

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
April 9, 1987
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Jan Hall, President
Carmen A. Estrada, Vice-President
John F. Day
Joseph S. Dunning
Nate Holden (arr. 1:04)

Marvin L. Holen
Nick Patsaouras (arr. 1:15)
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
Gordana Swanson

Director Absent:

Leonard Panish

1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificates by Director Jay B. Price.
2. Ralph Wilson, Assistant Director of Transportation, received an award from the General Manager in recognition of his participation and achievement at a recent UMTA management seminar conducted at Northeastern University in Massachusetts.
3. Report of the President
No items to report.

4. Report of the General Manager

Mr. Dyer discussed his April 8 memorandum to the Board, in which he requested cancellation of the April 16, 1987 Special Board Meeting.

Following discussion by the Board, the Special Meeting was rescheduled to Friday, April 24, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to decide on alignment of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Metro Rail Project and alignment of MOS-2.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried, with Director Panish absent, the Board approved extension of the formal comment period on this alignment to April 23.

5. Director Special Items

No items to report.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Items 15-18)

15. Approved Route Modification on Line 434 in the Pacific Palisades district of the City of Los Angeles and Experimental Service Adjustments between Santa Monica and Downtown Los Angeles.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

16. Approved Route Modification on Line 120 in the vicinity of Los Angeles International Airport.

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17. Approved Route Modification on Line 462 in the City of Artesia.

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18. Considered General Manager's report containing recommendation and alternatives relative to results of Public Hearing on Fare and Service Proposals for FY 1987-88.

Following Director Patsaouras' motion not to raise fares and not to cut services, which motion was duly seconded, extensive discussion was held.

Director Dunning suggested that the Board not preclude discussion involved in this issue. Director Swanson raised the question of cost of fuel, insurance, buses and bus parts, and cost of living increases over which the District has no control. She asked that staff review costs involved in these items and compute dollar value, with computations for cost of living increases to be worked in.

Director Patsaouras asked staff to indicate how much money District requested from LACTC, and to indicate LACTC's response.

Director Day questioned the District's cutting back on public transit at the very time it needs to be expanded, and that not less funding, but more funding would be required. Director Day said he strongly supported Director Patsaouras' motion.

Director Storing addressed the issue of consensus.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

18. Cont'd.

In response to several questions, the General Manager talked about District's overextension: ridership is still 1.5-1.6 million per day, with 100 fewer buses on the street than there were in 1985-86. Mr. Dyer touched upon a series of problems related to lack of financial resources from federal, state and local sources. It is the staff's recommendation that the Board give serious consideration to a fare increase or the District will be in serious jeopardy for the approval of the Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP).

Director Estrada noted the District's responsiveness to the public and said that to propose a decrease in services and an increase in costs is unacceptable. She proposed, instead, such belt-tightening measures as executive staff cuts in pay, rescinding salary increases recently awarded to personnel and the Office of Management and Budget; a hiring freeze, and limiting purchases to increase the legislative agenda; the elimination of executives' private cars; and a 15% decrease in board fees.

Director Holden noted the withholding of funds by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, thus penalizing the District. It was the Director's belief that LACTC could have been more responsive. With regard to the deficit facing the District, the Director discussed Prop A monies not expended by cities should be coming back to the District, and noted that bureaucrats and public officials are unresponsive. He urged that the budget be balanced.

Discussion ensued regarding the fifty-third week in Fiscal Year 1988; Director Patsaouras asked if it could be removed.

Mr. Dyer cautioned the Board that the FY 1988 budget will experience a shortfall of \$26 million if action is not taken on fares.

President Hall asked that information returned to the Board contain responses to the questions raised by Director Estrada. In addition, Director Swanson asked that staff report include a discussion of deferment of increases in fares based on cost of living, cost of fuel, or insurance (i.e., a phased-in budget).

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

18. Cont'd.

Director Holen inquired about the interpretation of a one-time fix to show the bottom line number with regard to fare increases. He asked if currently adopted legislation provides a single new bus, or bus stop, or space for passengers, and noted the creation of four new organizations to replace the two currently in place. Other issues raised by the Director included safety, reduction of fares or a slow increase in fares, and he wished to correct the false impression the public might have that legislation will help current ails. He cited earlier discussion which revealed that the Commission LACTC subsidizes riders at \$7-14, and noted that the Commission diverts large sums of monies from District in favor of other projects. The Director concluded that LACTC is the responsible agency and can take corrective actions, especially with regard to Proposition A monies.

Director Holen asked staff to provide statistics as to delivery of transportation services comparing the District with other major operators in the United States, and particularly with reference to bus systems and cost per passenger.

President Hall asked that staff also provide information about the impact on the District's 12-point program and safety issues, as well as on the District's ability to implement this program.

Director Holden cautioned the Board not to rush through legislation; he urged President Hall to continue to speak in the District's behalf at committee hearings in Sacramento.

Director Patsaouras asked that a formal letter be sent to each member of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, outlining the District's deficit and options and asking for formal response. President Hall directed that this letter be prepared for the president's signature on behalf of the Board.

On query, General Counsel's opinion regarding Board action on fares was that no fare or service change could be adopted at this time because the agenda language did not contain specific language and the agenda must state precisely the action the Board is to consider.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

18. Cont'd.

On motion duly seconded and carried, staff is to provide additional information in light of new points raised by the Board during discussion of item 18 to augment the report to be presented to the Board in future.

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A motion to approve staff recommendation in item 18, as outlined in the General Manager's report dated April 2, failed as indicated by the roll call noted below:

Ayes	None
Noes	Day, Estrada, Holden, Price, Storing
Abstain	Dunning, Holen, Patsaouras, Swanson, Hall
Absent	Panish

Howard Watts talked about the public hearing process; Greg Roberts spoke on property tax; and Sheldon Walter discussed transportation dollars and the development of a transit system.

6. Approved Benefit Assessment appeals as listed below:

<u>APPEALS</u> <u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>PARCEL NO.</u>	<u>BASIS OF APPEAL</u>
Al-10-86	5148-007-019	Residential Hotel
Al-33-86	5154-026-001	Residential Hotel
Al-56-86	5408-019-009	Residential Use
Al-75-86	5144-007-400	Incorrect Calculation
Al-81-86	5149-017-002	Vacant due to Code
Al-98-86	5407-022-027	Residential Use
Al-215-86	5408-027-008	Incorrect Calculation

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H. Watts spoke in opposition to assessments.

7. Approved extension of comment period and setting a new date for the Board to consider adoption of a Negative Declaration at the April 23, 1987 Board meeting, at which time notice will be sent out about the commencement of a new 30-day period to receive comment from the public. Comments will be received on this date and at a public hearing, date to be set on April 23.

Received General Manager's report containing recommendation and alternatives to approve the Initial Study and Adoption of Negative Declaration for the Division 6 Relocation Project.

[A transcript of the comments and discussion of this item is on file in the office of the District Secretary.]

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Items 8-9)

8. Approved Side Letter of Agreement No. XXXVII between the District and the Brotherhood of Railway, Airline & Steamship Clerks (BRAC).

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9. Approved cancellation of contract with Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg & Evans, approved Req. No. 7-1100-11, and authorized the General Manager to enter into a contract with Kelly, McAuliffe, Furlong, Aldrich & Siemens for governmental liaison services; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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President Hall asked that the record note Howard Watts was not present to address the Board when called upon.

EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Items 10-11)

10. Authorized:

- a. Execution of a contract with Transportation Manufacturing Corporation, Roswell, New Mexico, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-X120-R covering procurement of 30 methanol and 237 diesel buses, including accessories and spare parts for a bid price of \$41,425,461.44;
- b. Exercise of Option "B" covering procurement of 25 air starters for an additional cost of \$50,000;
- c. Approval of Requisition No. 7-3399-122 and exercise of Option "D" covering procurement of 30 additional diesel buses at an additional cost of \$4,618,830; and
- d. Approval of a long-term option for additional buses which must contain front door lifts at the election of the District;

for a total bid price of \$49,243,787.53, including sales tax and delivery; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grants CA-90-X120, CA-03-0307 and CA-90-X181.

Sue Ridenour spoke against rear door lifts; she said they were inaccessible to the disabled.

Yvonne Nau spoke in favor of front door lifts. She chided the District for its inability to serve the public.

Dick Pennell of GMT said his company was prepared to provide front door lifts in future; however, the 267 buses described above do not have such lifts.

Greg Roberts discussed the bus on exhibit at headquarters building, as well as wheelchair lift installation.

A substitute motion to reject staff recommendation failed by a roll call vote of 2-6 as noted below:

Ayes	Day, Storing
Noes	Dunning, Estrada, Holen, Price, Swanson, Hall
Abstain	None
Absent	Holden, Panish, Patsaouras

EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Items 10-11)

10. Cont'd.

An amendment to the motion by Director Price that any renewal of options in the future be predicated on the fact that there will be front door lifts carried by a vote of 6-2 as indicated below:

Ayes	Dunning, Estrada, Holen, Price, Swanson, Hall
Noes	Day, Storing
Abstain	None
Absent	Holden, Panish, Patsaouras

The full motion as amended carried by a vote of 6-2, as noted in the roll call indicated below:

Ayes	Dunning, Estrada, Holen, Price, Swanson, Hall
Noes	Day, Storing
Abstain	None
Absent	Holden, Panish, Patsaouras

It was the Board's understanding that thirty methanol buses will be delivered in approximately 50-66 weeks from the present date.

Mr. Pennell of TMC informed the Board that his company was cognizant of the District's desire for a front door lift, and assured the Board that TMC will install such a lift.

EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

11. Approved rejection of non-responsive bid submitted by Oxy-Dry Corporation and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsive, responsible bidders under Bid No. CA-05-005200 covering procurement of Infra-Red Dryers for Print Shop presses:

- a. Graphic West, Los Angeles, infrared dryer for Heidelberg press, for a total bid price of \$10,926.90; and
- b. Wm. Fuchs-Joe DeVries, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, infrared dryer for Diede Webb press for a total bid price of \$82,505.55;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel; subject to UMTA concurrence.

This procurement is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-05-0052.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

12. Received and filed recommendations and alternatives contained in the state legislative update report, which is to be revised to eliminate conflicts and ambiguities discussed by the Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried, Committee recommended that specific executive offices as set forth in Public Utilities Code 30300 be retained and that the office of Inspector General be included as a direct executive to be employed by the governing body in the District's recommendation to the Legislature. Further, that appointees continue to be at will and that their terms be unlimited; and that representation be at least equal to current representation, namely, four corridor, or League of City, representatives. The Committee also recommends that local government agencies be contacted to support the position contained in the General Manager's report.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

12. Cont'd.

Sheldon Walter asked the Board to impress on the Legislature the importance of rail transit for Los Angeles, and provided the Board with a copy of his communications to Assemblyman Katz and Senator Robbins.

Howard Watts asked for clarification with regard to receive and file. He aired his views about the proposed agency, the current Board, and appointed officials in general.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION (Items 13-14)

13. Received and Filed Report on Survey of the Elderly and Disabled Population in Los Angeles County.

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Howard Watts questioned the reliability and scope of the survey and expressed his desire to be included in future surveys.

14. Received and Filed Report on Community Affairs Accessible Service Outreach Program Update (wheelchair testing).

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Committee is to continue to monitor this program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

19. Authorized the General Manager to execute contract amendments to Metro Rail Contracts A-121, A-161, and A-171, which increase the aggregate contract price up to five percent, but in no event shall an individual amendment exceed \$99,999; form of amendments subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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20. Authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders under Bid No. 3-8717 covering procurement of air suspension bellow assemblies for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District:

- a. Graham Brake and Diesel, Chatsworth, covering Item No. 2 for an estimated annual cost of \$99,000;
- b. Fixible Corporation, Compton, covering Item Nos. 1 and 5 through 9 for an estimated annual cost of \$28,000; and
- c. Muncie Reclamation & Supply, Muncie, Indiana, covering Item Nos. 3, 4, 10 and 11 for an estimated annual cost of \$48,000;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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21. Consider General Manager's report containing recommendation and alternatives for approval of Requisition No. 7-7200-043 and authorization of the General Manager to extend an existing contract for two additional years with Advanced Systems, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois, covering self-study multi-media training courses at an additional cost of \$22,000, for a total cost of \$71,954; form of contract extension subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This item was pulled from the agenda by the General Manager.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

22. Consider approval of Requisition No. 7-6300-59 and authorization of the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Sharyn Case & Associates, Santa Ana, covering development and production of a videotape on the District's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program, entitled "Choices," increasing the total cost by an additional \$1,200 to a total cost of \$26,077; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Motion failed by a vote of 5-2, with Directors Estrada and Storing casting the dissenting votes.

23. Rejected a contract with G. M. Signs, Inc., Burbank, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 03-8703 covering procurement of identification signs for various District facilities for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, at an estimated annual cost of \$31,200; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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24. Consider General Manager's report containing recommendation and alternatives for approval of Requisition No. 7-9400-70 and authorization of the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Refrigeration Sales, Long Beach, covering procurement of freon gas at an additional estimated cost of \$160,000, for a total estimated cost of \$320,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This item was subsequently pulled from the agenda by the General Manager.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

25. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Harco Corporation, Huntington Beach, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 3-8727 covering construction of Cathodic Protection System for underground utilities at Division 8 (Chatsworth) for a total cost of \$51,800; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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26. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Disposal Control Services, Inc., Upland, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 03-8724 covering tank removal and soil decontamination at Division 13 (Riverside) for a total cost of \$40,291; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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27. Received and filed Report Calendar - March 20 through April 2, 1987.

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28. Approved Purchasing Agent's Report of Purchases From \$5,000 to \$25,000 - March, 1987.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

29. Approved minutes of Special Board meeting of February 5, 1987, Regular Board meeting of February 26, 1987 and Regular Board meeting of March 12, 1987.

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30. Approved:

- a. ratification of bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary; and
- b. ratification of temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

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GENERAL ITEMS

31. Consideration of items arising subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

No items to report.

32. Recess to Closed Session to consider personnel and litigation matters.

Recess postponed by order of the Chair.

GENERAL ITEMS

33. Public Comment.

Peter Baxter addressed the Board on the matter of the Grand report, and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Roseman, Grand Jury Foreman, for his refusal to investigate the District.

President Hall conveyed the Board's congratulations and wishes for success to Barry Engelberg, Director of Federal and State Liaison, who plans to leave the District mid-month.

G. Roberts inquired about the District's inability to use property tax, which, however, is not available to the Board as a source of revenue unless the District goes into bankruptcy and is dissolved. He suggested exploration of legislation to allow for this option.

S. Walter reminded the Board of the groundbreaking ceremony, which is slated to occur in September. He mentioned his discussion with Bill Ackerman of SCAG and Metro Rail construction, and noted Mr. Ackerman his plans to retire in September.

ADJOURNED, at 4:55 p.m.


District Secretary