

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

May 14, 1992

Called to order at 12:15 P.M. by President Holen:

Directors Present:

Marvin L. Holen
Charles H. Storing
Mas Fukai
Nick Patsaouras

Carl W. Raggio
James L. Tolbert
Antonio Villaraigosa

Directors Absent:

Richard Alatorre
Evan Anderson Braude

Don Knabe
Gordana Swanson

2. Report of the President

- a. A video with excerpts of television coverage of RTD during State of Emergency was shown. District employees received praise for their teamwork in this emergency situation. J. Smart commented that media coverage was favorable during these events.

Chief Papa said that the Transit Police responded to calls made by District employees and assisted whenever possible. Transit Police were recognized by President Bush.

Supervisor Edelman presented a Commendatory Resolution adopted by the County of Los Angeles to the Southern California Rapid Transit District for its efforts and teamwork during the recent State of Emergency.

1. Recessed to Closed Session at 12:36 p.m. to consider personnel, real estate, and litigation matters and contract negotiations. Returned from Closed Session at 1:00 p.m. with seven Directors present.

4. Director Special Items

- a. Patsaouras - Presentation on Hill Street Corridor Master Plan.

Michael Wester of Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz reported on the project.

Director Patsaouras commended staff on the fact that the study took less than 30 days at a minimal cost.

There are three areas earmarked for opportunity: Civic Center; Fourth Street Portal (adjacent to Grand Central Market); and the Fifth Street Portal (Pershing Square). The emphasis is on a pedestrian environment.

Staff reported that approval for an RFP or joint development around the portals is not needed at this time.

2. Report of the President

G. Spivack reported on the Transit Corridor Development Proposal for rebuilding South Central Los Angeles. This proposal is an expansion of the L. A. Millennium plan. He explained that the impetus of this project involves improving air quality, mobility and the quality of life.

Director Villaraigosa suggested that the proposals be replicated in other areas and incorporated into the public meetings he plans to oversee in the near future.

Director Patsaouras announced that LACTC is formulating a land use policy along the bus/rail corridor. He suggested that G. Spivack coordinate with them.

Director Raggio suggested that the project should be used as a pilot program and applied as a model to other areas.

President Holen indicated that L. A. Millennium is an RTD project.

President Holen said that he had received a letter from Assemblyman Katz strongly urging him to write a letter to the governor urging signing of AB 152 into law. President Holen wanted comments from Board members as to what their wishes would be as a body. Several Board members were opposed to the provision that alternates could not vote on certain matters, and to the proportions of votes given to cities. By a slight majority, the Board decided to waive writing the letter.

6. Memorandum of Understanding for transfer of MOS-1 Grantee status.

E. Fuentes reported on the transfer of the Benefit Assessment District to LACTC. He explained that \$11 million in out-of-pocket interest would be reimbursed to SCRTD for the insurance reserves and, prospective interest would be paid on a quarterly basis from December 1 on until the District is reimbursed for the principal which had been advanced to the MOS-1 project. The first quarterly payment will be made on July 1, 1992. Administrative costs will also be reimbursed. A draft agreement dealing with each possible occurrence has been prepared.

ADOPTED Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and LACTC for transfer of the MOS-1 Grantee functions, with amendments of May 14, 1992 to Section 6 and, to conform Section 11 cross-sections 2(b), 6(h) and 7(f).

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

- 4b. Director Villaraigosa moved, seconded by Director Patsaouras, a motion supporting fair and equitable employment standards during reorganization as follows:

RESOLVED, that the RTD and LACTC streamline any merger through the use of employee attrition or early retirement; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RTD and LACTC take into consideration long term employees' performance and tenure; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RTD and LACTC provide an adequate severance package to any employees who are displaced (laid off); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RTD and LACTC maintain and ensure fair and equitable minority and women representation at all levels within the newly formed MTA using established industry utilization rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RTD and LACTC provide these assurances to employees through the formation of an Ad Hoc Board Committee to develop procedures for a fair and equitable transition to be established immediately.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

- 5a. Testimony was heard from Katherine R. Burney regarding the proposed 50 cent fare for the affected areas of the civil disturbance. She also stressed that jobs and transportation would be needed.

Kevin C. Spears of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference also spoke regarding proposed 50 cent fare for the affected areas of the civil disturbance. He indicated that a base fare of 50 cents for the Crenshaw Corridor would show good faith and suggested that it continue through the summer.

Director Villaraigosa suggested a study on the feasibility of the 50 cent fare for a three month, six month and one-year period.

Director Villaraigosa moved, seconded by Director Patsaouras, to place this item on a Board Meeting agenda and to hold public meetings throughout the various areas for community input. It was stated that eight votes are necessary to change the fare structure.

President Holen reported that the Supreme Court approved Proposition C today and that funds could be available for this project.

Director Tolbert suggested calling a Special Board Meeting to take action on this matter.

Director Fukai felt confident in committing the Proposition A dollars from the District represented by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to help fund this project. President Holen suggested that Proposition C funds should be earmarked to provide funding.

Director Patsouras asked staff to also research the possibility of a 60 cent fare.

Director Villaraigosa requested that a letter from the Latin Business Association be included as part of the record.

Director Patsouras moved and Director Villaraigosa seconded to allow a telephone vote should it be warranted to provide the necessary votes for the Special Board Meeting. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

President Holen reported that Assemblyman Katz had phoned and was not pleased with the Board's decision not to write a letter to the governor urging him to sign AB 152. Following discussion, it was determined that any Director wishing to send a letter could do so on an individual basis.

3. Report of the General Manager

- a. APPROVED payment to American Public Transit Association (APTA) covering SCRTD's one-third portion (LACTC & RCC one-third each) of the Host Budget for the 1992 APTA Rapid Transit Conference for a cost of \$50,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

5. RATIFIED:

- b. establishment of Line 625 - South Central Los Angeles Emergency Shuttle; AND
- c. extension of the April passes to May 10, 1992.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

It was moved and seconded to ratify the 25 cent shuttle fare but it was noted that eight votes were required and there were only six members present.

7. CARRIED OVER discussion of the Fiscal Year 1992 Operating Budget Forecast as of the Third Quarter.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

8. CARRIED OVER quarterly update on Red Line Start-Up Activities.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, items 9 through 19 on the Consent Calendar were approved in one motion with 6 Directors present.

9. APPROVED Requisition 2-3360-27 and exercised an option with Glendale Dodge, Inc., Glendale, covering six mid-size Dodge Dynasty sedans for an estimated cost of \$71,445; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under the SCRTD/RCC Agreement covering Red Line activation items.

10. APPROVED a contract with Boyd Communications, Los Angeles, under RFP No. 91-86 covering senior graphic design consulting services for a one-year period, with an option for two additional one-year periods at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost not to exceed \$75,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

11. APPROVED Requisition 2-9200-031 and contract with Hickman Mechanical, Arcadia, the single bidder under Bid No. 2-9224-C for conversion of two diesel tanks to methanol at Division 2 (Los Angeles), for a total bid price of \$88,400; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

12. APPROVED Requisition 2-1400-11 and amendment to a contract with Palumbo and Cerrell, Inc., covering government liaison services at the Federal level, increasing the total cost by an additional \$24,000, for a total contract cost of \$99,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

13. APPROVED modification to the shortline turnaround loop on Line 4 in the Century City area of the City of Los Angeles, effective June 28, 1992.

14. APPROVED modification to the turnaround loop on Line 225 in Palos Verdes Estates, effective June 28, 1992.

15. APPROVED modification to the turnaround loop on Line 250 in the Boyle Heights area of the City of Los Angeles, effective June 28, 1992.

16. APPROVED a minor route modification on Line 379 in the City of Arcadia, effective June 28, 1992.

17. APPROVED a new shortline turnaround loop on Line 444 in the City of Redondo Beach, effective June 28, 1992.
18. RECEIVED AND FILED Report Calendar for April 24 through May 13, 1992.
19. APPROVED minutes of Regular Board Meetings held April 9 and 23, 1992.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL COMMITTEE

20. APPROVED Requisition 2-2200-059 and amendment to a contract with McClintock & Quadros covering two litigated cases, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for a total contract amount of \$310,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

21. REJECTED non-responsive bid submitted by Valley Detroit Diesel Allison, City of Industry, and APPROVED a contract to S & W Diesel, Wilmington, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 12-9116 covering procurement of 1,575 6V92 cylinder heads for the District's fleet of revenue vehicles for a one-year period, with an option to purchase additional quantities at the same bid price for one additional year at the election of the District, at an estimated cost of \$1,395,359; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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22. REJECTED non-responsive bids submitted by Western Petroleum, Paramount, and Union Oil Co., Santa Fe, and AWARDED a contract to Patten Energy Enterprises, Sun Valley, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid 03-9219 covering procurement of transmission fluid for a one-year period with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual bid price of \$407,831; form of contract subject to the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

23. APPROVED modification to the passenger restrictions on Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) Commuter Express Lines 573 and 574.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

24. APPROVED an agreement with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) for the operation of Commuter Express Line 573; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

25. APPROVED Alternate 2 - Regular Service, of the proposed Commuter Rail/Bus Interface Plan for Los Angeles Central Business District noted in the General Manager's report dated April 28, 1992, as the direction the District should proceed.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

President Holen requested an estimated cost for service being provided by Foothill Transit Zone and Los Angeles Department Of Transportation.

Director Tolbert went on record to declare his opposition to lower income patrons being treated differently than the affluent.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

26. OPPOSED SB 1397 AND AB 2067; MONITOR AB 2560; SUPPORTED AB 3096 AND SB 1435 contained in the State Legislative update.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

RECEIVED oral update on AB 152.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

27. APPROVED all appropriate actions, including the dedication of District-owned real estate for street purposes, to assure compliance with conditions contained in the City of Los Angeles Street Vacation No. VAC-90-01719 or modifications thereto based on the proposed Union Station Gateway Tract Map; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

28. APPROVED Requisition No. 2-4200-G23 and amendment to a contract with Korve Engineering, covering transportation analysis related to the Union Station Headquarters Project Environmental Impact Report at a cost of \$7,860, for a total contract amount of \$59,461; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 6 Directors present

GENERAL ITEMS

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

30. Public Comment

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


Georgia Broussard
Assistant District Secretary