

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
March 3, 1993

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, 3rd Floor
Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room
Los Angeles, California

Called to Order at 1:41 P.M.

Directors/Alternates Present:

Richard Alatorre, Chairman
Ed Edelman, Vice Chairman
Nick Patsaouras
Tom Bradley
Evan Anderson Braude
Marvin Braude
Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke

James Cragin
Robert Arthur
John Fasana
Gloria Molina
Mark Ridley-Thomas
Larry Zarian
Jerry Baxter (ex-officio)

Items considered in the following order.

1. APPROVED Minutes of February 4, 1993 meeting.

2. Chairman's Remarks

a. MTA Board Committee assignments were distributed.

The Committees are Executive Management; Finance; Operations; Planning/Programming; and the Transit Construction Board. Each committee is made up of county, city of Los Angeles, and League of Cities representatives. The state representative will be an ex officio member of the Planning/Programming Committee.

b. Chairman's goals and Mission Statement 1993 were distributed.

4. On motion by Director Bradley, APPROVED appointment of Helen M. Bolen as MTA Board Secretary on a unanimous Roll Call vote.

5. REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE the amendment to Section 3.2.A of the MTA Rules and Procedures regarding terms of office of Chair and Vice-Chairs.

6. RECEIVED presentation on RTD Line 204.

Art Leahy reported the addition of four buses during morning and midday hours six buses in the afternoon; and four on weekends, and stated that the line has become safer and much less crowded with a 5 to 7% increase in ridership.

Transit Police Chief Papa called the program "extremely successful" and requested a contract extension beyond the original 90 days, until allocated funds have been expended.

In response to a request from Director Marvin Braude for some background information, Art Leahy explained that this line which carries 55,000 passengers per day from Vermont and Sunset to Rosecrans with a 3 to 4 minute headway had been experiencing serious crime and overcrowding. The program under discussion was initiated by Kenneth Hahn and reinstated by Yvonne Burke and provides \$1.5 million from Supervisorial District 2 for additional buses and security. Burke Roche reaffirmed the Supervisorial District's commitment to increased security for bus passengers.

7. RECEIVED status report on MTA's Management Information System (MIS).

a. Payroll Consolidation

Staff reported that agreement had been reached and the joint payroll system would be in place no later than the first pay period in May.

b. Financial Management Systems

Director Molina requested a written status report prior to issuance of the RFP for software, and that Mr. White be allowed an opportunity for input. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

3. Director Special Items

a. Edelman:

A motion was presented to rename the Red Line Civic Center Station "The Tom Bradley - Civic Center Station"; and Blue Line 103rd Street Station "The Kenneth Hahn - 103rd Street Station". This motion was seconded.

Alternate Nick Patsaouras presented a substitute motion that this matter be referred to the Transit Construction Board for their consideration and recommendation. The substitute motion was seconded and failed unanimously on a roll call vote with Director Bradley abstaining.

Following discussion, a roll call vote was held on the original motion and was approved unanimously with Director Bradley abstaining. The Board agreed to request the Transit Construction Board to review the policy regarding the naming of stations and to report back to the MTA Board.

b. Patsaouras/Molina:

Presented motions to begin a search to fill the positions of Inspector General and General Counsel. On the advice of counsel, it was determined that no action could be taken at this meeting as this was not duly noticed on the agenda. The Chairman directed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman Alatorre suggested counsel give parameters of what could be brought forward under Director Special Items. Director Holen responded that in order for action to be taken on any item, it must be on the Agenda.

8. Considered office space acquisition.

In conjunction with this item the Authority intended to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to instruct its negotiator. Properties and their owners are: (1) 900 N. Alameda, lease (R.V. Partnership); (2) 818 W. Seventh Street, lease (Macklowe Real Estate Co. of California); (3) 818 W. Seventh Street, purchase (Macklowe Real Estate Co. of California); (4) 1076 W. Seventh Street, build to suit (Watt/Merselis Partnership) (5) Union Gateway Center, build to suit (Catellus Development Corp.)

Director Molina requested a full report of the space needs and questioned who will evaluate how those needs are being affected by the merger.

LACTC staff responded that an RFP identifying space needs at the time was put out a year ago. At the time the requirement was 300,000 to 400,000 square feet to house everyone in one building including space for consultants. Three types of bids were requested, i.e. long term lease, existing building for sale, or build to suit. Ten bids were received, and a short list of five was analyzed by Goldman Sachs. Last November three bidders were asked for best and final offers. A report was made to the LACTC Board in January and staff was directed to concentrate negotiations with Watt and come back to the MTA for a final decision.

On query from Director Molina regarding which was the least costly option, staff indicated lease of the 818 Building.

The following motion was introduced by Director Cragin:

That a three member subcommittee of the MTA Board be established to analyze all headquarters alternatives previously studied by both the RTD and the LACTC. Emphasis will be placed on cost effectiveness and the facilitation of organizational merger of the RTD and the LACTC. Members of the subcommittee shall include one Board Member representing the County Board of Supervisors, one Board Member representing the City Council of Los Angeles, and one Board Member representing the City Corridors.

The analysis performed by the subcommittee will be done with input provided by new MTA CEO White. Once completed, a recommendation will be forwarded to the MTA for consideration prior to any further action being taken by the MTA on this issue.

Director Bradley asked for confirmation that the Board never entered into discussions or negotiations with any applicants since the January meeting was held.

Director M. Braude asked for a ruling from counsel regarding who could participate in discussion and voting on the motion.

County Counsel responded that anyone conflicted out of the vote on the headquarters decision could not participate in the vote on this motion which has to do with the selection process. RTD General Counsel indicated that everyone could participate in the vote as it would merely set up a subcommittee which would consider the headquarters alternatives.

Public comment was received from:

Ann Rackham, L.A. Business Journal
Richard Slawson, L.A. County Building
Trades Counsel
Louise Manuel, WLCAC
Rena Darras, Watt Project
Judy Scilley, Watt Project
Joe Grenader, Air Conditioning Co., Inc.
Oscar Lopez, Watt Project
Sheila Xitco, M.W. Sausse & Co.
Steven Graves, Robnett Electric
Gordana Swanson, Mayor of Rolling Hills, SCRTD Director
Craig Swanson, Macklowe
Ted Tanner, Catellus Development
Lucinda Starrett, Latham & Watkins

Director Ridley-Thomas asked what impact the motion on the table has on the negotiations already underway.

RTD General Counsel answered that this action would not stop any action being taken by RTD or LACTC at this time. The motion was amended to include this statement.

Director Ridley-Thomas called for the question on the motion as amended.

The motion was APPROVED on a unanimous roll call vote with Patsouras and M. Braude absent.

9. Considered staff report recommending adoption of interim MTA expense reimbursement rules and procedures.

A substitute motion was introduced by Alternate Patsouras and seconded which would refer this matter to the appropriate committee with a report back to the MTA Board.

During discussion, it was noted that some rules need to be in place immediately to handle current business, and an amendment to the original motion was offered by Director Fasana and accepted to ADOPT the interim rules and procedures for a 60-day period, and further that the item be REFERRED to the appropriate Board Committee for analysis and report back to the MTA with a summary of the changes to current procedures and a recommendation. Approved on a unanimous Roll Call Vote.

10. Considered approval of contracts in excess of \$5 million.
(Requires vote by principal members)

- a. Metro Red Line - HELD OVER TO NEXT MEETING consideration of contract award to CH2M Hill, in the amount of \$9,342,000 covering waste handling services on Metro Red Line Segments 1, 2 & 3.

During discussion concerning an opportunity for the protesting individual to be heard by the MTA Board before a final decision is made, Director Molina presented a motion to approve the staff recommendation. This motion was seconded and failed on the following roll call vote:

Yes: E. Braude, Cragin, Fasana, Molina, Ridley-Thomas,
Zarian
No: None
Absent: Bradley, M. Braude, Arthur, Holen
Conflict: Alatorre, Patsaouras, Burke

Following this roll call vote, the Board agreed that this matter would be held over to the next meeting.

11. Items carried forward from LACTC meeting of February 24.

a. Fiscal Year 1994-1997 Short Range Transit Plan Guidelines

Staff commented that cooperative and comprehensive Short Range Transit Plan Guidelines need to be developed for the MTA.

Alternate Holen moved that this item be REFERRED to the Planning and Programming Committee to develop Fiscal Year 1994-1997 Short Range Transit Plan guidelines with an interim report back to the MTA Board.

Public comment received from Stephanie Griffin, Municipal Bus Operators, voiced concern about the timing of a joint SRTP which affects their cash flow as of July 1.

Following additional discussion, Director Fasana made a substitute motion to approve the existing guidelines. The motion was seconded and failed on a 3 to 9 vote with one abstention.

A roll call vote was then held on the original motion as amended to include the interim report to the MTA Board. This motion was unanimously carried.

Public Comment was received from:

J. Walsh and B. Allen regarding at-grade railroad crossings; Jim McInerney, State of California PUC Rail Safety Operation Lifesaver; and Robert D. Campbell, National Transportation Safety Board in favor of grade crossing safety improvement program.

b. APPROVED Metro Blue Line grade crossing safety improvement program.

- c. APPROVED Enhanced Major Incident Response Program.
- d. REFERRED TO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Automatic Vehicle Location System for an in-depth report on technologies. Alternate Patsaouras objected.
- e. REMOVED FROM AGENDA selection of consultant for Exposition Right-of-Way Environmental Impact Report (Limited Notice to Proceed).

CONSENT CALENDAR

12. APPROVED report on contracts over \$100,000:

- a. LACTC items
- b. SCRTD items

Alternate Patsaouras abstained.

13. Reviewed items which Board members wished to discuss that are contained on RTD agendas dated February 11 and 25, 1993 and LACTC agenda dated February 24, 1993.

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Specification writer/Vehicle Inspector Item REFERRED BACK to committee for clarification.

GENERAL ITEMS

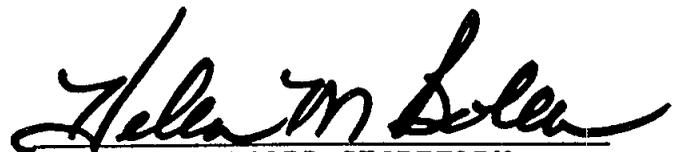
14. Added item arising subsequent to posting of the agenda.

ADOPTED a resolution authorizing a contract with PERS to continue medical coverage for existing LACTC employees.

15. Public Comment received from:

B. Allen
J. Walsh, United Riders
B. D'Amato
R. Maloney, ARS

Adjourned at 4:20 P.M.


MTA BOARD SECRETARY