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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 21, 1991

Called to order at 12:52 P.M.

Directors Present

Marvin L. Holen, President
Charles H. Storing, Vice President
Richard Alatorre
Evan Anderson Braude
Mas Fukai
Don Knabe

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

Items were considered in the following order:

1. There were no items to be considered in Closed Session.
2. Recognized employees of the month: for September, Operator of the Month - John Halyak Div. 15; Warranty Equip. Mechanic - Dennis Dickason Div. 15; Information Operator for October - Kecia Harper-Friday; Maintenance Employee for October - Painter, Fred Zimmerle, Div. 9620; Rail Operator of the 3rd Quarter - Lowell Lewis.

President Holen called a Recess at 1:00 P.M.
The meeting reconvened at 1:07 P.M. with the
same members in attendance.

- 5b. Reconsidered contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

President Holen distributed the following draft resolution:

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is to be commended for the superior quality of security service afforded to the District and to the patrons of the Metro Blue Line; and

WHEREAS, the SCRTD Transit Police Department is to be commended for the enhanced security program for the SCRTD bus operation which has increased safety and security for the daily rider; and

WHEREAS, improved security on the Southern California Rapid Transit District bus system is desirable for improvement of service for our riders; and

WHEREAS, the recent increase in Southern California Rapid Transit District Transit Police force has had a significant beneficial impact; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission has offered to increase Transit Police funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District does hereby:

- a. extend the existing contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff for a period of two years; from July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1994;
- b. authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to provide funding for an increase in the Transit Police force (such additional funding and expense not to be included in the farebox recovery test under the Transportation Development Act and local transit regulations);
- c. approve an increase in the size of the Transit Police force to a total of 198 sworn officers for protection of the bus system;
- d. approve an increase in the Transit Police Department budget of \$7,800,000 in Fiscal Year 1992; \$11,500,000 in Fiscal Year 1993, and \$12,000,000 in Fiscal Year 1994, over what was previously approved for Transit Police for bus;

- e. approve a contract for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department to provide security services for the Blue Line contingent upon the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, within 40 days of this date, providing additional funding for Transit Police bus protection for a period of time at least equal to the length of the LASD contract at the level of staffing herein specified; and
- f. direct staff to carry out a major communications program to educate the public on the role of the Transit Police in securing transit systems.

Director Fukai moved approval of the resolution and a second was offered by Director Knabe.

Director Braude made a motion, seconded by Director Raggio, to amend the resolution by adding a paragraph "g" which would state that LACTC is to fund and undertake a study by a third party to improve bus security.

The motion failed on the following Roll Call vote:

Aye: Braude, Fukai, Raggio
No: Knabe, Patsouras, Storing, Tolbert,
Villaraigosa, Holen
Abstain: Alatorre, Swanson

Director Fukai commented that he wants to make it clear that there will be no officers laid off from the District and this proposal will enhance the bus security by sixty (60) officers. He further stated that he would be willing to ask the LACTC to consider funding up to a level of 242 officers.

Director Tolbert commented that had the Transit Police taken over security on the Blue Line there would have been a diminution of security for the buses. Transit Police Chief Papa responded that even the 198 officers mentioned in the resolution is not an accurate number because of required budget cuts.

Director Villaraigosa spoke, indicating that this reconsideration is based on politics and not on facts. He indicated he would like to give the security contract to the Transit Police Department. There has been no criticism of the Transit Police and the District has an opportunity to save \$5 million. Director Villaraigosa voiced his feeling that the Board has a responsibility to let Chief Papa and Tom Rubin prove or disprove the \$5 million difference by allocating the \$8.5 million to them and then holding them accountable. He also stated that the amendment adding the study is an attempt to sugar coat an otherwise bad proposal. He expressed concern about the allegations of excessive force by the Sheriff's Department and spoke to the millions of dollars in settlements paid by them in the last few years.

Director Alatorre spoke to the effect on morale as well as budget stating that he was against the removal of the transition period and the timeframe that the Transit Police would take over security on the Blue Line. He called it a tremendous injustice.

Director Fukai admitted that this is a political decision based on many letters received from political figures all over the county. He further stated that he does not personally believe there is actually a \$5 million difference in cost between the two agencies.

Director Knabe echoed Director Fukai's statements saying that he too has received a lot of mail asking that the Sheriff's Department be kept and that he feels there are some discrepancies in the financial information.

Director Raggio spoke in favor of having the 3rd party study to determine what kind of security is really required for the bus system.

Director Swanson stated that the one thing that has been made very clear to her in conversations with both agencies is that neither the Transit Police nor the Sheriffs feel they are receiving the recognition they deserve and that Neil Peterson is playing politics on the backs of working people. She then offered a substitute motion to have staff prepare a report, if need be in conjunction with the LACTC, on how transportation in this county, on rail and bus, can best be provided with the funds available. There was no second and the motion was ruled non-germane by President Holen.

Director Alatorre offered an amendment to change in the resolution, the number of sworn officers from 198 to 242 adjusting the budget figures to \$8,560,000 in Fiscal Year 1992; \$13,766,000 in Fiscal Year 1993, and \$14,500,000 in Fiscal Year 1994, and secondly reinstating the transition clause. The motion was seconded by Director Villaraigosa but failed on the following Roll Call Vote:

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

By consensus it was agreed to include a clause indicating the need for bus security commits the SCRTD to a funding objective of a total of 242 sworn officers.

Director Raggio suggested an amendment to the resolution to include a third party study but not as a precondition of funding the basic motion. Director Tolbert indicated that as Director Raggio could not reintroduce that motion, he would be willing to do so for him, but not at this time. President Holen suggested that the matter of the security study be dealt with at a later time to allow for proper framing of the motion.

In response to a call for the question the following Roll Call vote was recorded approving the resolution as introduced.

Ayes: Braude, Fukai, Knabe, Raggio, Tolbert, Holen
Noes: Patsouras, Storing, Villaraigosa
Absent: Alatorre
Abstain: Swanson

Director Tolbert moved, seconded by Director Knabe, that the previously rejected motion made by Directors Braude and Raggio, for a third party study, be reinstated. The motion failed on the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Braude, Fukai, Knabe, Raggio
Noes: Patsouras, Storing, Swanson
Abstain: Villaraigosa, Holen
Absent: Tolbert, Alatorre

Director Swanson moved, and Director Knabe seconded, that the study be accomplished by the staffs and not by a consultant. Adopted on a voice vote. Director Patsouras objected and requested a roll call. The motion carried on the following Roll Call vote.

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

President Holen announced that a concerted effort will be made to provide information to the public to change their perception of the Transit Police Department.

Appearance of David Swearingin of the Transit Police Officers Association complaining that the change from a one year contract with a transition clause to a two year contract with no transition period has left the Transit Police with no goal to reach for. He mentioned that Transit Police Officers joined the force to police transit systems; the deputies on the Blue Line are bored and do not want to be there.

President Holen promised that the Board would follow through with a public relations program to allow the public to get to know the Transit police and how good they have become in the last few years.

Board Recessed from 2:30 P.M. to 3 P.M.

4. Report of the General Manager - No report was made

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 6 through 14 of the Consent Calendar were unanimously approved in one motion with 7 Directors present.

6. APPROVED a two year revenue lease agreement with provisions for month to month extensions with Jacob Mahdian for the use of approximately 44,250 square feet of land located at the northwest corner of 7th Street and Bonnie Brea for use as a commercial parking lot at a monthly rental rate of \$1,500 for year one, \$2,000 for year two, and \$2,250 for each month to month extension; form of Agreement subject to approval of General Counsel.

7. APPROVED Requisition No. 1-3399-207 and amendment of an existing two-year contract with Mission Uniform Service, Montebello, covering laundry service for an estimated cost of \$200,000, increasing the total contract cost to \$388,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

8. APPROVED Requisition No. 1-7200-133 and a contract to Megadyne Information Systems, Santa Monica, covering maintenance service on proprietary software products for a one-year period effective December 15, 1991 through December 14, 1992, with two one-year renewal options at the election of the District, for an estimated cost of \$42,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

9. APPROVED Requisition No. 1-3330-03 and an additional 60-day extension with Valley Detroit Diesel Allison, City of Industry, the single responsive, responsible bidder, under Bid No. 02-9013, covering procurement of complete cylinder heads for an estimated cost of \$181,042, for a total contract cost of \$1,718,126; form of contract extension subject to approval of the General Counsel.

10. RECEIVED AND FILED Report Calendar for November 14 through November 20, 1991.

11. RECEIVED AND FILED Statement of Purchases for the month of October, 1991.

12. RATIFIED bus stops and zones report as filed with the Secretary.

13. RATIFIED temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

14. APPROVED Board Request List dated November 18, 1991.

EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15. APPROVED:

- a) rejection of non-responsive bid submitted by Louis Dreyfus Energy, Corp., Bel Air, Maryland; and
- b) a contract with Poma Distribution/Mock Resources, Paramount, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. 09-9112;

covering diesel fuel for a one-year period with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$19,192,479; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 6 Directors present.

16. APPROVED Requisition No. 1-0998-153 and funding the fifth year of a five year contract with Associated Risk Services (ARS), Atlanta, Georgia, covering the continuation of Worker's Compensation Claims Administration Services for an estimated cost not to exceed \$4.6 million, increasing the total contract amount to \$21,339,343 effective December 1, 1991 through November 30, 1992; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 6 Directors present.

MARKETING & CUSTOMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

17. RECEIVED AND FILED Presentation on Bus Operations Market Research Study of San Fernando Valley and the Mid-Cities area.

Unanimous with 6 Directors present.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

18. RECEIVED AND FILED the 1992 Draft Local, Federal and State Legislative Program.

Unanimous with 6 Directors present.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

19. RECEIVED AND FILED report concerning a "Transit Now" alternative to the 30-Year Integrated Transportation Plan.

Unanimous with 6 Directors present.

20. CONSENTED to the operation by the City of Diamond Bar of a shuttle bus service; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 6 Director present.

3. Report of the President - No report was made.

Status report on reorganization will be made at a special meeting to be announced.

5. Director Special Items - No action was taken on the following items.

a. Receive status report on the 30-Year Plan. (C. Raggio)

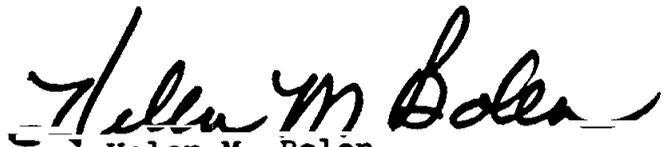
c. Consider report on Fare Debit Card. (G. Swanson)

GENERAL ITEMS

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

22. There was no additional Public Comment.

Adjourned at 3:03 P.M.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary