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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 12, 1992

Called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Holen:

Members Present:

Marvin L. Holen  
Charles H. Storing  
Richard Alatorre  
Evan Anderson Braude  
Mas Fukai  
Nick Patsaouras

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

1. A resolution and RTD farebox lamp was presented to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn by President Holen on behalf of the Board. He praised Supervisor Hahn for his work during his years as a member of the County Board of Supervisors; specifically his support of public transportation.
2. Operator Ernest Scotti, Division 15, was recognized for his heroism while on duty for saving the life of a three-year old child and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Dan Ibarra, Director of Transportation, announced that KNX Radio had honored Operator Scotti as Citizen of the Year. He is also scheduled to be honored by the County Board of Supervisors.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE DISCUSSED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER

4. Recessed to Closed Session at 12:35 p.m. to consider personnel, real estate, litigation matters and labor negotiations. Returned at 12:57 p.m. with all Directors present.

8. Received and filed status report on Fare Debit Card.

Mr. Jim Lair of LACTC made a presentation. He reported that the LACTC had voted to proceed with a contract with GFI. The first equipment will be installed shortly after the first of the year and there will be a seventy-five (75) day test.

The contract will cost \$4.6 million and will cover the test phase through September, 1993.

A. Leahy, Assistant General Manager - Operations, gave a step-by-step accounting of the operator's role. Mr. Lair indicated that GFI has been asked to look at an integrated key pad for all functions.

On question, staff indicated that if the fare debit card system failed while in service, passengers would be allowed to ride free. Director Swanson commented favorably on the placement of the route number on the back of the bus. Also upon query, staff reported that the incentives to buy a fare debit card would be 1) discount, and 2) replacement for the monthly pass.

Mr. Leahy went on to state that during the evaluation period, there will be crisp, clear decision periods and if the evaluation so indicates, there will be an opportunity to terminate the test period and the project.

UNANIMOUS, with 11 Directors present

5. Report of the President

President Holen spoke to the 3-2 vote at the LACTC Committee meeting yesterday concerning the District's \$59 Million shortfall. The District is to provide a description of cost saving measures it has undertaken. It is anticipated that this will proceed so the riding public will not be impacted.

General Manager Pegg referred to the Third Party Task Force's review of the financial results of both agencies noting areas where savings have been made. The District had committed to 200 job vacancies and not only have been able to hold this line but currently there are approximately 384 vacancies. It was noted District services have been impacted. President Holen commended General Manager Pegg on his foresight in recognizing the situation and his premature cost consciousness in instituting a number of cost savings prior to the recommendations contained in the Third Party Task Force report.

He said that the District is still being approached by cities to trade Proposition A funds but, under current LACTC rules, the District is not able to take advantage of these funds.

Director Alatorre said it was his opinion that pressure would be placed on members of the Board to raise fares.

#### 7. Director Special Items

Director Villaraigosa said he had been elected to the Board for Computer Transportation Services (CTS). He requested that two members of the District Board and two members of CTS Board meet to attempt to resolve some of the outstanding issues; i.e. exchange of information, etc. Any issues agreed upon would have to be brought back to the respective Boards for approval. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried with 11 Directors present, Directors Raggio and Ryan were appointed to this Ad Hoc Committee.

Director Braude expressed concern that special events within cities could not take place if the Blue Line operated its regular route; specifically the Long Beach Marathon. The possibility of rerouting the marathon is being reviewed and the District will review the possibility of using bus service to shuttle Blue Line patrons between points if service is discontinued within a portion of the route.

6. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg said that the District had received a training grant in the amount of \$200,000.

E. Fuentes, Inspector General, said that this will be a regional demonstration project which could become a three year project with a budget of \$500,000. The LACTC, USC, and UCLA provide final backing with the District as the lead agency.

General Manager Pegg spoke to two reports dated November 12, 1992: 1) Semi-Monthly Passes, and 2) Survey of Local Social Service Agencies and Transportation Subsidies Provided. He said that both are in the preliminary stage and will be brought back to the Board concerning any policy issues. The possibility of a semi-monthly pass is being reviewed to determine how such passes may help to achieve better equity among the various categories of District patrons. Also, a survey has commenced of local social service agencies, both those that provide a transportation subsidy and those that do not, to obtain more information on programs available and to possibly identify funding programs.

Art Leahy said that the District and LACTC have been working toward a possible earlier opening date for the Red Line. One of the issues that could delay an earlier start-up for revenue, would be the delivery of the rail cars. If everything continues as now set up, sufficient cars could be available by January 9-10, 1993. He noted that there are still many safety issues that must be resolved prior to any commencement of revenue service; i.e., cars, parts and brakes.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

26. Received and filed status report on Red Line police and security requirements.

UNANIMOUS, with 11 Directors present

27. APPROVED acceptance of Second Supervisorial District Proposition C monies for a 90-day pilot program enhancing service and security on Line 204; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 11 Directors present

3. General Manager Pegg displayed the L.A. Beautiful Business & Industry Award received by the District for Central Maintenance Facility and Alternative Fuels Program.

9. APPROVED:

- a. adoption of the Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), dated October 30, 1992 for the SCRTD Union Station Headquarters Joint Development Project consisting of the following actions:

1. approval of the FEIR as in compliance with the requirements set by law for the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. approval of the FEIR Statement of Findings and Facts in Support of Findings;
3. approval of the Statement of Over-riding Considerations;
4. approval of the FEIR Mitigation Monitoring Plan;
5. approval of the preferred project for implementation; and
6. approval of the Notice of Determination and directed the District Secretary to file the Notice with the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Los Angeles County Clerk;

form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

CARRIED, with 10 Directors present and Director Tolbert 'Abstaining'

10. APPROVED expansion to the scope of work on the RTD Headquarters design to allow for the addition of two floors to the building.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

11. AUTHORIZED staff and consultants to proceed with services necessary to secure financing for the RTD Headquarters Building subject to certification of an Environmental Impact Report.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

12. Received and filed Fiscal Year 1993 First Quarter Operating Budget Forecast.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 13 and 16 through 20 on the Consent Calendar were approved in one motion with 10 Directors present.

13. APPROVED Requisition 2-3200-96 and an option with Excel Security Systems, Inc., Gardena covering armed security guard services for the Metro Blue Line, including four Park-N-Ride lots for an additional eight and one-half months, for an additional estimated cost of \$510,000, increasing the total contract amount to \$2,284,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

16. APPROVED sale of surplus and obsolete bus parts for M.A.N. articulated buses to Selective Transit Parts, San Carlos, the highest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. 10-9221-S for a total revenue to the District of \$138,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

17. APPROVED the sale of surplus and obsolete bus parts, and miscellaneous items to the nine highest responsive and responsible bidders under Bid No. 10-9214-S for a total revenue to the District of \$28,445; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.
  
18. APPROVED minor route modification to Line 497 to serve interim Transit Center in the City of Montclair effective December 27, 1992; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.
  
19. Received and filed Report Calendar for October 23 through November 11, 1992.
  
20. APPROVED minutes for Board Meetings held October 8 and 22, 1992.
  
14. Director Ryan asked what would be done with the buses; operated by other agencies or scraped. Staff said that some could be operated by other countries. In order to take advantage of special tax credits, an amendment was added to the motion. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following action was approved:

WAIVED Section 9.1 of the Rules and Regulations to allow for the disposal of 45 surplus or obsolete buses by offsite auction, for a total estimated revenue to the District of \$85,000, less auctioneer and towing fees; AUTHORIZED the General Manager to pursue other options, including contacting the AQMD regarding special tax credits for disposal of the buses; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

15. Director Braude asked about maintenance costs and use of the spare generator. Staff commented on the spare factor and noted that the warranty expired prior to the District taking over the Blue Line from the LACTC.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, with 10 Directors present and Director Tolbert voting 'No', the following action was approved:

APPROVED Requisition 3-9680-0193 and a contract with Cummins Cal-Pacific, Montebello, covering labor, materials and equipment leases necessary to repair emergency power generator at Blue Line Central Control Facility and to provide short-term lease of stand-by generator during repair period at a cost not to exceed \$50,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

#### PERSONNEL & LEGAL COMMITTEE

21. DEFERRED for 30 days award of a contract covering basic life insurance for a one year period.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

22. APPROVED filling budgeted vacant administrative positions as noted in the General Manager's report dated November 6, 1992, pursuant to the resolution passed by the Joint Boards on June 10, 1992; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

#### EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

23. APPROVED Requisition 2-3399-024 and an interim contract with Mission Uniform, Los Angeles, covering laundry services for union employees from October 21, 1992 through March 12, 1993, for an estimated cost of \$190,300; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present



24. APPROVED Requisition 2-3399-294 and an option with Poma Distribution/Mock Resources Inc., Paramount, covering procurement of diesel fuel for an additional estimated cost of \$20,352,185, for a total contract price of \$39,544,664; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

#### FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

25. REJECTED non-responsive bid from Datasite Engineering Construction, Irvine, and APPROVED a contract with Industrial Power Systems, Torrance, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder covering the design and installation of an Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) in the District Headquarters Building, for a total bid price of \$409,255; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded under FTA Grant CA-90-X329.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

#### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

28. Received and filed Federal Legislative update.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

#### ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

29. Received and filed report on Electric Trolley Bus Urban Design.

UNANIMOUS, with 9 Directors present

- 30a. APPROVED distribution of the DEIR for the Electric Trolleybus Project and commencement of a 45-day public comment period on November 13, 1992;
- b. APPROVED the Public Hearing Notice regarding the Electric Trolley Bus Draft Environmental Impact Report;
- c. APPROVED a public hearing for Tuesday, December 15, 1992 at 4:00 p.m. to receive testimony and public comments on the Electric Trolley Bus Draft Environmental Impact Report;
- d. AUTHORIZED the General Manager to appoint a District Public Hearing Officer to preside at the proceedings;
- form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.
- UNANIMOUS, with 9 Directors present

31. Received and filed status report on Trolley Bus consortium.
- UNANIMOUS, with 9 Directors present

GENERAL ITEMS

32. There were no items arising subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
33. Public Comment
- None

Director Swanson requested an Advance Planning Committee be scheduled to include a discussion on bus service to the Venice Family Clinic.

  
Helen M. Bolen  
District Secretary