

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Committee of the Whole
Board of Directors
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

June 2, 1988 - 10:38 a.m.

Called to order by President Hall:

Directors Present:

Jan Hall	Nick Patsaouras
Carmen A. Estrada	Jay B. Price
Marvin L. Holen	Charles H. Storing (arr. 1:06 p.m.)
Erwin N. Jones	Gordana Swanson
	Kenneth R. Thomas

Directors Absent:

John F. Day	Joseph S. Dunning
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Agenda Item 1

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:39 a.m. to consider personnel matters. No report was made. The meeting was reconvened at 1:05 p.m. with all Directors responding to Roll Call except Directors Day, Dunning and Patsaouras.

Director Storing read a poem he had written for Mary Ellen Miranda, Recording Secretary, who was leaving the District.

Agenda Item 2

Presentation by Judy Hamerslough from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) of SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Hamerslough noted that SCAG is the long range planning agency for transportation. She stated that this plan focuses on home to work trips.

Who should be the operator of a rail system that runs between four counties was a question posed by SCAG. Ms. Hamerslough indicated they are requesting that the District give this question consideration with response to be at a later date.

Following SCAG's presentation, the Board received and filed the report.

Agenda Item 3

Received a verbal report on the status of reorganization matters relating to light rail from District staff and Paul Taylor, Acting Executive Director for the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

Mr. Taylor reviewed discussions that have been taking place between the two staffs stating that a full, detailed report will be made available to both Boards for discussion and, hopefully a joint resolution.

President Hall questioned inclusion of a Joint Powers Authority. Staff indicated it was being included for discussion purposes only.

Agenda Item 4

Received a presentation by staff on the proposed Fiscal Year 1989 Annual Budget.

Director Holen referred to a letter that had been received concerning the condition of buses on the street stating that there were filthy and run down. Mr. Holen stressed having enough money in the budget to get the fleet in good shape and keep it there was of utmost importance.

Director Holen stated that the board has three areas of responsibility with regard to the budget: restraint on fares; maximum number of bus miles on the street; and, support of the fleet. He stated that, in his opinion, the priorities needed to be changed. Support should be first on the priority list and not third.

Director Storing asked what would be sacrificed in this budget to have the fleet condition as a priority with Director Holen responding, a reduction in service. Director Holen noted that, in his opinion, the District must put dollars into taking care of the existing fleet.

Questions were asked about graffiti removal and repair to both the interior and exterior of the buses. Director Swanson stated that quality of service should not be replaced by quantity.

Questions were also raised concerning employees nearing retirement or vesting in the pension plan. Assurance was requested that no one in these categories would be laid off or their position deleted. Also emphasized was part-time and as-needed employees being laid-off first.

General Manager Pegg said he would prepare a report on as-need and part-time employees positions within the District. Director Estrada requested the report also include who was being eliminated and the ethnic break-down. A summary of the District's current layoff policy was also requested by the Board.

A report on service adjustments that will be made, and/or eliminated, and a report showing what service was eliminated and who, if anyone, will assume operation.

(President Hall left the meeting at 2:53 p.m.)

Director Price asked for a report explaining how a private operator can operate for three years using Proposition A funds and, failing at the end of the three year period, still become a municipal operator.

Director Thomas requested a description of the individual departments; how they will operate, their responsibilities, and where they are within the framework of the District.


Appearance of A. Falick, Chairman of the Coalition for Rapid Transit and G. Roberts concerning the budget process.

5. Public Comment.

G. Roberts appeared speaking on transit related matters.

Director Estrada reminded members of the Board about the June 21, 1988 public hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on metro rail.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.


Rhodona Thompson
Recording Secretary