APPROVED Requisition No. 0-9400-222 and an option for one additional year with Thermo King of Southern California, covering the procurement of Thermo King air conditioning parts at an additional estimated cost of \$850,000, for an estimated total contract amount of \$1,700,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

14. APPROVED a contract with Cadillac Plastic and Chemical, North Hollywood, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 9-9006 covering the procurement of seat back panels for RTS and Neoplan buses for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$481,587; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

15. **WITHDRAWN BY STAFF - Performance of management and operational audits on an as-requested basis.**

16. **APPROVED requisitions and amendments to existing contracts:**

a) **Requisition Nos. 0-1800-245 and 0-1800-246 with West Oaks Security, covering additional security guard services, increasing the total cost by an additional estimated \$155,000, for an estimated total contract amount of \$665,000; and**

b) **Requisition Nos. 0-1800-244 and 0-1800-249 with U.S. Guards, Inc. covering additional security guard services, increasing the total cost by an additional estimated \$180,000, for an estimated total contract amount of \$698,000;**

form of contract amendments subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0130.

17. **APPROVED Requisition No. 0-9399-435 and extension of an existing contract for a three-month period ending January 31, 1991 with The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, covering tire leasing and service, for an additional estimated cost of \$1,700,000, for an estimated total contract amount of \$26,016,617; form of contract extension subject to approval of the General Counsel.**

18. **Received and filed Report Calendar - October 12, 1990 to October 24, 1990.**

19. **Received and filed Statement of Purchases - \$5,000 - \$24,999 for period of September 1, 1990 through September 30, 1990.**

20. Received and filed Report of Sale Order and Sales of Surplus, Obsolete or Used Materiel, Supplies, or Equipment - July 1, 1990 through September 30, 1990.
21. APPROVED Board Request List for October 1990.
22. Ratified Temporary Route Diversions as filed with the District Secretary.
23. Ratified Bus Stops and Zones report as filed with the District Secretary.

Following a brief discussion by Director Swanson items 7 and 13 were recommended for approval and unanimously approved with nine directors present.

7. APPROVED a contract with The Ticket Factory, Inc., Chatsworth, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 07-9026 covering the procurement of discount fare ticket books for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for a total bid price of \$176,258; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.
13. APPROVED Requisition No. 0-7200-192 and amendment to an existing contract with PacifiCorp Capital, Inc., Reston, Virginia, covering the procurement of two IBM DASD units, increasing the total cost by an additional estimated \$199,028, for an estimated total contract amount of \$4,957,909; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0259.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL COMMITTEE

24. Considered medical, dental and life insurance coverage for Non-Contract and TPOA employees.

Appearance by T. Beal of Travelers Insurance, speaking to the more favorable benefit levels provided by the indemnity dental plan offered by The Travelers Company at only a slightly higher price than the plan offered by Blue Cross of California.

After discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and carried on a Roll Call vote as noted below, the renewal of indemnity dental coverage with Travelers Company was approved:

Ayes: Alatorre, Fukai, Holen, Jenkins, Price, Storing,
Swanson, Tolbert, Patsaouras
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Knabe, Milner

A motion was then made, seconded and carried with nine (9) Directors present, to approve the remainder of Item No. 24 as outlined below:

- A. Requisition 0-0990-480 for Non-Contract medical insurance for a total cost of \$7,876,000;
- B. Requisition 0-0990-483 for Non-Contract dental insurance for a total cost of \$201,000;
- C. Requisition 0-0990-482 for life insurance for all District employees at a cost of \$984,000;
- D. Renew the indemnity medical plan contract with The Hartford Life Insurance Company;
- E. Renew the contract with the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan;
- F. Renew the contract with Pacificare Health Plan;
- G. Enter into a dental panel group contract with Dental Health Services (DHS);
- H. Renew the dental panel group contract with Safeguard Health Plans;
- I. Renew the indemnity dental coverage contract with The Traveler's Company;
- J. Renew the life insurance contract with The Hartford Life Insurance Company;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

25. APPROVED Requisition 0-0990-481 and renewal of contract with the Standard Insurance Company of Oregon for Long-Term Disability Insurance for Non-Contract, Teamsters, TPOA and Selected Schedule Maker Employees, at a total estimated cost of \$820,000; form of contract renewal subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

26. A motion was made to approve the reclassifications indicated in the General Manager's report dated October 19, 1990 and to review Customer Relations Department and Local Government Department for reclassifications returning to the Board in two weeks.

Following discussion, on substitute motion by Director Alatorre, second and carried as noted below, the General Manager's report dated October 19, 1990 on reclassifications of certain Non-Contract positions was approved and staff was directed to review Customer Relations Department and Local Government Department for possible reclassifications and return to the Board in one month with recommendations.

Ayes: Alatorre, Fukai, Holen, Price, Tolbert,
Patsouras
Noes: Storing, Swanson
Abstain: None
Absent: Jenkins, Knabe, Milner

34. Considered items arising subsequent to posting of the agenda.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, item 34a was added to the agenda under Personnel & Legal Committee.

APPROVED selection of the law firm of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson to represent the District in the matter of Guy F. Atkinson Construction Co. v. SCRTD, if the previously selected firm of Parker, Milliken, Clark, O'Hara & Samuelian cannot clear their potential conflict of interest by close of business Thursday, October 25, 1990.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

27. APPROVED:

- a. rejection of non-responsive bid submitted by Universal Coach Parts, Des Plaines, IL; and
- b. award of contract to Flxible Distribution Center, Compton, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 09-9028 covering the procurement of power steering pumps for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$57,309; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

28. REJECTED contract covering Metro Blue Line rail car interior/exterior cleaning services and instructed staff to return when the funding issue is resolved with the Commission and queries regarding use of District personnel and bringing the quality of bus cleanliness up to that of the Blue Line are answered.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

Concern was expressed by several Directors over the fragmentation of funding on the Blue Line and its overall effect on funding of the entire operation.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

29. Received and filed the Federal Legislative Update.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 directors present

ADVANCE PLANNING

30. APPROVED a Proposed Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for Service Enhancement to Supervisorial District 2 for FY 1991 as outlined in the General Manager's report dated October 18, 1990.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 directors present

J. Walsh appeared before the Board protesting the cutting back of service on Line 210. Staff indicated the funding sources for this line have been cut but an evaluation of the line will be done.

31. Received and filed status report on Study of Transit Operations in the Mid-Cities and San Fernando Valley and authorized staff to draft a letter to the Commission from President Patsouras regarding scope and consultant efforts in the proposed mid-cities transportation zone.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 directors present

Appearance of J. Walsh regarding Line 150.

32. APPROVED an Agreement with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to Conduct an Electric Bus Implementation Study with the cost of the study to be paid by the LACTC.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 directors present

On query staff indicated this study is being mandated by the Air Quality Management District.

GENERAL ITEMS

33. APPROVED change in schedule of Board Meetings for the months of November and December, 1990 as outlined in the report dated October 19, 1990.

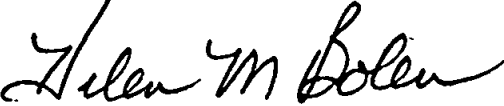
UNANIMOUS, with 7 directors present

35. Public Comment

Appearance of J. Walsh on safety issues for the Blue Line. Director Alatorre requested the issue of speed and signage on the Blue Line be reviewed.

Appearance of G. Roberts on transit matters.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary