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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting  
Board of Directors  
November 19, 1992  
District Board Room  
425 South Main Street  
Los Angeles

Called to order at 12:20 P.M.

Directors Present:

Marvin L. Holen, President  
Charles H. Storing, Vice President  
Richard Alatorre  
Evan Anderson Braude  
Nick Patsaouras

Carl W. Raggio  
Robert E. Ryan  
Gordana Swanson  
James L. Tolbert  
Antonio Villaraigosa

Director Absent:

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Items were considered in the following order.

1. Recognized Employees-of-the Month

Operator for October - Junius Brown  
Maintenance Employee for October, Mechanic, Nori Akiike  
Information Operator for October, Charlene Carr

2. Recognized retirees Rogelio Diaz and Curtis Jones with 20 and 23 years of service respectively.

3. No Closed Session was held.

4. Report of the President

The issue of funding for RTD for the remainder of this fiscal year was brought to the LACTC. It was decided that \$40 million would be set aside in a neutral escrow account. The Chairman of the LACTC and the President of the RTD Board can sign on that account.

If the RTD shortfall, after all efforts to reduce costs, exceeds \$40 million, the amount of excess will be placed before the MTA and would have to be funded by the MTA.

If the amount of the shortfall, after cost reduction efforts, is less than \$40 million, the amount left in the escrow account will go back to the general reserves of the MTA at the end of the year.

LACTC must also find certain cost savings within its own budget to help reduce the shortfall, and both the LACTC and the RTD will have to account for their cost cutting efforts on a monthly basis measured against the Third Party Task Force Report.

No significant service cuts and no fare increases are planned.

RTD has already cut over \$48 million from its budget, \$42 million of which were administrative cuts.

Director Villaraigosa noted that the presence of the transit dependent at the meeting had a positive effect and showed community support.

Director Swanson thanked President Holen for his work over the past months in this regard and suggested that public participation in MTA meetings be sought.

6. Director Special Items - None

7. RECEIVED AND FILED status report on activities to prepare for start-up of the Red Line.

Unanimous with 9 Directors present.

Art Leahy reported working toward a December 21 revenue operation date, though January 8 is more feasible based upon the availability of cars and the maintenance of the current schedule. Pre-revenue service should start on November 28, and that schedule is now being reviewed.

All 16 Breda cars have been received. Eight have been conditionally accepted by the RCC. The RCC has identified problems with the braking system. Spare parts should be available by December 9.

Director Villaraigosa voiced concern about the apparent frenzy to expedite start-up in spite of problems with the braking system, etc.

Director Alatorre made the following motion, seconded by Director Braude, that the RTD not be driven by any outside forces; safety must be the first concern coupled with the best interest of the riding public. The line will not open until all factors regarding testing, etc. are complete and that the RCC be so directed. Further that no shortcuts be taken merely to expedite the opening of the Red Line.

Unanimous with 9 Directors present.

Director Holen mentioned that in his opinion Metrolink was opened prematurely, and has had nothing but problems.

Comment from J. Walsh, United Riders regarding safety procedures for the Red Line. He called the accelerated opening a recipe for disaster.

8. RECEIVED AND FILED report regarding Transit Police funding for Fiscal Year 1993.

Unanimous with 9 Directors present.

Staff explained that the current budget provides for 198 sworn officers for base operations. Two proposed increments are still at issue -- 44 officers for enhanced bus security and 37 officers for heavy rail security. Two applications for additional funds from Proposition C/ISTEA monies have been shelved pending decisions from a committee appointed by Neil Peterson. The committee, consisting of personnel from LAPD the Sheriff's Department and Transit Police, was formed to determine the future security requirements of the MTA.

The items that are not currently funded are \$117 million for an additional 44 officers for the base force and 37 transit police for heavy rail security.

When the budget was adopted, given the \$10 million of Prop A and STA funds plus \$9 million of Prop C money, and the Prop C module adopted by the Commission, there appeared to be adequate funding for the Transit Police budget.

There is a policy question of who will police the Red Line. Four million dollars have been set aside in the Prop C module. In lieu of \$10 million of Prop A and STA monies, which the District was expecting to receive, \$11 million of Prop C money has been substituted. The unfunded amount at this time is \$7 million.

9. CONSIDERED soliciting proposals from all interested parties, including the LAPD and Transit Police, for the provision of Security Services on the Metro Red Line, and to present any such proposals for consideration at the next Board Meeting.

A motion (Attachment 1) by Director Tolbert, being duly seconded, was unanimously APPROVED as amended with 9 Directors present.

Deputy Chief Parks of the LAPD expressed the Department's interest in submitting a proposal for these services.

Public comment was received from J. Walsh who stated that the Transit Police are already trained and the federal EIS indicated that RTD police would be the security on the line.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 10, 11, and 13 through 16 of the Consent Calendar were unanimously approved in one motion with 8 Directors present. Item 12 was pulled for discussion and subsequently unanimously approved with 8 Directors present.

10. APPROVED a three year License Agreement with the City of Los Angeles, commencing January 1, 1993, for the construction and operation of Bicycle Lockers for public use at 2489 Fairfax Avenue (Terminal 26); form of agreement subject to approval of General Counsel.
  
11. APPROVED Certification of Findings for Public Hearing held October 22, 1992 regarding the District's Fiscal Year 1993 Section 3(a)(1)(c) Grant Application to Federal Transit Administration for \$568,447, to assist in financing a Liquified Natural Gas Demonstration Project.
  
12. APPROVED a contract to Eaton Kenway, Salt Lake City, Utah, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 11-9203, covering the Upgrade of the Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) for a total bid price of \$48,223; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.
  
13. RECEIVED AND FILED Report Calendar for November 13, 1992, through November 18, 1992.
  
14. RECEIVED AND FILED Statement of Purchases for the month of October, 1992.
  
15. APPROVED Board Request List dated November 19, 1992.
  
16. RATIFIED bus stops and zones report as filed with the Secretary.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL COMMITTEE

17. APPROVED Requisition No. 2-2200-168 and a contract amendment with Kenneth Ristau, Esq. of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher for legal services in connection with IBEW Blue Line Representation Petition, to add \$24,500 to cover preparation of brief to hearing officer and four additional days of hearing; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

18. APPROVED Requisition No. 3-9699-0116 and Change Order No. 5 to contract with General Railway Signal covering various changes to Transit Radio System Project, at a total added cost not to exceed \$864,300; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 9 Directors present.

The Committee recommended that this item be carried over to the next Board Meeting. However additional information was received prior to the Board Meeting which allowed the Board to take action today.

19. APPROVED:

- a. Rejection of nonresponsive bid submitted by Paragon Uniform, Los Angeles; and
- b. a contract with Becnel Uniform, Los Angeles, under Bid No. 09-9224, covering uniforms for the District's Non-Contract, TCU and ATU employees, for a one-year period with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, for an estimated annual cost of \$150,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 9 Directors present.

20. APPROVED Requisition 1-9630-487 and a sole source contract with Fab Sheet Metal Inc., Orange, California, covering the manufacture and delivery of 181 cash boxes for a total estimated cost of \$239,709; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 9 Directors present.

21. APPROVED Requisition 1-7900-114 and a contract to Professional Management Associates, San Diego, California, under RFP No. 91-99 covering Workers' Compensation Claims consulting services for a one-year period, with an option for two additional years at the election of the District, for a first-year fixed price of \$87,900; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 9 Directors present.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

22. CONSENTED TO a request by the City of Cerritos (City) for the proposed operation of a fixed-route service for the residents of the City.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

In response to a question from Director Swanson, staff explained that this service will run with a 1 1/4 hour headway and 20-passenger vehicles. Director Swanson felt that this was as an example of a very heavy subsidy, and questioned why the District needs to give consent. Legal Counsel responded that District consent does not indicate that this is a good service. Under the law the District must either give permission or withhold permission. Staff has determined that this will not detract from the patronage or revenue of the RTD.

23. APPROVED a Service Agreement with Orange County Transportation Authority; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

24. APPROVED the proposed resolution of past overpayment within the Pass and Ticket Reimbursement Agreement with Foothill Transit, and extension of this Agreement through December 31, 1992; form of agreement extension subject to approval of General Counsel.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

25. APPROVED:

- a. the Super Bowl Host Committee's request for approximately 50 buses to be chartered from the District for the January 31, 1993 Super Bowl.
- b. the Public Hearing Notice for the proposed charter rates that the District will charge the Super Bowl Host Committee (see Attachment B).
- c. Monday, December 28, 1992, 1:30 P.M., as the date and time to conduct a public hearing at the District Headquarters Building; and
- d. appointment, by the General Manager, of a District Public Hearing Officer to preside at the Hearing.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

MARKETING AND CUSTOMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

26. APPROVED Requisition 2-1600-112 and extension of an existing contract with The Ticket Factory, Chatsworth, covering the production of Discount Ticket Books and increasing the contract amount by an additional \$99,833, for a total estimated contract amount of \$460,181; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.



27. APPROVED Requisition 2-4400-139 and an option for one additional year with Facts Consolidated, Los Angeles, covering a consumer panel market research study at an additional estimated cost of \$70,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

#### FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

28. APPROVED a contract with Marco-Z-Technology, Long Beach, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X416-G covering pavement replacement and storm drain improvements at Division 3, Los Angeles, for a total bid price of \$801,810; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded by FTA Grant No. CA-90-X416.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

29. APPROVED a four-year revenue lease agreement, with John Armenta, DBA Riverside Towing and Auto Body, to lease 2450 Mulberry Street, Riverside, (Division 13) at a monthly rental of \$3,000 for year one, and \$4,000 per month for years two through four; form of agreement subject to approval of General Counsel.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

30. APPROVED a contract to Geosystem Consultants, Inc., Irvine, under RFP No. 92-22 covering the annual services of water sampling, chemical analysis and report preparation at Division 7, West Hollywood, for a one-year period, for a total cost not to exceed \$100,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Unanimous with 8 Directors present.

5. Report of the General Manager

- a. RECEIVED AND FILED the General Manager's report with recommendations establishing a two-day free ride period at the start of the Red Line rail operations.

Unanimous with 9 Directors present.

Mr. Pegg reported that the largest category of cost related to the free ride period would be unpaid fares, which would amount to approximately \$115,000. The second largest item would be safety. Sufficient staff would be needed on site to control anticipated crowds. The proposal contains no promotional or publicity costs. There would also be a \$2,200 cost for meals for staff people. Another cost item would be carefully planned shuttle buses; however they will be less extensive than those for the Blue Line.

Director Ryan expressed the opinion that it would be a mistake to open with no experience for the Transit Police relative to crowd control. He suggested opening with revenue service the first day so that the system could operate without the crowds, and then offering a free Sunday every couple of months.

President Holen suggested that today's report be received and filed, and that staff work with the Mayor's office to formulate a plan for opening the Red Line.

Director Swanson echoed Director Ryan's comments adding that she feels the public would appreciate having a memento such as a ticket from the opening day.

Comment from J. Walsh on transit related matters.

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## MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER TOLBERT

## ITEM #9 RED LINE SECURITY SERVICES

Thursday, November 19, 1992

WHEREAS ~~in the near future~~, 1993, Segment 1 of the Metro Red Line Subway System will make its historic opening for the benefit of the public along an underground route of approximately five miles extending from Union Station to MacArthur Park;

WHEREAS this initial segment will be augmented by future openings of Segments 2 and 3, which will expand the rail system beyond the downtown area, into Hollywood and through the San Fernando Valley, and all of which will be entirely situated within the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS the Metro Red Line Subway System will have an unprecedented impact on the City's financial and physical growth, underscoring the importance to the City of the operation and maintenance of the system, including its freedom from the negative intrusions of crime and disorder;

WHEREAS the SCRTD must now complete its plans for the policing of the Metro Red Line Subway System, and in order to do this must receive and evaluate proposals for the system's security from all relevant and interested law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the Los Angeles Police Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Manager of the SCRTD and his staff shall promptly solicit, receive and evaluate proposals for the policing of Segment 1 of the Metro Red Line Subway System from all relevant and interested law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the Los Angeles Police Department;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the General Manager and his staff shall report back to this Board ~~in two weeks time~~ on the status of those proposals ~~and their evaluations~~, and shall then and there recommend the acceptance of one such proposal or, alternatively, a schedule for acceptance of one such proposal in sufficient time to properly and successfully secure Segment 1 upon its opening.

At the Board meeting scheduled for December 17, 1992

GENERAL ITEMS

31. There were no items arising subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
  
32. There was no additional Public comment.

Adjourned at 1:52 P.M.

*Georgia Broussard-Hamilton*  
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Assistant District Secretary