

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, May 22, 1986
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:08 p.m.

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras, President
Gordana Swanson, Vice-President
John F. Day
Norman H. Emerson
Carmen A. Estrada
Jan Hall

Nate Holden
Marvin L. Holen
Leonard Panish
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

1. Presentation of Certificates of Merit to:
 - a. Hubert Hayes, Operator-of-the-Month;
 - b. Juanita Cook, Information Operator-of-the-Month;and presentation of plaques by Director Storing.

2. Presentation of Suggestion Awards to Gary Conover, Thomas Blatz, Jack Atkins, and Eugene Phillips by Gayel Pitchford, Director of Personnel.

3. Report of the President

President Patsouras noted the progress made in negotiations with UMTA on the full-funding contract for the Metro Rail Project, and indicated differences were minor. He believed a contract could be expected within the next couple of weeks.

He also reported that he visited with Senator Lehman and received the Senator's assurances that Los Angeles was in an excellent position to receive funding for future years.

4. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Dyer reported that a recent bus accident triggered a chain of events considered newsworthy. He also reported on the status of the District's Drug and Alcohol Policy. A copy of his written report on this subject is filed with the District Secretary.

Director Estrada asked if damages in excess of a certain dollar amount automatically triggered drug and alcohol screening. Mr. Dyer indicated that this was not a criterion at present; however, District could always elect to improve its policy and criteria.

Mr. Dyer reported that the Board of Supervisors took action earlier this week and requested the following: 1) that the District work with the unions to improve and strengthen existing programs relating to drug and alcohol abuse; 2) that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission begin to fund the additional cost of employee testing and the procedures that would be put into place; 3) that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission assist the District in combatting the overcrowding problem by providing additional dollars to reduce the number of hours operators are required to work. In addition, Supervisor Hahn pledged that County of Los Angeles funds would be available to assist the District with drug and alcohol control programs, and other special programs that he would like to see happen during the coming year.

4. Report of the General Manager - Cont'd.

Director Holden commended the General Manager for advising the public that public safety is a top priority. He also said that the Board of Supervisors suggested that the District's Board of Directors adopt a policy to change the current process to one of random testing for drugs. He read his motion into the record; a copy of this motion is filed with the District Secretary. In addition, the motion urges the General Manager to establish a comprehensive policy of scientifically testing operators for drugs or alcohol at regular intervals, and further requiring that District's drivers be immediately made aware of this new policy designed to assure the safety of the bus fleet and the lives of passengers.

Director Price, with the concurrence of Director Holden, amended the motion, authorizing the General Manager to negotiate with the United Transportation Union to bring this program to fruition, and seconded the motion.

Earl Clark, representing the United Transportation Union, appeared before the Board, and spoke in support of a drug and alcohol program. He indicated that the Union would oppose any program that would treat its membership different than other employees of the District.

Director Estrada asked Mr. Clark if his statement meant he supported random testing. Mr. Clark replied that he would support any type of testing that is legal and uniformly applied to all District employees. He indicated he would not support any program that would give management the right to intimidate UTU members.

President Patsouras said he could not support the motion, that isolating drivers is unfair. After further discussion, General Manager Dyer said he had not seen the formal, completed resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors.

Director Emerson's substitute motion, that the Board of Directors concur in the actions taken by the Board of Supervisors today and work toward implementation of those actions, was seconded. Director Estrada indicated she would find it difficult to support the substitute motion without an opportunity to review the County resolution. Director Holden cautioned that inaction on this matter today would send the wrong signal to the public. Director Estrada said she would be unable to support Director Holden's original motion, noting the District already has a policy to provide for regular interval testing upon the presence of certain established criteria. Director Estrada suggested the District fine-tune existing policy, and concluded by indicating she would support a lowering of the dollar amount that currently initiates testing.

4. Report of the General Manager - Cont'd.

After further discussion, General Manager Dyer indicated that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors would like the District and the union to expand the scope of the current drug and alcohol program, and said Supervisor Hahn would commit \$1 million of his supervisorial district's local Proposition A funds for this purpose.

Director Day made a substitute motion that the General Manager be instructed to review the motion adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, that he meet with the United Transportation Union and other unions, and that he make specific recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the District's drug and alcohol policy, which substitute motion was seconded.

Director Emerson withdrew his previous substitute motion. On a roll call vote, Director Day's substitute motion was unanimously passed.

General Manager Dyer said he would report to the Board on this matter in approximately thirty days.

On another subject, the General Manager asked the Board to approve a correction to the minutes of the April 24, 1986 meeting, as indicated on the report dated May 20, 1986, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the correction of the minutes was approved.

5. Director Special Items

Director Holden said statements have been made at today's meeting indicating that drivers are required to work seven days a week. Mr. Dyer said most operators who do this are on a VCB (Voluntary Call Back) basis. There are some OCB's (Ordered Call Backs), due to excessive absenteeism. He also said the District now has authority to use part-time drivers for VCB work.

SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Items 6-8)

6. Received and filed status report on CAPOTS Insurance Study.

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7. Approved Requisitions Nos. 5-9136-116 and 5-9136-116-A and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with MED-TOX Associates, Inc., Tustin, under RFP No. 018606 covering a health effects study in SCRTD spray painters and associated employees for a firm fixed price of \$42,945; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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8. Approved Requisition No. 6-0990 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with L.J.R. Insurance Services covering workers compensation claims administration services and approval of amendments to the L.J.R. contract providers for changes in services; form of option and amendments subject to approval of the General Counsel.

APPROVED, on a Roll Call vote as follows:

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

Staff is to provide a quarterly report on the status of the contract, which will include administrative costs, reserving and DBE/WBE information.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

9. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Winston Network, Inc., Los Angeles, the only bidder responding to Bid No. 4-8624 covering exterior transit advertising for the period July 1, 1986 through December 31, 1989, with options for three additional one-year periods at the election of the District, for an estimated revenue of \$12,100,000 for the initial 3-1/2 year period; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel

APPROVED, on a Roll Call vote, as follows:

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

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Items 10-17)

10. Authorized the General Manager to enter into contractual agreements with the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association for Hollywood Bowl Park-Ride Service for the 1986 season; form of agreements subject to the approval of the General Counsel.

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11. Authorized the General Manager to execute cooperative service agreements with the appropriate agencies for the provision of bus service in the counties of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino for FY 1986-87; form of agreements subject to the approval of the General Counsel.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

12. Approved the date of June 26, 1986 at 1:00 p.m. to hold a public hearing covering September 1986 service changes.

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13. Considered adoption of the FY 1987-1991 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

Considerable discussion was held concerning the fare structures as illustrated in the document. Mr. Dyer reported that the fare structure shown for FY 87 is a commitment, the out years fare structure does not reflect any policy decisions or commitment on the part of the District. Director Holen said the rates reflected are not a straight line increase, but seem to reflect some modification of the policy decisions that have been made by the Board. He specifically questioned why it was necessary to project fare structure for a period of five years, that it was more important to project revenues necessary to operate the District. Mr. Dyer responded that the District is required to present a five-year plan for the fare structure as well as District costs, and that this is necessary to present a balanced plan including operating revenues and operating costs.

Director Holen disagreed with the philosophy contained in the document, and indicated he would not vote for the fare structure policy change as contained in the document. Director Swanson asked if the General Manager would return to the Board in 1987 with a plan and request that the fare structure be based on what is contained in the SRTP. Mr. Dyer said this was correct. Director Swanson then asked if the Board has the latitude to consider the fare structure each year, with Mr. Dyer again affirming. Mr. Dyer also indicated that the document and the Board Report both indicate that the Short Range Transportation Plan is a guide.

Following additional discussion, Director Estrada indicated she was in agreement with the Directors who voiced their concerns with the policy implications.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

13. Cont'd.

Director Hall made a motion to approve the Short Range Transportation Plan FY 87 through FY 91, with a footnote reflecting that the relationship between the various fares has not been considered by the Board of Directors, however, and that the revenue projected to be raised by the fare structure reflected in the document is the only point endorsed by the Board. This motion was seconded, and discussion ensued.

Director Holen reiterated that a simple identifiable source of revenue from the farebox would have sufficed, and that he would not support transmittal of this document with the fare schedule included. Director Day said he was inclined to vote against the motion. Director Panish commented that basically the budget is simply a plan of estimated revenues and expenditures, much as the SRTP is a document of estimates. Neither document is expected to turn out exactly as projected. Director Holen again stated his concerns were not with quantitative issues, but with qualitative changes.

On a Roll Call vote, the motion was approved as noted below:

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

14. Approved adoption of procedures to implement Privatization Policies.

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Director Emerson requested a status report on the negotiations with the City of Los Angeles regarding privatization.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

15. Approved recommendations No. 1 and 2 of the Transit Law Enforcement Policy Task Force, as listed on pages 6 and 7 of the report dated May 14, 1986, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary. The Board referred recommendation No. 3, listed on page 7, to staff for further development and to wait for completion of the survey from police agencies for review prior to the next meeting of the Task Force.

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16. Approved minor route modification to Line 94 (LOS ANGELES-SAN FERNANDO) in the Sylmar area of the City of Los Angeles.

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17. APPROVED minor route modification to Line 177 (GLENDALE-LA CANADA-PASADENA-MONROVIA-DUARTE) in the La Crescenta area.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

18. Approved Requisition No. 6-8100-084 and authorized the General Manager to amend a contract to implement the Fourth Annual Work Program with Metro Rail Transit Consultants (a Joint Venture of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall/Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc./Kaiser Engineers (California) Corporation/Harry Weese and Associates, Ltd.) for services as General Consultants at cost not to exceed \$16,100,000; form of amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0130.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

19. Received and filed Federal Legislative Update, with the recommendation that District support the Federal Mass Transit Improvement Act of 1986, with an amendment to strike the provisions which prohibit the District from participating in the \$200 million set aside from the Mass Transit Trust Fund for bus and van purposes; and that the Board pursue the removal of Section 129 from S. 2405, and from any other highway reauthorization legislation.

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FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20. Adopted a resolution and authorized District officers to complete the sale of \$100 million in Revenue Anticipation Notes to raise cash for District operating costs in FY 87.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Items 21-23)

21. Approved Requisition No. 6-2200-018 and authorized amendment of the existing contract with the law firm of Nutter, Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert & Matz, increasing the budgeted amount from \$150,000 to \$175,000 to cover costs to represent the District in pending lawsuits; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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22. Approved reclassification of Administrative Secretary.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Cont'd.

23. Approved Requisition No. 6-9500-28 and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Employee Support Systems Company, Orange, under RFP No. 86-7 covering the Employee Assistance Program for a one-year period, with options for four additional one-year periods at the election of the District, with a first year cost of \$89,100; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 24-31)

24. Received and filed District report on investments for April, 1986.

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25. Received and filed the status report on Board Request List, which includes the authorization of staff to prepare RFP to sell air rights at San Fernando Valley Division.

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26. Authorized the General Manager to enter into a license agreement with the city of Culver City, permitting the city's use of the West Los Angeles Transit Center; form of agreement subject to the approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

27. Approved Requisition No. 6-3500-102 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with C F Associates, Inc., Rolling Hills, covering telecommunications consultant services at an additional cost of \$20,000, for a total cost of \$40,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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28. Approved Requisition No. 6-0990-9 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Gasco Gasoline, Inc., Oxnard, covering procurement of gasoline for one additional year at an estimated annual cost of \$810,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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29. Approved Requisition No. 6-3314-3593 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Korody-Colyer Corporation, Wilmington, covering piston ring sets and cylinder liners for use in maintenance of the District's fleet of buses at an estimated annual cost of \$203,800; form of option subject to approval of General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

30. Authorized:

- a. the Purchasing Agent to issue Invitations to Bid covering the sale of 16 surplus and obsolete buses and authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the highest responsible bidders thereon; and
- b. the General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with the highest responsible bidder covering the sale of one damaged bus;

form of bid requirements, specifications and contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

A portion of the revenue will be credited to UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0040.

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31. Received and filed Report Calendar - May 1 through 15, 1986.

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GENERAL ITEMS

32. Approved adoption of resolution designating persons authorized to sign checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the District on its accounts.

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GENERAL ITEMS - Cont'd.

33. New Business

General Manager Dyer presented a copy of the proposed FY 87 budget to the Board. The Committee of the Whole workshop, slated to be held June 7, will be dedicated to discussion of this document.

Greg Roberts appeared before the Board on route modifications to Line 94, serving Olive View Medical Center.

ADJOURNED at 3:35 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen