

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

March 14, 1991

Called to order by President Patsaouras at 12:00 noon:

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras
Don Knabe
Mas Fukai
Marvin L. Holen
Gerry Hertzberg

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

Director Absent:

Richard Alatorre

1. Recessed to Closed Session at 12:03 p.m. to consider labor negotiations returning at 1:15 p.m. with all Directors present except Director Alatorre.

Recessed the regular Board Meeting at 1:16 p.m. to hold a public hearing, reconvening at 1:34 p.m. with all Directors responding to Roll Call except Director Alatorre.

2. Report of the President

None

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. to attend APTA's Legislative Conference and to visit with members of Congress. He also spoke of the pending Reauthorization Bill which would reduce the federal funds for transportation and would use funds now in the Trust Fund. A loss of federal funding support for transit is a critical issue. The District will be working toward building a local coalition to oppose this proposal.

Director Swanson also spoke of APTA Legislative Conference and the importance of maintaining communication with members of Congress. She also mentioned that the mood in Congress is very positive toward public transportation.

4. Director Special Items

- a. Swanson: RTD press events and releases as they relate to Board policy.

Director Swanson spoke about press events that imply Board action that has not been taken. She mentioned a recent news release which stated that the District was in support of electric buses on Exposition Boulevard. Director Swanson expressed her great concern about reading items in the newspaper suggesting support when no action had been taken by the Board of Directors. She concluded by stating that this cannot continue; the Board should not be placed in the position of taking retroactive action.

Director Holen commented that Director Swanson's comments direct themselves to an orderly procedure. There is an established policy that must be followed; however, if an individual Director wants to support a project and seeks support from other Board members, this is acceptable.

Director Patsaouras indicated that this was not represented as a Board approved District project; he was merely introducing the issue for discussion. Director Fukai stated that he was aware of the announcement about electric buses and he expressed his support and Supervisor Hahn's support for the project. He also suggested the issue be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

5. ADOPTED the Fiscal Year 1992/96 Short Range Transit Plan.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

Staff indicated that the proposed FY 92/96 Short Range Transit Plan does have a shortfall of \$14 million, which is proposed to be met with Proposition C funds. The proposed plan does project a fare adjustment. Without a fare adjustment the shortfall would be approximately \$24-25 million in FY 1992. Director Holen asked for and received assurance that adoption of the Plan does not commit the Board to an increase in fares.

6. Received and filed report on the progress of programs to reduce bus accidents.

UNANIMOUS, with 9 directors present

7. DEFERRED consolidation of LACTC/SCRTD Equal Employment Opportunity and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs to a future meeting.

Director Patsouras requested the Legal Department to render an opinion as to whether the Office of Inspector General could legally and appropriately supervise departments they audit.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, items 8 through 15 on the Consent Calendar were approved in one motion with ten (10) directors present.

8. APPROVED Requisition 1-4400-23 and amendment to an existing contract with Pool Communications Advertising Services, covering professional advertising services for completion of "The New RTD" advertising program, increasing the total cost by an additional \$60,000 for an estimated contract amount of \$2,559,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

9. APPROVED Requisition 1-3900-34 and amendment to an existing contract with Color Image, Long Beach, covering the cost of stripping negatives for four-color and multi-color separations, increasing the total cost by an estimated \$22,000, for an estimated total contract of \$46,900; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

10. APPROVED Requisition 1-3900-33 and amendment to an existing contract with Davis Printing Inks, covering the cost of various printing inks and graphic art supplies, increasing the total cost by an estimated \$22,000 for an estimated total contract of \$42,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

11. REJECTED all proposals received under RFP No. 91-05 covering high-volume, quick-response printing services and AUTHORIZED reissuance of the RFP with revised specifications utilizing a revised proposer list; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

12. APPROVED Requisition 1-4400-9A and extension of an existing contract with Crown Litho, covering emergency printing services for a three month period, for an additional cost of \$30,000, for an estimated total contract amount not to exceed \$785,000; form of contract extension subject to approval of the General Counsel.

13. Received and filed Report Calendar - March 1 to March 13, 1991.

14. Received and filed Treasurer's report on District's Investment of Funds for February, 1991.

15. APPROVED minutes of February 28, 1991 Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL COMMITTEE

16. ADOPTED proposed reclassifications of non-contract positions as noted in the General Manager's report dated March 6, 1991, Attachment A; and, ADOPTED a policy change stating that only employees who have completed their initial probationary period shall be eligible for the 10% salary increase if their position is reclassified.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

17. APPROVED Requisition 1-7500-047 and amendment to an existing contract with Ralph Andersen & Associates covering evaluation of District's Pay-For-Performance program for non-contract employees, increasing the total cost by an additional estimated amount of \$3,000, for an estimated total cost of \$27,900; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Manager.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

18. CONSENTED to the operation of a proposed new shuttle route in the City of West Covina; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

Upon inquiry of Director Price, Jeffrey Lyon, Assistant General Counsel, stated that items 19 and 20 required a simple majority vote.

19. APPROVED establishment of experimental Line 620 (BOYLE HEIGHTS SHUTTLE), in the city of Los Angeles, for four months commencing April 1, 1991, with a special reduced fare of 25 cents, operating weekdays only.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

20. APPROVED continuation of the Metro Blue Line Long Beach Loop Reduced Fare Program through June 30, 1991, making it permanent thereafter only if the program's cost to the District can be secured from an outside funding source.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21. ADOPTED resolution designating the Headquarter's joint development as a transit project at the Union Station Metro Rail Site and the District as the lead agency for the Project.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

GENERAL ITEMS

22. ADOPTED a resolution calling a meeting of the City Selection Committee pursuant to Section 30221 of the Southern California Rapid Transit District Law, to be held on Thursday, May 2, 1991 at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Blvd., Monterey Park, to enable Corridor "C" subcommittee of the Committee to elect a Director for the term expiring June, 1992, and instructed the Secretary to notify members of the City Selection Committee of the date, time and place of the meeting as provided in District Law.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 directors present

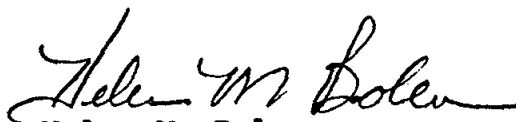
23. There were no items arising subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

24. Public Comment.

Appearance of A. Leonard, former RTD employee, concerning his termination and the harassment he received from his former supervisor. The matter was referred to Ann Neeson, Employee Relations.

Director Knabe requested an opinion from the Legal Department as to what is appropriate for the Board to consider in Closed Session relating to item no. 7.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary