

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

October 23, 1986

Called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Vice-President Estrada

Directors Present:

Jan Hall (arr. 1:14 p.m.)
Carmen A. Estrada
John F. Day
Norman H. Emerson
Nate Holden (arr. 1:30 p.m.)
Marvin L. Holen

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

1. Director Patsaouras presented plaques and Certificates of Merit to: Joe Benard, Operator-of-the-Month; John Aviles, Information Operator-of-the-Month. Also recognized was last month's Maintenance Operator-of-the-Month, Norma Hinrichsen.

Lech Gazinski, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month for this month was unable to attend.

2. Report of the President

President Hall announced that the Board would schedule their annual evaluation of the General Manager for November 13.

Mrs. Hall announced that a closed session on personnel matters would be necessary at the end of the meeting.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Dyer reported that every month 35% of the operators maintain an outstanding record which includes no accidents, no absenteeism and no missouts. This is the highest rating among transit properties.

Mr. Dyer said that the Safety Review Panel will be completing their report in the near future and would like to meet with the Board. He suggested Saturday, November 22, 1986. On motion made and carried, a meeting was scheduled for that date to be held in the Board Room at the Headquarters building.

The General Manager also reported on the proposed process regarding the CORE Forum meeting, indicating staff has set a tentative schedule which would allow for the identification of 75-100 persons who would sit as a forum. There are three meetings proposed to take place during November and early December. He concluded by stating that the Rapid Transit Committee would be responsible for chairing the forum process.

Mr. Dyer briefed the Board on the DMV situation and the status of operators licenses. He referred to recent news articles about the differences in reports from the Department of Motor Vehicles and the District.

In conclusion, General Manager Dyer reported that the District has received the results of the report from the LACTC on absenteeism. This is a part of the triennial audit conducted by Price Waterhouse. After completing a review of the report, staff will present an analysis and recommendations to the Board.

Director Holen spoke to the subject of the District's absenteeism and the recent action taken by the LACTC to penalize the District \$5 million if there is not improvement in this area. If the District is in a position where improvement cannot be made without the cooperation of the union -- and the union leadership has declined to agree to re-open the contract on this subject -- then the intent of the LACTC is to deprive the District of operating funds. Director Holen then made a motion to direct staff to plan an operating budget reduction plan in the amount of \$5 million, with the plan to include the identification of service to be eliminated by line and by area and to also estimate the number of people who will be affected. This motion was seconded and discussion ensued.

General Manager Dyer reported that the District and the LACTC staff would meet to develop a program to reduce absenteeism by certain percentages by June 30, 1987. In response to a question, Mr. Dyer indicated that the reduction in funding is proposed for Fiscal Year 1988. President Hall asked if it was possible to make any of the changes suggested by the consultant without opening the union contract. Director Estrada asked for a list of actions that can be taken to reduce absenteeism without opening up the union contract. After further discussion, Director Holen indicated he would agree to place his motion on the table, with the item to be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action at the November 13, 1986 Board Meeting. Staff is to provide a list of actions that can be taken outside the labor agreement to reduce absenteeism. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, with Director Storing casting a dissenting vote, the motion was placed on the table.

4. Director Special Items

Director Swanson reported on a meeting she had with senior citizens in her area who expressed concern about service levels.

Director Holen commented on a news article that caused concern to both him and Director Holden regarding an accident involving an RTD bus driver. He concluded by requesting a report on the accident.

Director Emerson asked about the implementation of the recently adopted Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy. General Manager Dyer responded good progress is being made to implement the policy. All employees will be provided with the policy by November 15, and the plan will become effective December 15, 1986.

EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

5. Received up-dated report dated October 22, 1986, on Lift-U, Inc. contract.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved extension of the contract with Lift-U, Inc. for an eight week period and increasing the Lift-U location working pool to 15 buses.

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6. Approved Requisition No. 6-0990-031 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Mock Petroleum/TRU & Associates, Irvine, covering procurement of diesel fuel at an additional estimated cost of \$18,000,000, for a total estimated cost of \$48,000,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

7. Adopted resolution authorizing the General Manager, or his delegate, to acquire a non-exclusive Permanent Easement on Parcel A1-228 for the Metro Rail Project, as described in the report dated October 23, 1986.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

8. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Keith D. Abrams Contracting, Inc., Chatsworth, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. A 123, covering demolition of Westransco Building in Los Angeles, for a total bid price of \$248,675; form of contract subject to approval of General Counsel.

This project funded in part under UMTA Grant CA-03-0130.

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9. Considered staff recommendation to reject the single bid for Metro Rail construction contract No. A149 submitted by Hood Corporation, Whittier.

Mr. Hugh Cronin, Underground Consultants, appeared before the Board on this matter. Mr. Cronin, acting as a consultant to the Hood Corporation, indicated that the action proposed by staff would be a costly delay, and he also questioned the validity of the engineers estimate.

On a motion by the Chairman of the Rapid Transit Committee, the Board took action to reject the single bid from Hood Corporation for Metro Rail construction contract no. A149.

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On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Agenda Item No. 18 was moved forward on the agenda.

18. Approved Requisition No. 6-8100-247 and authorized the General Manager to extend the initial contract with James-Kadowaki-Ortiz-Rideau, Los Angeles, the District Insurance Administrators, for one month from October 31, 1986 to November 30, 1986, at no increase in total cost; form of contract extension subject to approval of General Counsel.

This project funded in part under UMTA Grant CA-03-0130.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

10. CARRIED OVER to November 13, 1986 Board Meeting consideration of competitive negotiation of Metro Rail MOS-1 contract A640, communications system, and contract A650, passenger vehicles.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

11. Received and Filed federal legislative update.

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12. Received and Filed final state legislative update.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

13. Approved conversion of Douglas K. Cross, an as-needed employee, to full-time position, on Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Cont'd.

14. Approved requisitions and authorized the General Manager to extend existing contract covering medical coverage for non-contract, PORAC, and Teamster employees for one additional year:
- a. Requisition No. 6-0990-40, Allstate Life Insurance Co., at an estimated cost of \$1,852,000;
 - b. Requisition No. 6-0990-41, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc., at an estimated cost of \$952,000;
 - c. Requisition No. 6-0990-42, CIGNA Health Plan of California, at an estimated cost of \$548,000;
 - d. Requisition No. 6-0990-43, Maxicare: A Health Maintenance Organization, at an estimated cost of \$230,000; and

form of contracts subject to approval of General Counsel.

Approved staff recommendation to cease provision of outpatient psychological benefit with California Psychological Health Plan.

CARRIED, with Director Storing voting "No"

Staff to review employee contribution, both union and non-contract, and return with a report in six months showing comparisons between the District and City, County and other agencies.

FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Items 15-16)

- 15a. Adopted Resolutions indicating the District's Intent to Sell Benefit Assessment District Bonds; and
- 15b. Approved scheduling of a Public Hearing on December 4, 1986 at 1:00 p.m. for the Benefit Assessment Bonding Program.

CARRIED, with required eight (8) affirmative votes.

- 16. CARRIED OVER to November 13 Board Meeting review of current Joint Development Policies concerning participation of DBE/WBE firms.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 17. Adopted resolution regarding District's contracting policies with companies doing business in or with South Africa.

CARRIED, with Director Storing voting "No" and Director Panish abstaining.

CONSENT CALENDAR

19. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Heetland Roofing Company, Van Nuys, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 10-8607 covering re-roofing of the Division 4 (Downey) Maintenance Building for a total cost of \$147,526; form of contract 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. 6-8611 covering procurement of miscellaneous petroleum products for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District:
- a. Mobil Oil Corporation, Los Angeles, covering Items 1 and 1A for an estimated annual cost of \$165,742;
 - b. Texaco, Inc., Los Angeles, covering Items 2, 3 and 4 for an estimated annual cost of \$19,400;
 - c. L. T. Sawyer, Inc., Van Nuys, covering Items 5A, 5B and 6 for an estimated annual cost of \$43,670;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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21. Approved Requisition No. 6-8100-194 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Robert G. Ogle, San Marino, covering additional real estate appraisal and consulting services for the Metro Rail Project, increasing the total cost by \$20,000 to a total cost of \$44,999; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

22. Approved Requisition No. 6-8300-165 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Converse Consultants, Pasadena, covering removal of contaminated soil from Division 16 (Pomona), increasing the total cost by an estimated \$50,000 to a total estimated cost of \$82,035; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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23. Approved minor route modification to Line 3 in the City of Beverly Hills effective October 26, 1986.

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24. Received and Filed Report Calendar for the period October 11 through 16, 1986.

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25. Received and Filed monthly report of District Investments for the month of September, 1986.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - Cont'd.

26. Approved Purchasing Agent's Reports:
- a. Statement of Purchases \$5,000 to \$25,000 - September, 1986;
 - b. Report of Sales - Third Quarter, 1986.

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27. Received and Filed status report on Board requests.


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GENERAL ITEMS

28. New Business

Recessed at 2:45 p.m. to Closed Session to discuss personnel matters, returning at 4:02 p.m. No report was made of matters discussed.

The roll was noted and the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.


Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary