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PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

District's Urban Mass Transportation capital grant application to aid in the financing of the purchase of 75 new automobiles, miscellaneous shop equipment, facilities maintenance equipment, one automatic mail inserter, one camera plate maker system, operator's room furniture and computer equipment.

January 21, 1976

1:00 p.m.

District Board Room

1060 South Broadway

Los Angeles,

California

Reported by

JANET BARTELS, CSR No. 2824



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PRESENT:

BYRON E. COOK, President

THOMAS G. NEUSOM, Vice President

GEORGE W. BREWSTER

ADELINA GREGORY

MARVIN L. HOLEN

JAY B. PRICE

PETE SCHABARUM

GEORGE TAKEI

BAXTER WARD (entered 1:10 p.m.)



P R O C E E D I N G S

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MR. COOK: The meeting will come to order, the secretary will please call the roll.

[Roll called. Present were:

Byron E. Cook President; Thomas G. Neusom, vice-president; George W. Brewster, Adelina Gregory; Marvin L. Holen; Jay B. Price; Pete Schabarum; George Takei. Present but arriving at 1:10 p.m., was Baxter Ward.]

MR. COOK: This public hearing has been called in connection with the District's Urban Mass Transportation capital grant application to aid in the financing of the purchase of 75 new automobiles, miscellaneous shop equipment, facilities maintenance equipment, one automatic mail inserter, one camera plate maker system, operator's room furniture, and computer equipment.

The first item on the agenda is a report by General Manager Gilstrap.

MR. GILSTRAP: The Board of Directors, on December 17, 1975, adopted a resolution to file a capital grant application with the United States Department of Transportation for the purchase of 75 new automobiles, miscellaneous shop equipment, facilities maintenance equipment, one automatic mail inserter, one camera plate maker system, operator's room furniture and computer



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1 equipment.

2 The public hearing is in accordance with rules  
3 which have been established by the Urban Mass Transportation  
4 Administration so that parties having a significant economic,  
5 social or environmental interest may be offered the  
6 opportunity to appear and be heard.

7 An environmental document has been prepared for  
8 this project and is available at the door for those who are  
9 interested.

10 Assistant General Manager for Administration and  
11 the Manager of Planning and Marketing will now describe the  
12 project in greater detail.

13 The record of this hearing will be held open  
14 for 15 days to receive any written comment on this project.

15 MR. COOK: We will now go to item number two on  
16 the agenda, a report regarding a general description of the  
17 proposed purchase and an environmental statement on the  
18 project to be presented by Jack Stubbs, Assistant General  
19 Manager for Administration.

20 Who will be giving that report for Mr. Stubbs?

21 MR. FOSTER: I will.

22 MR. FOSTER: This hearing is being held to  
23 consider purchase of the following equipment:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>
75 automobiles	\$ 338,985
Shop Equipment	326,150
Facilities Maintenance Equipment	288,545
Miscellaneous Equipment	82,000
Computer Equipment	1,166,000



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1           The District maintains and operates a fleet of  
2 approximately 236 automobiles. 116 CEA units are utilized  
3 by bus operators to make relief at points along bus routes  
4 during normal assignments and in emergency situations. 37  
5 Supervisor cars are operated by road supervisors to monitor  
6 operations and to respond to accidents and route detour  
7 situations. Headquarters personnel utilize a fleet of  
8 83 automobiles for business transportation, constructions  
9 supervision, and other projects. The use of several staff  
10 cars in a pool obviates the use of employees' cars at a  
11 substantial cost to the District.

12           The current District policy is to replace full-  
13 sized and intermediate cars when they reach five years of  
14 age or have been driven in excess of 100,000 miles. Semi-  
15 compacts and compacts are replaced when they reach three  
16 years of age or have been driven in excess of 75,000 miles.  
17 This policy conforms to that of most local governmental  
18 agencies and many private companies.

19           The District presently performs maintenance  
20 functions at each of its eleven operating facilities. Major  
21 maintenance is centralized at the District's South Park  
22 Shops, (Division 14) near downtown Los Angeles.

23           In addition, the facility has office and storage  
24 areas which are used by the Purchasing Department. The 9.8-  
25 acre site provides space for the storage of materials used  
to repair the District's physical plant facilities, that is,  
lumber, sand, concrete, construction vehicles, and parts.



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1 The original facilities were constructed in approximately  
2 1911 to support rail car operations, and many of the  
3 maintenance functions have been carried out with the original  
4 equipment or with modified equipment or through gradual  
5 purchases of modern equipment.

6 The large increase in the number of buses  
7 operated by the District has taxed the capability of existing  
8 maintenance equipment.

9 On the average, South Park Shops have 60 to 70  
10 vehicles under maintenance with a backlog of as many as 25  
11 buses awaiting major rehabilitation. Aside from manpower  
12 and space limitations, the quality and quantity of the tools  
13 and equipment are the factors regulating the rate of  
14 maintenance service. Of acute concern are the tools which  
15 are presently manually operated when technology has  
16 developed automated equipment.

17 In addition to vehicle maintenance, the South  
18 Park Shops support facilities maintenance operations. The  
19 District's 12 operating and maintenance facilities range in  
20 size from 3 to 13 acres. To upgrade and maintain these  
21 sites the District continually performs its own minor and  
22 major repairs. This includes excavating, paving, and  
23 hauling. In several of these categories, the present  
24 equipment is either nonexistent, inadequate or in violation  
25 of state or federal vehicle regulations.



1 Approval of this grant application will permit  
2 the procurement of equipment, tools and vehicles used in the  
3 maintenance of the District's approximately 2300 buses.  
4 Proper levels of maintenance will not only improve the useful  
5 life of existing equipment, but will provide improved cost  
6 efficiencies to the District and better quality transporta-  
7 tion services to the public.

8 The District Data Processing Center is continuing  
9 to implement its phased Management Information System. The  
10 hardware involved, is comprised of a Univac-1106 computer  
11 system with disc, tape and card input-output. The system  
12 allows batch, time-shared and data base oriented programs  
13 to function simultaneously.

14 Future phases contemplate, among others, a  
15 positive time reporting system for use in a new integrated  
16 payroll and personnel data base system. Other programs  
17 include automated fueling stations, passenger density  
18 capabilities, a maintenance planning and control system,  
19 vehicle monitoring and a computerized customer information  
20 system.

21 These data processing systems will supplement  
22 and complete this phase of implementation of the District's  
23 Management Information System which provides management the  
24 capability to analyze and record valuable operation,  
25 maintenance and personnel data.



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A draft environmental statement and negative declaration was prepared for this project and filed with the District Secretary on December 17, 1975. A copy of this document will be incorporated into the record of this hearing along with a list of the regional and local agencies who received a copy of the report.

MR. COOK: Item number three is a report by George McDonald, manager of planning and marketing, with respect to the transit development program as undertaken under the Regional Coordinated Transit Development Plan. Mr. McDonald.

MR. McDONALD: The Southern California Rapid Transit District and its predecessor, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, have been participants in the regional comprehensive and transportation planning effort since the inception of regional planning in the Los Angeles area in 1960. Since 1971, the regional transportation planning function for Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial Counties has been carried out by the Transportation and Utilities Committee (TUC) of SCAG. This agency holds membership on that committee.

In the fall of 1974, SCRTD completed a comprehensive plan for long-term rapid transit and short-term bus improvements within its service area. Comparable





1 documents were prepared by other agencies for each of the  
2 other five counties.

3 SCAG integrated these subregional contributions  
4 into the 1975 Regional Development Plan, which is the official  
5 land-use transportation plan for the six-county region.

6 The coordination of operations and development  
7 of existing bus systems in the region is planned through the  
8 Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) of SCAG. Through this  
9 organizational structure matters of service coverage, physical  
10 arrangements for interchange of traffic among the systems  
11 and a continuing program for improvement of equipment and  
12 operating facilities are coordinated.

13 MR. COOK: I will now call the District  
14 Secretary for his statement regarding affidavits of publica-  
15 tion and notice of intent to hold hearing.

16 MR. MISSICK: I have, in my possession,  
17 affidavits of publications from the Los Angeles Herald  
18 Examiner, Los Angeles Sentinel, and La Opinion  
19 showing publication of Notice of Intent to Hold Public  
20 Hearing, with the Los Angeles Herald Examiner and La Opinion  
21 publishing the Notice of Intent to Hold Public Hearings on  
22 December 17 and 18, 1975, and the Los Angeles Sentinel  
23 publishing on December 18, 1975; and

24 I have caused a copy of Notice of Intent to Hold  
25 Public Hearing to be mailed to a list of 80 federal, state



1 and local agencies with jurisdiction by law or special  
2 expertise, and authorized to develop and enforce  
3 environmental standards, which could be interested in the  
4 project as follows:

- 5 6 Federal Agencies
- 6 5 State of California Agencies
- 7 5 Los Angeles County Agencies; and
- 8 64 Elected Federal and State Representatives.

9 MR. COOK: Thank you, Mr. Kissick.

10 Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to  
11 comment on the project?

12 Being no response, the Chair will entertain  
13 a motion to close the hearing.

14 [Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Price and  
15 seconded by Mr. Takei that the meeting be closed.]

16 [Whereupon, at 1:20 the meeting was adjourned.]

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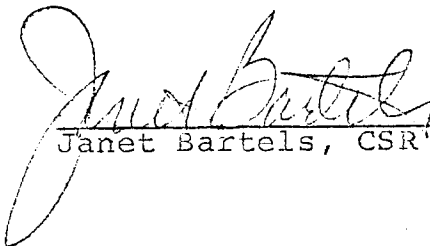
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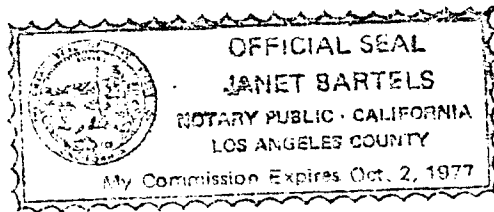
6           I, JANET BARTELS, CSR No. 2824, a Notary Public in and  
7 for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, certify:

8           That the foregoing Public Hearing was taken before me  
9 at the time and place herein set forth, at which time the  
10 proceedings were recorded stenographically by me and  
11 thereafter transcribed under my supervision; and

12           That the foregoing transcript, as typed, is a true  
13 record of said proceedings.

14           IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name and  
15 affixed my seal this 26th day of January, 1976.

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18 Janet Bartels, CSR No. 2824



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