

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

December 17, 1992

Called to order by President Holen at 12:16 p.m.

Directors Present:

Marvin L. Holen
Charles H. Storing
Richard Alatorre
Evan Anderson Braude (arr. 12:35pm)
Mas Fukai

Nick Patsaouras
Robert E. Ryan
Gordana Swanson
James L. Tolbert
Antonio Villaraigosa

Director Absent:

Carl W. Raggio

ITEMS WERE CONSIDERED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER.

1. Former Director Don Knabe was unable to attend the meeting.
2. Recognized Employees-of-the Month Operator Thomas Johnson, Maintenance Employee Jose Salamanca and Telephone Information Operator Jacqueline Exeart.
3. Recognized retirees Richard Everett, Jimmie B. Thompson, Robert L. Lane, Frank J. Morales, Art L. Rodriguez and Albert Toussant.

5. Report of the President

President Holen commented on a recent article in the LA Times concerning the District's collective bargaining with the Transit Police Officers Association (TPOA).

President Holen said that the TPOA had been invited to a meeting with staff members of the LACTC and were told in this meeting that if they agreed not to pursue policing of the Red Line, that the LAPD would support legislation allowing expanded benefits by reclassification of peace officer status, increase in retirement benefits to meet that of the LAPD and increase in on-duty injury benefits. This offer was presented to the TPOA in writing at a second meeting. He also noted that the District is the only agency that can legally negotiate with the TPOA. He condemned those LACTC staff members for interfering with the collective bargaining process. Director Swanson asked if this matter was an issue for the District Attorney. Director Alatorre said that it was important to focus on the issue at hand, the security of the Red Line.

9. Receive and file status report on activities to prepare for start-up of the Red Line.

A. Leahy said that the Red Line will be a great asset to Los Angeles County. He noted that an actual start date would be difficult to establish until some of the major problems could be resolved--specifically, status of the rail cars, pre-revenue operation, and safety issues. Mr. Leahy proceeded to give a more detailed status of each of these issues and others noted in the report dated December 16, 1992.

There was extensive discussion on opening the Red Line prior to all safety issues being completely resolved. Staff said an early January start date could be met, but the level of security and safety risk that would be assumed must be discussed.

On question, staff said that approximately 90 personnel, plus 22 police officers, will be working the station entrances, etc. to help patrons and to assure that the platforms are safe.

Director Villaraigosa made a motion against the January 9, 1993 start-up date. Director Alatorre seconded the motion to reaffirm the Board's previous action that no start date be set without the concurrence of the Board, and Director Swanson offered an amendment that the Red Line opening will not occur prior to the successful conclusion of all safety inspections. The motion carried unanimously with 10 Directors present.

10. RECEIVED proposals from the Los Angeles Police Department and the Transit Police Department for the provision of security services on the Metro Red Line.

Shaker Sawires presented the staff recommendation to allow the Transit Police Department to provide security for the Red Line. LAPD's proposal was for 59 personnel at a cost of \$6,596,434 per year. Transit Police's proposal covered 36 personnel at a cost of \$2,187,000. LAPD Chief Willie Williams and Assistant Chief Bernard Parks presented the proposal from the LAPD. Chief Williams read a statement which indicated that LAPD had been approached by the LACTC regarding the policing of the Red Line. The LAPD is prepared to address problems that occur above or in the system. The LAPD will assign personnel on a permanent basis who would be part of a new Transit Services Division. The Chief concluded that he believed it would be in the best interests of the public if the LAPD provided the services on the Red Line.

Transit Police Chief Papa spoke briefly and introduced Lt. Hermann and Steve Jones who made the presentation. The focus of their presentation was on the extensive training that the Transit Police have already had and their specialized capabilities.

Director Villaraigosa spoke in favor of the staff recommendation. He asked Chief Williams if the contract were awarded to the Transit Police, would LAPD offer assistance for certain events if asked. Chief Williams responded affirmatively. Director Villaraigosa concluded by indicating it would be criminal to spend money for the LAPD proposal.

Director Alatorre commented that he resented the process that has been going on by parties that have brought the LAPD into the middle of this issue. He continued about the LACTC agenda item regarding the provision of funds for security and a recommendation as to who should provide the security services. He stated he will make a motion whereby there are no losers and no one gets everything. The issue of the Transit Police Department will ultimately be decided by the MTA. Director Alatorre expressed his irritation at being put in a situation where a political decision is being made. As a member of the LACTC, he has never given anyone authority to meddle in this matter.

Director Alatorre unveiled his motion which called for the development of a partnership, with the LAPD's being given the authority for security of the street level and the Transit Police's being given authority for security of the subway areas. This motion was seconded and discussion continued.

Director Villaraigosa asked if there was a dollar amount to the motion, with Director Alatorre responding that it would be determined by the District.

Chief Williams commented that the LAPD proposal was based on safety and security; financial profit was not a motive. This proposal does not supplement the budget, it just covers cost.

Director Braude indicated he would support the motion.

On question, Assistant Chief Parks indicated that the LAPD used a 1.8 factor in determining adequate coverage.

Director Swanson asked Chief Williams about the security arrangements for transit services in Philadelphia.

Director Villaraigosa offered a substitute motion to award the contract to the Transit Police Department for \$2,187,000 and to request the balance of the funds, \$4,409,434, from the LACTC to be used for enhancement of bus security. Director Storing seconded this substitute motion.

Director Tolbert commented that there is more to this issue than just who should get the job. This Board promised the Transit Police Department this job. There should be some way we can do it together. He asked Chief Williams if he would be willing to negotiate with the District. Chief Williams expressed his concern and indicated that a compromise was the wrong approach.

Director Alatorre stated that the point of the motion is not to "divvy up the pie," the point is to recognize that we have a specialized police department. We are not in a position to argue if this is a good or a bad idea. This can be addressed by the new MTA Board. Director Alatorre asked Chief Williams if the motion passes would he be willing to negotiate to define issues and activities and to form a partnership for one year; it is a partnership that already exists. Chief Williams indicated that the LAPD will respond to whatever direction is given by the Board. He could not say that LAPD would negotiate; he did not believe it would be in the best interest of the public. Director Alatorre again asked the question and stressed that this Board is the only Board that has authority to determine who will police the Red Line.

L. Haddler, representing Councilman Mike Hernandez spoke in favor of the LAPD proposal.

G. Norton, representing the UTU, spoke in favor of a county-wide security program for transit services and the program outlined by Director Alatorre would be a start in that direction.

A. Reynolds appeared in support of the LAPD proposal.

L. Tainter, President of the T.P.O.A. spoke about the Security Task Force that has been formed to address the future of transit security. He mentioned that Lou Hubaud of the LACTC is biased against the Transit Police Department and yet he is the person who can select the consultant who will work for the Task Force. He concluded that the TPOA is in support of the proposal contained in Director Alatorre's motion.

Director Villaraigosa, as maker of the substitute motion, asked for permission to allow the original motion by Director Alatorre to be voted on first. Director Alatorre's motion was expanded to include authority for the General Manager to enter into negotiations with the LAPD and to assign duties in keeping with the motion and to conclude the negotiations within a reasonable timeframe. Director Alatorre expressed his desire for the motion to pass, and he warned that he would not take it kindly if people begin to tamper with the decision of this Board. A Roll Call vote was held and the motion failed as noted below:

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

Director Alatorre immediately made a motion to award the contract to the Transit Police Department. This motion was seconded and carried on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

There was a brief recess from 3:07 p.m. to 3:16 p.m.

ITEMS 24 AND 26 WERE CARRIED OVER TO THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1993.

24. CARRIED OVER items a & c covering basic life insurance and APPROVED ITEM B as noted below:

- a. concur in the Contracting Officer's recommendation to reject the protest from Gulf Atlantic Life Insurance Co.;
- b. APPROVED Requisition No. 2-0992-0175 and renewed a contract with The Hartford Life Insurance for the month of January, 1993 at a cost of \$105,000;
- c. approve Requisition 2-0992-0138 and execute a contract with Standard Insurance Co. for a period of eleven months commencing February 1, 1993 at a cost of \$902,000; and form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

26. CARRIED OVER contract covering Workers' Compensation Third Party Administrator (TPA) for a five-year period.

UNANIMOUS, with 10 Directors present

7. Director Special Items

- a. CARRIED OVER - Director Patsouras - Request to rescind Request For Proposal #92-37 covering Supplemental Data Processing Assistance.
- b. Director Villaraigosa - Graffiti issues.

Director Villaraigosa spoke regarding the issue of graffiti free buses so that the riding public feels safe. The District is spending over \$11 million to clean buses and replace damaged windows. He made a motion that the RTD and LACTC Boards direct their staffs to implement a short-term graffiti strategy plan to: 1) create a zero tolerance program where no RTD bus leaves the division with graffiti covering any portion of the bus; 2) initiate a mobile graffiti removal program whereby vehicles are leased/purchased and dispatched to bus

locations in operation and fresh graffiti is removed immediately; 3) meet with District Attorney Garcetti and City Attorney Hahn to develop specialized "transit courts" in order to properly handle transit related crimes; 4) develop a probation program for convicted offenders to make restitution for graffiti vandalism by performing bus clean-up as community service; 5) establish an enhanced public relations campaign to promote community ownership and the idea that tagged buses will not be on the street even if service is reduced; 6) develop a street artist pilot program for taggers and young artists; 7) integrate graffiti vandalism into the DARE and SANE programs; and, 8) develop a training film for local law enforcement to better explain enforcement options and how to properly handle transit crimes. This plan should not impact the District's budget but funding could be derived from Proposition C funds that are earmarked for the transit security program.

Director Swanson expressed concern about a reduction of service when buses are pulled off the street due to graffiti. Director Villaraigosa felt it could be accomplished through community awareness and that without some kind of tolerance program the ultimate goal of graffiti free buses could not be achieved.

Director Storing questioned whether the court system had been approached with this plan. It was stated they had not been and several judges who may be of help in instituting something of this nature were suggested.

Staff reported on the graffiti free systems in New York and Philadelphia noting that this was accomplished over a five year period at more than double the staff.

Director Villaraigosa indicated that a comprehensive program was needed and this was an effort to get a program underway with funds earmarked to make the bus system graffiti free. He requested his motion be adopted. The motion was seconded by Director Swanson.

President Holen said he would speak against the motion at this time and requested a staff review and report back prior to any action. Director Villaraigosa agreed to continuing the item to the next regular Board meeting to receive a report from staff.

An ad hoc sub-committee of Directors Braude, Tolbert and Villaraigosa was created to contact the probation courts, judges, etc. to receive their input.

Director Ryan asked that any special anti-graffiti finishes that are available be included in the report. Staff said that a polyurethane paint is used on District buses but the difference with District buses and New York is that they coat their buses approximately once a week at the divisions and state environmental laws precludes the District from this outside spraying.

4. Recessed to Closed Session at 3:50 p.m. to consider personnel, real estate, litigation matters and labor negotiations returning at 3:55 p.m. with 7 Directors present. A report was made later in the meeting under item 8.

33. WITHDRAWN BY STAFF conditional consent to the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation for the operation of a DASH Northeast Fixed-Route Shuttle Service.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

30. Representatives from Northrop Corporation and TRW appeared before the Board. TRW requested that either the contract not be awarded at this time, or that the contract be awarded to their firm. Following lengthy discussion between members of the Board, District staff and representatives of both Northrop Corp., TRW and sub-contracting companies, the following action was approved on a Roll Call vote.

APPROVED a contract with Northrop Corporation, Hawthorne, covering Phase I design of the ATTB (Transit bus), for a total estimated contract cost of \$3,819,399; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

Director Villaraigosa commented on the DBE participation and utilization of those firms in working capacities.

8. APPROVED labor agreement with the Transit Police Officers Association.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

President Holen suggested carrying over items 11, 12 and 13, along with items 24 and 26 already carried over, to the Special Board Meeting scheduled for January 8, 1993.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

11. CARRIED OVER establishment of initial Red Line fare alternatives, contingent upon receiving reimbursement of lost revenue from the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.
12. CARRIED OVER introduction of a semi-monthly transit pass on a six (6) month test period commencing January 1, 1993.
13. CARRIED OVER report relating to RTD budget shortfall.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made, seconded and carried as noted, items 14 through 18 and 20 through 22 on the Consent Calendar were approved in one motion with 7 Directors present. Item 19 was also approved with Director Patsouras 'Abstaining.'

14. APPROVED Requisition 3-9610-117, and the first one-year option with Petra Building Maintenance, Inc., Santa Ana Heights, covering janitorial services for Customer Service Centers, Transit Police Headquarters and Vernon Yard for one additional year for an estimated annual cost of \$50,000, increasing the total contract amount to \$99,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

15. APPROVED Requisition 2-0990-173 and a one-year renewal option on an existing contract with JCI Environmental Services, Los Angeles, covering the handling and disposal of hazardous waste for an additional cost not to exceed \$150,000, for a total revised contract amount of \$300,000; form of contract option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

16. APPROVED Requisition 2-1700-24, and amendment to an existing contract with KRW, Alexandria, Virginia, covering consultant services and assistance to complete six MOS-1 Grants closeouts requirements, and to assure that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants are properly identified for an additional cost not to exceed \$17,138, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$30,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

17. APPROVED Requisition 2-9680-26 and a sole source contract to Southern Transformer, East Point, Georgia, covering repair of a rectifier transformer, for a total cost of \$37,493; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

18. Received and filed Statement of Purchases for the month of October, 1992.

19. Received and filed Treasurer's report on District's Investment of Funds for October 1992.

20. APPROVED Board Request List dated December 14, 1992.
21. RATIFIED bus stops and zones report as filed with the Secretary.
22. APPROVED Minutes of Regular Meetings held November 12 and November 19, 1992.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL COMMITTEE

23. APPROVED Requisition No. 2-0992-0177 to pay basic life insurance premiums for the remainder of calendar year 1992 at a cost of \$121,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

25. APPROVED establishment of a trust for the Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

27. APPROVED a contract to Lift Parts Service Company, Commerce, under Bid No. 08-9218, covering procurement of parts and services for forklifts for an estimated annual cost of \$65,000 with an option for one additional year; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

28. REJECTED non-responsive bid submitted by Drew Ford, La Mesa and APPROVED a contract with Reynolds Buick-GMC, West Covina, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X329-N covering four cab and chassis trucks with utility bodies for a total bid price of \$92,445; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under FTA No. CA-90-X329.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

29. APPROVED:

- a. Requisition 2-3380-19 and a sole source contract to TransTech of South Carolina, Piedmont, South Carolina, covering three pantographs for electrical power transfer to the Light Rail Vehicles, for a total estimated cost of \$50,927; and
- b. an option on two additional pantographs within a ninety day period if funding becomes available for an estimated cost of \$33,950;

form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

31. APPROVED extension of the "Cycle Express" (Bicycle-on-Rail and Bicycle-on-Bus Program) to include the following:
- a. Continuation of the Bicycle-on-Rail Program's current hours indefinitely;
 - b. Extend the hours of the Bicycle-on-Rail demonstration program to the pre-peak period early morning hours (prior to 6 a.m.);
 - c. Retention of the Bicycle-on-Bus Program as a demonstration project for another year with 20 boardings per week as a criterion for continued operation after the demonstration period;
 - d. Development of a funding application from a dedicated bicycle funding source for equipping an additional bus line with brackets and racks; and
 - e. Initiation of procurement of bicycle lockers and racks for the Metro Blue Line subject to a guarantee of funding reimbursement from the State of California under an approved Proposition 116 grant.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

32. CONSENTED to the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation request for the operation of a DASH Watts Fixed-Route Shuttle Service.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

34. CONDITIONALLY CONSENTED to the City of West Hollywood request for the operation of a lunchtime shuttle subject to the following conditions:

- a. Bus stop usage and schedules will be coordinated with District services;
- b. District monthly passes will be accepted on the shuttle;
- c. proposed Transportation Management Association will work with the District's Corporate Transit Partnership Program to develop a promotional program designed to increase overall transit usage; and
- d. Any future changes in the route or service levels will require consent by the District's Board of Directors.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

35. CONSENTED to Santa Monica Bus Lines request for a route modification to its Line 13.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

36. ADOPTED the SCRTD and LACTC 1993 State and Federal Legislative Program.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

6. Report of the General Manager

No report was made

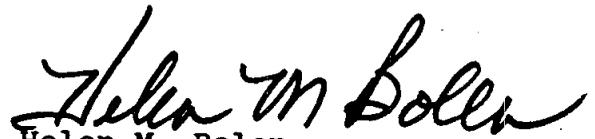
GENERAL ITEMS

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

38. Public comment

None

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary