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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

July 25, 1991

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

Directors Present:

Marvin L. Holen  
Charles H. Storing  
Richard Alatorre  
Don Knabe (arr. 12:20 p.m.)  
Nick Patsouras (arr 1:00 p.m.)

Jay B. Price  
Carl W. Raggio, Jr.  
Gordana Swanson  
James L. Tolbert  
Antonio Villaraigosa

Directors Absent:

Mas Fukai

1. Recognized retirees & employees of the month.
2. Recessed to Closed Session at 12:12 p.m. to consider litigation matters and labor negotiations returning at 1:32 p.m. with all Directors present except Directors Fukai, Knabe and Tolbert.

20. Following discussion on renewal options and excess coverage, on motion duly made, seconded and carried on a Roll Call vote as noted below, the following action was taken:

APPROVED Requisition 0-0998-0042 and renewal of bus and rail public liability/property damage insurance with Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, Zurich Reinsurance and X.L. Insurance Companies, for an estimated annual premium of \$2.3 million effective August 1, 1991; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Cost of rail insurance funded through the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

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

29. APPROVED:

- a. agreement with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission for continued funding for buses to relieve overcrowding and operation of Line 620 - BOYLE HEIGHTS SHUTTLE, during FY 1992; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel; and
- b. public hearing notice and scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, September 5, 1991 at 1:00 p.m. covering Line 620 experimental service and special reduced fare to be made permanent in Fiscal Year 1992.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

3. Report of the President

President Holen reported that the LACTC transferred funding to Foothill Transit yesterday and placed a new three year moratorium on formation of all new zones which would impact any of the District's service area or funding. Foothill is to notify passengers of the change in service and commence service this coming Sunday. He also noted that Foothill did in fact commence service yesterday at 4:00 p.m.

On question by Director Storing, President Holen said that the formation of new zones requires eight votes from the Commissioners. He did note that the action did not prevent individual cities from taking action.

4. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg said the District will proceed to implement the schedule approved by the Commission for Foothill to assume certain District lines.

Mr. Forsythe Foothill Transit Zone, appeared and, at the request of Director Holen, was requested to explain why Foothill had commenced service at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 instead of Sunday, July 28.

Mr. Forsythe said that Foothill had not commenced full service but was operating only a few runs on Lines 187 and 480/481 to establish their presence.

Director Alatorre then requested Mr. Forsythe to please state why Foothill had started operating at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday and did not wait until Sunday, the timeframe that had been agreed to with the LACTC. He indicated that starting any service prior to the agreed time did not seem to be in the spirit of cooperation.

Mr. Forsythe said that Foothill acted in the spirit of cooperation and that it was his understanding that commencement of full service was not to start until Sunday the 28th of July.

Director Alatorre expressed great concern with Foothill's interpretation of the LACTC's decision. He asked Mr. Forsythe exactly when Foothill Transit, or their Board, had made the decision to operate these lines. Director Alatorre questioned Mr. Forsythe regarding the presence of Foothill Transit on the lines prior to the contractually agreed upon date. Director Alatorre abruptly concluded his questions when no direct answer was made by Mr. Forsythe.

Director Holen said that with Foothill operating this advance service the taxpayers were paying for two different subsidies. Mr. Forsythe said that Foothill would not be requesting reimbursement for this advance service.

Director Villaraigosa asked about an evaluation that was to be done of Foothill Transit and when it was to be done.

Mr. Forsythe said that part of the action by the Commission was to eliminate the temporary sunset and make Foothill permanent; the evaluation is part of that consideration. He said there is a three year evaluation being done by the Commission. There is also an on-going evaluation over the next two years.

Director Alatorre asked Mr. Forsythe if he had notified Mr. Peterson of the intent to operate limited service prior to July 28 to which Mr. Forsythe indicated he had done so at the end of the meeting Wednesday. Upon question by Director Alatorre as to Mr. Peterson's reaction, Mr. Forsythe stated he had notified staff and not Mr. Peterson directly.

5. Director Special Items

None

6. HELD OVER to a future meeting was a presentation by J. W. Leas & Associates on the Fare Debitcard Program and policy issues with the program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, items 7 through 16 on the Consent Calendar were approved in one motion with 8 directors present.

7. APPROVED Requisition Nos. 1-7500-189, 1-1200-11 and 1-9400-149, and options for one additional year with California Newspaper Service Bureau, Los Angeles, covering newspaper advertising services at an estimated cost of \$213,000, increasing the total contract amounts to \$666,900; form of options subject to approval of the General Counsel.
  
8. APPROVED Requisition 1-9200-133 and an option with Fabcraft, Inc., Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X329-T for the construction of outdoor storage area at Division 10 for an option bid price of \$25,200, increasing the total cost to \$85,502; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.  
  
This is funded in part under UMTA Grant CA-90-X329.
  
9. APPROVED a five (5) year lease agreement with Greyhound Lines, Inc. for the continued operation of the Greyhound Terminal/ticket Office located within the El Monte Bus Station, at an annual rental revenue of \$42,600; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.
  
10. Received and filed Report Calendar - July 12 through July 24, 1991.
  
11. Received and filed Statement of Purchases - \$5,000 to \$24,999 for the month of June, 1991.

12. Received and filed Treasurer's report on Investment of District's funds for June, 1991.
13. Received and filed Board Request List - July 22, 1991.
14. APPROVED minutes for regular Board Meeting held June 27, 1991.
15. RATIFIED temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.
16. RATIFIED bus stops and zones report as filed with the Secretary.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL COMMITTEE

17. APPROVED Requisition 1-7500-216 and extended an existing contract for 90 days with Employee Support Systems Co., Los Angeles, covering an employee assistance program at an estimated cost of \$30,000 increasing the total contract amount to \$539,900; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

18. APPROVED revisions to the Non-Contract Overtime Policy to comply with recent case law involving the Fair Labor Standards Act.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

19. Received and filed report on the temporary loan of a Transportation Division Manager to the City of Norwalk.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

21. APPROVED Requisition 1-9330-7114 and extension of an existing contract for 120 days with Valley Detroit Diesel, City of Industry, covering procurement of complete cylinder heads at an additional estimated cost of \$442,785, for a total estimated cost of \$1,643,650; form of contract extension subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

22. APPROVED cancellation of Bid No. CA-90-X329-U and award of a sole source contract with The Flexible Corporation, OH, covering procurement of eight 6L71 Inline Detroit Diesel engines for an estimated cost of \$147,600; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement funded in part under UMTA Grant CA-90-X329.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

23. Received and filed the State Legislative update and went on record as noted below:

SB 1218                      Support

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

AB 971 - NO ACTION - A consensus was not reached.

24. Received and filed an oral report on Federal Legislative update.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 directors present

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

25. APPROVED an increase in the Metro Red Line MOS-1 SCRTRD approved budget to a revised total of \$1,450,019,000 as noted in the General Manager's report dated July 16, 1991.

This is to be funded locally by LACTC and City of Los Angeles.

UNANIMOUS with 8 directors present

Prior to the vote, Mary Lou Echternach, representing the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, appeared before the Board requesting this item be carried over to a future meeting as there were still items within the revisions that needed to be worked out. If this were not done, she requested the Board approve the budget amount but not the specific changes until staffs could work out the line items in dispute.



Gary Spivack, AGM Planning and Public Affairs, expressed surprise at the Commission's request to delay this item considering the meetings that have been held and the scheduled upcoming meeting. He also referred to the fact that revisions to the budget must be submitted to UMTA for approval and time was a factor.

Appearance of J. Walsh speaking to the subject and the delivery date of the rail cars.

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

26. APPROVED setting the MOS-1 Benefit Assessment Rate at Zero for the 1991/92 assessment year.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present and Director Storing voting "No"

27. AUTHORIZED negotiation and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission for \$174,150,000 Proposition A operating revenue for Fiscal Year 1992; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present

28. APPROVED Requisition 1-4200-50 and execution of a contract with Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz, Los Angeles, under RFP 91-40 for consulting services for the development of a conceptual master plan for the Westlake/MacArthur Park Metro Red Line Station, for a total cost not to exceed \$92,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 directors present and Director Alatorre "Abstaining"

Director Villaraigosa disclosed a personal friendship with a member of this group.

GENERAL ITEMS

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

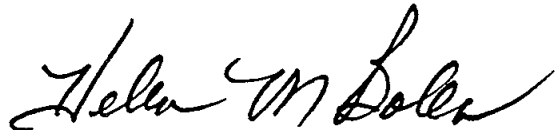
31. Public comment.

Appearance of J. Walsh congratulating Director Storing on his election as Vice President and, Director Patsaouras for a job well done while serving as President of the Board of Directors. He asked for more service for the riding public. Mr. Walsh gave the District praise for operation of the Blue Line.

Appearance of D. Hill, Los Angeles Federal Coin re possibility of contracting with the District.

Appearance of E. Campos complaining about service and District operators.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m. in memory of Carl W. Raggio, Sr., father of Director Raggio, and directed the District Secretary to send a resolution to the family.



Helen M. Bolen  
District Secretary