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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

November 14, 1991

Called to order at 12:35 P.M.

Directors Present

Marvin L. Holen, President
Charles H. Storing, Vice President
Richard Alatorre
Evan A. Braude
Mas Fukai
Don Knabe (Arr. 2:18 p.m.)

Nick Patsaouras
Carl W. Raggio, Jr.
Gordana Swanson
James L. Tolbert
Antonio Villaraigosa

1. Immediately following Roll Call, recessed to Closed Session to consider personnel, real estate, litigation and legal matters and labor negotiations at 12:35 p.m. returning to Open Session at 1:20 p.m. All Directors were present except Director Knabe.
2. In Closed Session, received status report on negotiations for collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters, Local 911, representing the Security Guards for the period ending September 1993.

3. Report of the President - President Holen reported that the process to select a candidate for the vacant position on the Board of Directors of the Rail Construction Corporation has commenced. The interview process will continue and a report will be made at the first Regular Meeting in December.

He also reported that a letter had been received from the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission requesting approval to place the large blue "M" logo on all District buses.

Director Villaraigosa made a motion seconded by Director Storing, not to approve the use of the logo.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

President Holen announced a Joint RTD/LACTC Board Meeting at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, December 4, 1991 followed by a Special Combined Board Meeting at 10 A.M. on the same date, tentatively scheduled to be held at the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room. Due to the schedule of this meeting, no Committee of the Whole will be held on December 5, 1991.

Director Swanson offered a motion of invitation, seconded by Director Villaraigosa, to all Commissioners and Board Members to hold the Joint and Combined Board Meetings in the SCRTD Board Room.

District Board Meeting dates for December will be the 12th and 19th.

President Holen requested that all Directors be provided with a regular monthly bus pass in addition to the current pass which identifies them as Directors. This will allow Directors to ride and observe the system.

The District is hosting a reception for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises on November 20, 1991 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Central Maintenance Facility.

4. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg reported that oral argument before the State Supreme Court on the validity of Benefit Assessment begins Wednesday, December 4, 1991 at 9 a.m. A decision is expected by March 1992.

Mr. Pegg also announced the discontinuance of the District's use of as-needed and temporary employees.

5. Director Special Items

Director Patsaouras asked staff to look into the possibility of allowing the public to use government office buildings downtown for special event parking.

Director Raggio, as Chair of the Efficiency and Economy Committee, announced that the Committee will be working with staff to set up a Source Evaluation Board and to institute configuration management which will allow a greater amount of control over letting contracts and the expenditure of funds. President Holen requested the cooperation and enthusiastic support of staff.

Director Braude reported that he had recently visited Baltimore and was very impressed with their bus locator system. He suggested that District staff learn more about the system.

6. Discussion of the Fiscal Year 1992 Operating Budget.

General Manager Pegg stated that he was informed two days ago that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission has a \$133 million shortfall in collections of state and local sales tax revenues. The net shortfall to the District will be \$30 million. Due to being halfway through the fiscal year, the actual impact of the shortfall is twice that amount. It would be premature to discuss the FY 1992 operating budget until this additional shortfall is analyzed.

Director Holen reiterated his statement made to the L.A. Times that the first priority has to be the people who use the public transit system.

Director Storing asked how much of the decline in farebox revenues is attributable to fare evasion. Mr. Pegg responded that some people are abusing the special fare categories. Losses total approximately \$2.5 million or about one percent of our farebox. An arrest of pass counterfeiters has recently been made; and extreme diligence is being exercised with regard to theft of transfers through the installation of lock boxes on the entire bus fleet and the use of Transit Police and supervisors on the buses to do special fare inspections.

Director Alatorre recommended that a more extensive report be prepared with staff recommendations as to how to make up the shortfall. President Holen requested the report at the first regular Board Meeting in December.

Director Swanson expressed the opinion that this might be a good subject for the combined meeting with LACTC in December.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 7 through 10 of the Consent Calendar were unanimously approved in one motion with 10 Directors present.

7. APPROVED negotiations with Bentley Engineering Company, Los Angeles under RFP No. 91-61, covering engineering consulting services for the design of replacement underground tanks at Division 3; form of negotiations subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded in part under UMTA Grant Nos. CA-90-X222 and CA-90-X283.

8. RECEIVED AND FILED Report of Sales for the Third Quarter of 1991.

9. RECEIVED AND FILED Report Calendar for October 25, 1991 through November 13, 1991.

10. APPROVED Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 1991.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL COMMITTEE

11. APPROVED:

- A. the addition of 5 positions for the Electric Trolley Bus Project;
- B. the addition of 44 positions to support Red Line testing and activation; and
- C. adoption of a policy to ensure reimbursement of District costs for Red Line testing and activation activities;

contingent upon receipt of required operating funds from the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

12. At the suggestion of Director Alatorre, the Board agreed to hold off consideration of this item until later in the meeting.

13. APPROVED Requisition No. 1-0998-151 and amendment of an existing contract with HCM Claim Management Corporation, Park Ridge, New Jersey covering:

- a) Continuation of Public Liability/Property Damage Claims Administration services for the fifth year of the contract commencing December 1, 1991 and ending November 30, 1992 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$5.7 Million; and
- b) Extension of the period of performance for an additional six months commencing December 1, 1992 and ending May 31, 1993 at an additional cost of \$2.8 Million;

increasing the contract by an additional estimated cost not to exceed \$8.5 Million for a total contract amount of \$29,177,744; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

\$145,000 of the cost of this procurement is funded by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission under the Blue Line Operating Agreement.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

14. APPROVED Requisition No. 1-9699-184 and a contract amendment with PacTel Meridian Systems, covering purchase of telephone equipment for the Transit Police Department's new facility, for an estimated additional cost of \$95,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Carried with 10 Directors present and Director Tolbert voting no.

15. APPROVED:

- a) Rejection of non-responsive bids submitted by Mesa Services, Signal Hill; Asbury Environmental Services, Compton; Chemical Waste Management, Azusa; and
- b) A contract to JCI Environmental Services, Los Angeles, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. 08-9101, covering liquid waste disposal for a one-year period, and any future option year(s) at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$993,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

16. APPROVED ratification of contracts for emergency removal and treatment of contaminated water at Division 7 and additional contracts for required groundwater studies, necessary for corrective construction and installation of intermediate groundwater remediation systems; form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

Director Villaraigosa indicated that he had received some negative calls from residents of West Hollywood regarding the District's response time, and directed staff to move with alacrity and dispatch to accommodate these people.

17. APPROVED a contract with the County of Los Angeles Probation Department to provide **Juvenile Work Crews** to remove graffiti from District buses and to continue negotiations to obtain a more favorable security arrangement; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

MARKETING AND CUSTOMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

18. ESTABLISHED the fare value of the Henry E. Huntington Token at 90 cents on an experimental six month basis.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

19. RECEIVED AND FILED FY 1992 First Quarterly Report on the Activities of the Marketing and Communications Department.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

20. CONSENTED to the operation of the Crescent/Olympic Beverly Hills Fixed Route Shuttle by the City of Beverly Hills.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

21. APPROVED a Support Services Agreement with the Foothill Transit Zone for FY 1992; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

22. RECEIVED report on Proposed Loading and Spread of Service Standards for the Metro Red/Orange (Heavy Rail) and Metro Blue (Light Rail) Lines.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

FINANCE AND JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

23. ADOPTED Board Resolution and AUTHORIZED District Officers to complete the sale of approximately \$21 Million in Revenue Anticipation Notes (RANS) to raise cash for District Operating Costs in Fiscal Year 1992.

Unanimous with 10 Directors present.

12. APPROVED a contract with The Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC), Roswell, NM, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X416-C; covering procurement of 202 Methanol Transit Buses with spare parts and the following options:

- a) Option A - 5 each, Fire Suppression Test Equipment
- b) Option D - 202 Upgraded Driver's Seats
- c) Option E - 202 Rear Advertising Sign Frames

for a total bid price of \$48,192,785; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under UMTA Grant Nos. CA-90-X416 and CA-90-X377.

Unanimous with 7 Directors present.

R. Summerfield, Assistant Division Chief, Mobile Source Division, State Air Resources Board, praised the Board for making this purchase, calling it a milestone in the fight against pollution.

J. Leonard of the Technology Advancement Office of the South Coast Air Quality Management District expressed strong support of the methanol bus purchase. He referred to it as another indication of the District's ongoing strong leadership in this area and a great step in improving public health in the L.A. basin.

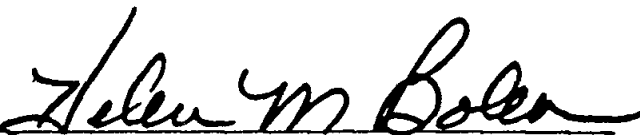
John Richeson indicated that a protest letter had been received from Neoplan on the basis that the axle weight exceeds that required by state law. It is their contention that a third axle is required on these buses. On query from the Board, Mr. Richeson responded that the California Highway Patrol is the enforcing body for these matters, and they have never cited the District or given any indication that there is a problem with the buses. He made the further point that administrative procedure was complied with by inviting Neoplan here today to present its case. Neoplan declined to come before the Board.

A representative of Synadyne, a Neoplan distributor, appeared briefly before the Board offering to answer questions.

GENERAL ITEMS

24. There were no items arising subsequent to posting of the agenda.
25. There was no additional public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary