

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee
Board of Directors
District Board Room
425 South Main
Los Angeles

October 7, 1991

Committee Members Present:

Marvin L. Holen, Chairman
Don Knabe, Vice Chairman
James L. Tolbert

Other Directors Present:

Gordana Swanson
Charles H. Storing

Also Present:

Alan F. Pegg
Helen M. Bolen
Gary Clark
Ernesto Fuentes
Suzanne Gifford
Jeff Lyon

John Richeson
Tom Rubin
Gary Spivack
Rhodona Thompson
Gerard Orozco

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Chairman Holen. Director Holen said that the format for the meeting was open and he solicited comments from everyone present.

Director Holen briefly reviewed the background and Mayor Bradley's motion at the last joint board meeting of the RTD and LACTC. Director Holen spoke about the three reorganization concepts before them today. One is for a single agency, one for two agencies, and another for multiple agencies.

Director Knabe said that many areas of dispute between the District and Commission have been eliminated over the past year. His preference would be for a single agency or multiple agencies but not two agency. He also said that under the single agency concept, Mayor Bradley is very adamant in the number of appointees from the City of Los Angeles and representatives from other cities; he would not be willing to lessen these numbers.

Director Swanson voiced strong opinion about adequate representation for cities. Director Holen asked Directors Swanson and Storing is they felt four city representatives would be acceptable under the single agency concept. Director Storing said that currently the cities have six representatives and he could not vote for anything less than that.

J. Richeson asked what objective the Board was trying to achieve. He said that the mission statement for the new agency needed to be defined first.

Director Tolbert indicated he has spoke to J. Baxter, CalTrans, and was under the impression that Mr. Baxter had a plan that, verbally, made a lot of sense. On question, no one had heard of or seen this plan.

Director Knabe complimented staff on the excellent reports before them. He felt that the multiple agency concept would be most acceptable politically and it would be the easiest to put together. Director Tolbert said that if the duties are well defined then any number of agencies can function. What needs to be done is to make sure that the duties are spelled out and that there is no misunderstanding as to which agency does what.

G. Spivack said that the documents must be transmitted to the Commission committee that is working on reorganization plans by this Friday.

Director Holen said that the best plan to provide transportation in Los Angeles should be the one put into play. Whatever plan is accepted needs to be responsive to the communities and needs of the riding public.

On direct question, General Manager Pegg said he preferred the two agency concept.

Director Holen said he has shifted further and further away from the single agency concept due to the effects he has seen when individuals are not familiar with the inside workings of a transit.

Gerard Orozco, aide to Director Alatorre, said we must keep in mind coordinating service, the formulas for funding service and revenue sources. There should be clear cut policies no matter how many agencies. Knowing where and who our riding public is is extremely important. Director Alatorre is favoring a single agency concept but he is still open. The agreed upon plan must be clearly defined as to who does what, and gives them the power and authority to do the job.

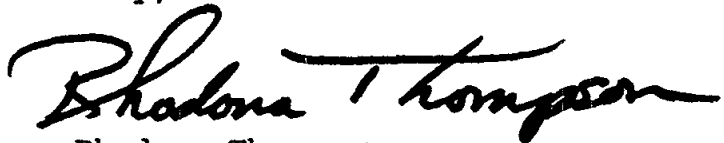
Director Swanson felt it was important for the municipal operators to maintain the independence they have today. Any plan that is accepted must clearly define the roles and responsibilities.

In Director Tolbert's opinion, the District should submit their best two plans without any recommendation noting that either plan would be workable.

Director Knabe expressed concern with one agency having responsibility for everything from bus, rail, freeways, congestion, etc.

Both Directors Knabe and Swanson said the TDB board proposed in the multiple agency concept should not have alternates but take the responsibility themselves.

The meeting concluded at 1:26 p.m. with Director Holen reminding everyone that this subject would be discussed again at the Committee of the Whole Meeting Thursday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m.



Rhodona Thompson
Recording Secretary