

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, October 9, 1986
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Directors Present

Jan Hall, President
Carmen A. Estrada, Vice-President
John F. Day
Norman H. Emerson
Nate Holden
Marvin L. Holen

Leonard Panish
Nick Patsaouras
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
Gordana Swanson

1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificates by Director Emerson.

2. Presentation of Board Resolution honoring Assemblyman Frank Vicencia by President Hall.

This presentation was postponed because Assemblyman Vicencia was unable to attend.

3. Report of the President

President Hall reported that she met with the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles on Tuesday, October 7. Technical teams from the District and the Department of Motor Vehicles will meet on October 9 as part of a mutual effort to ensure an ongoing dialog and continuing cooperation between the two agencies regarding the matter of the District's operators' licenses.

4. Report of the General Manager

Mr. Dyer discussed the Metro Rail decision rendered by U.S. District Court Judge Green on October 8 in the matter of Taxpayers Watchdog, Inc., et al vs. Ralph L. Stanley, et al. Judge Green's opinion removes all legal obstacles to the release of federal monies for the Metro Rail Project, thus enabling the district to proceed with the project.

The General Manager updated the Board on the status of the Congressional Committee work on FY 87 appropriations, and noted that issues center around the highway side of the re-authorization, with regard to HR 3129. Mr. Dyer expressed his doubts that transportation will have a bill this year because of the controversy revolving around the 55 miles per hour vs. 65 miles per hour speed limit issue.

4A. Report on the Status of Validation of Bus Operators Licenses and Medical Certificates

Mr. Dyer said that no operator working for the District is operating a bus without valid credentials, either licenses or medical certificates, as he reviewed the statistics contained in his reports dated October 2 and October 8, respectively.

Director Patsaouras' motion to receive and file these reports was seconded and duly carried, with Director Holden casting a dissenting vote.

John Walsh addressed the Board on this item.

4B. Report on Phase II of Triennial Performance Audit by Price Waterhouse.

Discussion centered around the recommendation that the District formally request a reopening of the UTU and ATU collective bargaining agreements for the purpose of revising specific articles to better control operator and maintenance employee absenteeism. Mr. Dyer said it was appropriate for the Board to request the General Manager to reopen contracts for negotiation on these subjects.

4B. Report on Phase II of Triennial Performance Audit by Price Waterhouse - cont'd.

Earl Clark, General Manager of the UTU, addressed the Board on the subject of absenteeism. He emphasized that the UTU encourages drivers to work every day.

Staff was requested to determine if drivers working overtime are among the 20% averaging 81 days' absence per year. In addition, staff was asked to distinguish between forced overtime and voluntary overtime.

Director Patsaouras' motion to reopen negotiations carried by a vote of 10-1, with Director Day casting the dissenting vote.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried, staff was directed by Board to implement all the non-contract issues that can be resolved, which are contained in the report dated October 3, 1986.

Carried, by a Roll Call vote of 9-1 as noted below, Director Holden's motion that the District accept approximately \$1,400,000 of Prop A funds from Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's Second Supervisorial District to assist in the hiring of operators, as delineated in the Supervisor's correspondence dated October 8, 1986.

Ayes: Emerson, Estrada, Holden, Holen,
Panish, Price, Storing, Swanson,
Hall

Noes: Patsaouras

Abstain: None

Absent: Day

The Board discussed the conditions contained in Supervisor Hahn's letter with respect to absenteeism, and was urged by the General Manager to proceed with the general direction of the motion by Director Holden, adding that the District was willing and desirous to receive these monies.

The General Counsel described the specifics involved in reopening negotiations, which are as follows: the General Manager will formally notify the unions in writing of his desire to reopen negotiations and await the unions' written reply.

Greg Roberts addressed the Board on item 4B and other matters.

6. Accessible Services Awards were presented by Supervisor Ed Edelman to operators listed below for providing safe and courteous transportation: Rhonda McLemore, Tyrone Craig, Steven Goldberg, and Jowett Mason.

5. Director Special Items

Director Holen noted that he did not mention one employee in his motion of September 25, 1986 to convert as-needed employees to full-time status as recommended by staff. Following further discussion, Director Storing's motion to refer this matter to the Personnel Committee carried by a Roll Call vote of 6-5, as indicated below:

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

Director Holden's motion to authorize the General Manager to prepare and submit to the Board within two weeks plans for implementing a policy of having bus operators work a maximum of 40 hours a week was followed by extensive discussion as to whether or not the motion contravened the collective bargaining agreement. Director Storing withdrew his second, and the motion died for lack of a second.

Greg Roberts addressed the Board on transit-related matters.

EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Items 7-9)

7. Approved rejection of non-responsive bid submitted by Graphics West, The Steward Co., Baumforder Corporation, and A. B. Dick Co., approved Requisition 6-9640-679, and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Heidelberg Pacific Inc., Torrance, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-0022-HH covering a 45" program cutter for a total bid price of \$59,320; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel, and subject to UMTA concurrence.

This project is funded in part under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-0022.

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8. Approved Requisition No. 6-7200-177 and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with IBM Corporation, Los Angeles, covering computer hardware at an estimated total annual cost of \$656,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel and subject to UMTA concurrence.

This project is funded in part under UMTA Grant Nos. CA-90-X120 and CA-03-0209.

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9. Upon Committee recommendation, the Board approved staff recommendations with respect to the areas of responsibilities for Equipment & Operations Committee, as contained in the report.

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MARKETING AND CUSTOMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

10. Upon Committee recommendation, the Board approved staff recommendations regarding the areas of responsibilities for the Marketing & Customer Information Committee.

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30. Upon motion by Director Holden duly seconded and unanimously carried, item No. 30, Procurement of Monthly Passes, was brought forward for discussion under the Marketing and Customer Information Committee.

The Board requested clarification of staff's recommendation with respect to this item, and was provided with reports dated October 2 and October 9, 1986.

The persons listed below addressed the Board in behalf of their respective companies: David Rough, Executive Vice President of Daleco Holographics, Inc.; Barbara Goss, proposed Project Manager, Armstrong World Industries, Inc.; and Margaret Mulcahy, proposed Project Coordinator, and Walter Pettway, Marketing and Business Manager, Polaroid Corporation.

A motion was made and seconded to award the contract to Daleco.

A substitute motion to accept staff recommendation to reject all proposals received under RFP No. 86-21 and approve Requisitions 6-4800-134, 6-4800-135, and 6-4800-136 for extension of the existing contracts with Polaroid Corporation, Ideal Printing Company, and Aaron Thomas Company in the amounts of \$44,850, \$9,903, and \$14,552, respectively for provision of monthly passes for the first quarter of calendar year 1987 was made by Director Swanson and duly seconded.

Discussion of the DBE/WBE qualifications was held, with the result that the President requested this motion be amended further.

MARKETING AND CUSTOMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

Upon request to call for the question, a Roll Call vote was held, with the following results:

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

Director Swanson's substitute motion to accept staff recommendation, as follows, carried by a vote of 6-5, as noted below:

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

- a. Rejection of all proposals received under RFP No. 86-21 for the provision of monthly passes for calendar year 1987, and authorization of the Purchasing Agent to re-issue a Request for Proposals with revised specifications; and
- b. Requisition Nos. 6-4800-134, 6-4800-135 and 6-4800-136 and authorization of the General Manager to extend the existing contracts with Polaroid Corporation, Ideal Printing Company and Aaron Thomas Company, covering the provision of monthly passes for the first quarter of calendar year 1987 at an estimated cost of \$44,850, \$9,903 and \$14,552, respectively;

form of contracts subject to approval of General Counsel.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE (Items 11-13)

11. Consider approval of use of a Barrier-Free system for the MOS-1 segment of Metro Rail.

On motion made and duly seconded, this item was tabled in order to provide the General Manager the opportunity to return to the Committee with additional information.

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12. Designated Marvin L. Holen and Norman H. Emerson as member and alternate member to serve as the District's representatives on the Cost Reduction Panel composed of representatives of LACTC, the City of Los Angeles, and the District in connection with the Metro Rail Project.

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13. Approved staff recommendations with respect to areas of responsibilities for Rapid Transit Committee, and further recommended that an "on budget" provision be incorporated in the report.

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In addition, staff is to return to the Committee to reexamine the issue of escalators at all stations.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

14. Discussion was held pertaining to recommendations for areas of responsibilities for Advance Planning Committee.

The Committee recommended that the prime objective be to heighten and improve the quality of transportation while reallocating resources. Further, staff is to incorporate various changes suggested by the Chairperson and return to Committee with an analysis for further discussion of the Committee's purpose, objectives, and program.

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

15. Discussion was held on recommendations for areas of responsibilities for the Facilities & Construction Committee. The Committee will take under advisement comments or changes, which will be addressed at a future meeting of the Committee.

PRIVATE SECTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

16. Discussion was held on recommendations for areas of responsibilities for the Private Sector Relations Committee, and the Committee announced its intent to discuss the report at a future Committee meeting. Further, the Committee requested that a graphically portrayed matrix indicating the cross-coordination of committee activities be provided.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

17. Approved staff report with regard to recommendations for areas of responsibilities for Government Relations Committee, with one modification: the wording under purpose is to be rephrased to reflect the Committee's role as one that makes recommendations to develop and support federal and state legislative goals and programs.

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FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18. Approved staff report with regard to recommendations for areas of responsibilities for Finance & Joint Development Committee.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

19. Discussion of recommendations for areas of responsibilities for Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation.

Committee requested that suggestions or changes be provided to the Chairman for subsequent consideration.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

20. Discussion of recommendations for areas of responsibilities for Local Government Affairs Committee.

Approved, on motion duly made and seconded, staff recommendation, with modification to incorporate more positive language in the section under Committee objectives. Committee will meet to review its objectives on an as-needed basis, but not less frequently than every six months.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

21. Following discussion of recommendations in the staff report on areas of responsibilities, it was the Committee's decision that, rather than create new regulations, the Committee would continue to be guided by and follow the rules and regulations under the mandate and charter of the Board of Directors.

Greg Roberts' objection that this committee did not meet in public was duly noted.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Items 22-24)

22. Approved amendment to contract with the law firm of Nutter, Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert & Matz, extending term of contract to June 30, 1987 and increasing the contract amount by \$100,000 to \$275,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of General Counsel.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

23. Authorized the General Manager to take the actions enumerated in the Board report dated October 3, 1986 with respect to the Gann Salary Limitation Initiative -- Proposition 61.

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24. Approved staff report on recommendations for areas of responsibilities for Personnel Committee; further, Committee requested that the functions described under this Committee be reviewed on a regular, as-needed basis, but no less frequently than every six months.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 25-29)

25. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Aidco, Inc., Adrian, Michigan, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 9-8611 covering two each valve body test stands for a total bid price of \$27,061; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

26. Approved proposed rates for racetrack shuttle bus service for the 1986-87 thoroughbred racing season.

Carried, with Director Storing casting a dissenting vote.

27. Approved Report Calendar - 9/26/86 - 10/9/86.

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28. Approved Report of Purchases - \$5,000 to \$25,000.

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29. 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. Approved rescheduling of the November and December Board meeting dates to Wednesday, November 17 and Wednesday, December 19, respectively.

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32. New Business

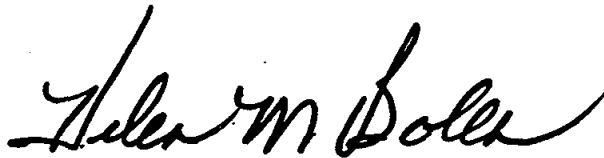
President Hall announced that the Joint Special Meeting with the California Transportation Commission scheduled for October 15, 1986, has been cancelled.

Sheldon Walter expressed his views about the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Greg Roberts discussed customer relations and Line 424.

Bryan Allen agreed to postpone his remarks about the barrier free system until a future meeting of the Rapid Transit Committee is held.

Adjourned, at 4:40 p.m.



Helen M. Bolen