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MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Joint SCRTD/LACTC Board Meeting
Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room - 3rd Floor
Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles

Wednesday, June 5, 1991

Called to Order at 9:30 a.m.:

Directors/Commissioners Present:

Richard Alatorre
Michael D. Antonovich
Jacki Bacharach
Jerry B. Baxter
Tom Bradley
Edmund D. Edelman
Ray Grabinski
Judy Hathaway-Francis
Kenneth Hahn
Gloria Molina
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
Gordana Swanson
James L. Tolbert

Also Present:

Don Knabe
Gerry Hertzberg
Nick Patsaouras

Absent:

Deane Dana
Mas Fukai
Marvin L. Holen

Staff Present:

Alan F. Pegg
Suzanne Gifford
Neil Peterson
David Kelsey

1. A joint resolution was presented to Assemblyman Katz by Commissioner Grabinski.
2. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Joint SCRTD/LACTC Boards held on March 6, 1991 were approved.

Commissioner Bacharach asked about the 20 additional buses that were to be deployed on the street. Staff said they are in operation but actual funding for their operation has not been determined. It was also noted that the RTD currently has issued a Request For Proposal for 100 buses.

Commissioner Hahn stressed the importance of having safe, clean buses for the riding public.

3. Discussion regarding preferential treatment on streets and highways for public transit vehicles.

Art Leahy, RTD Assistant General Manager, Operations, presented a briefing on the current status and on going projects.

Commissioner Bacharach reported that a report on a high occupancy vehicle plan will be presented at the next meeting of the LACTC's Planning & Mobility Improvement Committee.

Mayor Bradley said he strongly supports the concept but that more creative thinking should be developed to reduce the number of automobiles on the street.

High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) are scheduled to be initiated on June 13 on Sepulveda Boulevard. Jim Sherman, City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, explained how this project was put into effect. Service will operate five days a week in the afternoons. If the service proves successful in reducing congestion, the program will be expanded to include service in the mornings. The cost is estimated to be \$200,000 per year and funds would come from Proposition A.

On question, the joint Boards were informed that the Los Angeles Police Department would be in charge of enforcement of the lanes. At the present time the funding has not been determined. Mr. Peterson indicated he would ascertain whether Proposition A funds could be utilized for police enforcement. Director Swanson said she would like to have the lanes called 'priority lanes.'

Appearance of Mr. W. Jasper, Encino property owner, expressing concern about traffic in the residential areas.

4. Discussion on the impact of graffiti and vandalism on District buses and status of Graffiti Abatement Program.

Rich Davis and Tony Chivara from the RTD briefed the Joint Board members. They indicated that 85 to 90% of the District's buses roll out of the yard free from graffiti. There is a major program currently underway to replace damaged windows. Also, soft cushion seats are being replaced with vandalism proof seats.

Mr. Hahn asked about specific graffiti prone locations with RTD staff responding that many locations are known to the District. Transit Police, undercover teams and supervisors cover these locations. Programs established with the schools were also discussed.

There was lengthy discussion about the RTD accepting court ordered persons to aid in cleaning buses. There was also discussion about contracting out of work and the difficulties that have been encountered with the unions.

Commissioner G. Molina requested that the District come back with a plan that will not violate the union contract to utilize court ordered individuals to clean buses.

Commissioner Alatorre requested a report on the impact of the arbitrator's decision on the graffiti program and a suggested solution for the dilemma. He concluded his comments by indicating a need to become more proactive in the area of prevention.

Commissioner Grabinski said everyone needed to be more creative in prevention and deterrents. His suggestions included the use of cameras, improved relationship with schools, and allowing the painting of murals on buses by the schools so that they are identified more readily within the community.

There was discussion regarding coordinating of efforts between agencies and Commissioner Edelman suggested Messrs. Pegg and Peterson develop a program for a symposium that the County of Los Angeles could sponsor on the subject. It was suggested that labor organizations be included in this discussion.

5. A brief presentation on the design and construction of the Metro Blue Line was made by the LACTC. Chairman Grabinski introduced a video showing some of the highlights. Issues of safety were discussed as well as post-service design modifications installed by the District to enhance operational safety.

6. Mr. N. Peterson spoke on various elements of the Thirty-Year Integrated Transportation Plan. Following the presentation, Director Swanson questioned the cost of maintaining and operating the system as outlined in the plan. Jerry Baxter of CalTrans indicated they were in favor of HOV lanes. Funding of the elements was questioned by various members of the Boards. Commissioner Bacharach noted that more bus service will be required while the HOV lanes and rail are under construction.

J. Walsh appeared speaking on the subject. Also, Jim Seal suggested that the private sector participation be increased; A. Falick spoke about joint development opportunities and encouraged both agencies to take advantage of all such opportunities in the construction of the projects; and B. Allen spoke about increasing the priority of the Glendale line and the need for an analysis of cost per passenger mile.

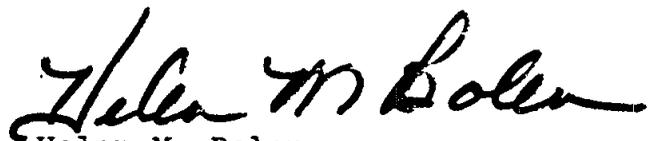
Mayor Bremberg, City of Glendale, appeared speaking about transportation improvements for Glendale and requested that the Thirty-Year Plan be revised to include Glendale.

7. General Manager Pegg gave a brief report on "Internal Redeployment" of SCRTD bus service. Commissioner Bacharach commented on the redeployment of 15 buses utilizing Proposition A funds.

 8. A brief report was made on the status of the reorganization plan. Commissioner Grabinski indicated that two models are being prepared and they will be transmitted and discussed with individuals. Any concerns, suggestions, should be imparted as quickly as possible to the members of the Reorganization Committee.

 9. By consensus, the next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.

 10. Public Comment
- J. Walsh appeared complaining about cutting service, noting that he had voted for Proposition C because it would add service.



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