

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

March 25, 1993

Called to order by President Holen at 12:37 p.m.

Directors Present:

Marvin L. Holen
Charles H. Storing
Evan Anderson Braude
Mas Fukai
Carl W. Raggio

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

Directors Absent:

Richard Alatorre

Nick Patsaouras

2. Earl R. Clark, General Chairman United Transportation Union, addressed the Board and thanked them for their support of the UTU membership over the years. Directors Fukai, Swanson and Storing also commended Mr. Clark for his dedication to public transportation and the District.

3. Recognized employees of the month Hubert Hayes, Operator of the month; Sean Hale, Maintenance employee of the month; and Dora Payan, Information operator of the month.

4. Recognized retirees George Garrison, Billy A. Haire, Roy E. Hersberger, David Jourdan, Marvin M. Olivera and William Somerville and Michael S. Staley.

5. Report of the President

President Holen introduced Franklin E. White, CEO for the MTA, noting that he had arrived March 23 to assume his duties and that this was the beginning of the melding of the two organizations.

President Holen referred to an article in the Los Angeles Times concerning cross border leasing. He assured the Board that District staff took extra precautions and capped expenses at \$10,000. The Board can be very proud of the management of the transaction.

Effective Monday, Executive Staff members for the RTD and LACTC would be located on the third floor at 818 W. Seventh St. President Holen said that the Committee meetings of the MTA would be held in the Board Room at 425 So. Main St. He then thanked staff and Board members for their integrity throughout the merger process.

Directors voiced appreciation to President Holen and staff members for their hard work, loyalty and expertise.

6. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Pegg thanked the Board on behalf of staff for their hard work, support and continuing commitment to the organization. He commended the Board for standing by the agency throughout both the good and bad times. Mr. Pegg then presented each Director with a framed bus stop replica with their names inscribed.

Director Fukai commended Mr. Pegg on the great job he has done under difficult circumstances and hoped he would continue with the new MTA. Director Swanson also commended Mr. Pegg for his excellent stewardship of the District.

7. Director Special Items

Director Swanson asked that a plan be developed to coordinate bus service with the 91 Freeway HOV. She said that the LACTC has not designated funding and she asked that a plan be prepared. President Holen suggested that a plan be submitted to the appropriate MTA Committee. General Manager Pegg said that a plan is being developed; however no funding is yet available. On motion duly made and carried with 8 Directors present, the Board referred this item to the MTA.

Director Ryan asked about his suggestion for a Sunday Family Fare and the swapping of Proposition A dollars.

Director Braude said that he was to Chair the Operations Committee and that he had every intention of bringing all of these items before that Committee for discussion.

General Manager Pegg said that a report on the issue of trading of Proposition A dollars was being prepared for the MTA Board in April and will possibly be referred to the Planning and/or Finance Committees. The Sunday Family Fare, would constitute setting a new fare policy and will be brought to the MTA Board.

President Holen said that at approximately 9:15 a.m. tomorrow, the District will honor the 1 millionth subway rider.

8. Received and filed status report on enhanced graffiti abatement program.

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Staff said they hoped to bring this matter before the MTA Board for continuation of the program.

Director Villaraigosa gave credit to the ATU for the success of the program and thanked them for their cooperation.

Appearance of H. Watts criticizing the program for not including the entire system.

T. Hayes asked why the protective surfaces used for the art at the Blue Line stations could not be used on buses. Director Ryan said that research is on-going for a product that can be used on the buses.

9. Received report by Transit Police Chief on optimum staffing level and proposed costs and funding sources.

Chief Papa said that a previous report added 44 officers per year. On request by Director Ryan, she reviewed this proposal and noted that an additional 125 officers per year over the next 5 years would be required for the Transit Police to provide security for all rail and the bus system. It is understood that this will be an MTA policy decision. Chief Papa also spoke to the issue of having sub-stations at all of the operating divisions.

Director Ryan said that he hoped this issue would be looked at a real urgency for security on the bus system. Director Villaraigosa said that he would be on the MTA Committee that would be looking at this issue as well as graffiti.

On motion of Director Swanson, seconded and unanimously approved with 8 Directors present, the Board voted to accept in concept the Transit Police Chief's recommendation for staffing and refer it to the MTA.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried with 8 Directors present, items 10 through 15 on the Consent Calendar were approved in one motion.

10. APPROVED Requisition 2-9680-264 and an option with Ace Fence Co., City of Industry, covering **fence repair services** for an additional estimated annual cost of \$60,000, increasing the total contract amount to \$180,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

11. APPROVED Requisition 2-9680-265 and an option with Accent Landscape, Inc., Gardena, covering **Metro Blue Line landscape maintenance** for a one-year period at an estimated annual cost of \$160,000, increasing the total contract amount to \$457,635; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

12. Received and filed **Report Calendar** for March 12 through March 24, 1993.
13. Received and filed **Statement of Purchases** for the month of February, 1993.
14. Received and filed **Treasurer's Report** on District's Investment of Funds for January and February, 1993.
15. RATIFIED bus stops and zones report as filed with the Secretary.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL COMMITTEE

16. APPROVED amendment to a contract with the law firms of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue and Robinson & Pearman for **legal services related to the Union Station Gateway Project**, increasing the amount by \$94,000 to a total contract cost of \$1,108,675; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 8 Directors present

EQUIPMENT, OPERATIONS & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

17. DEFERRED to the MTA Board consultant services to develop scope of work to repair Blue Line vehicle and oversee the repair work.

Following lengthy discussion on the cost of the consultant to determine the extent of the damage to one Blue Line rail car, approval of the contract with LTK Engineers, Los Angeles, **failed on a voice vote.**

Appearance of D'Amato re: agenda item no. 17.

18. APPROVED Requisition 2-9610-90 and a contract with Western Exterminator Co., Van Nuys, covering **pest control services** under RFP 93-01 for a one-year period commencing April 1, 1993, with an option for three one-year renewals at an estimated annual cost not to exceed \$70,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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- 19a. REJECTED non-responsive bid submitted under Bid No. 02-9218 by Downey Auto Center; and

- b. APPROVED a contract with Truck and Buses - GMC, Santa Fe Springs, covering procurement of **six mini-vans and a trailer** for a total bid price of \$144,074;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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20. APPROVED contract with Plastech Transparencies, Irwindale, covering **Flxible side windows** for a one-year period at an estimated cost of \$160,361; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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21. APPROVED contract with Plastech Transparencies, Irwindale, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. 12-9203 covering procurement of **RTSII side windows** for an estimated total bid price of \$519,749; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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22. APPROVED award of contract to Plastech Transparencies, Irwindale, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. 12-9201 covering procurement of **side windows for the TMC coaches**; for an estimated total cost of \$300,242; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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Appearance of T. Hayes on items 20, 21 and 22 speaking on various products for protecting bus windows during routine cleaning and graffiti removal.

- 23a. REJECTED non-responsive bids submitted by Mechanics Choice, Los Angeles; and Golden State Fasteners, Los Angeles; and
- b. APPROVED a contract with Best Threadware, Los Angeles, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. 02-9316, covering **nuts, bolts and weatherhead fittings** for the maintenance of the District's vehicles, for a total bid price of \$61,283; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

MARKETING & CUSTOMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

24. DEFERRED any commitment for entering into a contracts covering the exclusive right to **sell and display commercial advertising at stations along the Blue Line**, and APPROVED development of a comprehensive advertising policy.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

25. APPROVED contracts with Pro-Tech Investigations, Temple City; Joseph Theodore & Associates, Los Angeles; West Shield Investigations and Security Consultants, Newport Beach; and J. Brent Grubbs, Marina del Rey; covering **background investigations of Transit Police candidates** for a combined contract amount not to exceed \$264,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

26. APPROVED **route modifications** to Lines 92/93/410 and Lines 230/239 and ESTABLISHED new shortline operation on Line 94, to serve Sylmar Metrolink Station.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

27. REVIEWED the **State Legislative update** and went on record as noted below:

SUPPORT SB 274, SB 314, SB 699, AB 462, AB 564 and AB 1234.

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SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS AB 1156, SB 808, AB 1750 and SB 761 (to include the MTA ethics package).

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

OPPOSE AB 2124

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

28. REVIEWED the **Federal Legislative update** and went on record to SUPPORT WITH ACTIVE STAFF PARTICIPATION H.R. 1335 and H.R. 1322.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

29. DUE TO LACK OF A SUPER MAJORITY, DEFERRED TO MTA BOARD agreements between petitioners and the Southern California Rapid Transit District and resolutions ordering changes in **Benefit Assessments**.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

30. RECEIVED AND FILED **various audit reports** issued by the outside auditors pertaining to Fiscal Year 1992.

UNANIMOUS, with 7 Directors present

GENERAL ITEMS

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

Director Ryan said he had the highest regard for the people he had met at the District and thanked them for their dedication and assistance. Directors Swanson and Tolbert also shared his appreciation of staff.

32. Public comment

Appearance of J. Walsh thanking the Directors for their work for a better transportation system.

Appearance of D'Amato wishing all members of the RTD Board good luck and hoped that the new MTA Board has the integrity the RTD Board has shown over the years.

J. Smart said that G. Roberts had phoned and, although unable to attend today's meeting, wanted to wish members of the Board the best.

Appearance of H. Watts complaining that the Brown Act had been violated and that drivers were rude to him.

M. Villasenor appeared with several complaints against operators for miscellaneous violations. She indicated that her complaints were thrown in the trash and never processed. R. G. Williams was requested to compile copies of her complaints for investigation.

T. Hayes appeared indicating that he would continue his battle against graffiti on the buses.

1. Recessed to Closed Session at 2:50 p.m. to consider litigation matter: Collier v. RTD.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. in memory of Jay B. Price, former RTD Director.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary