

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Meeting of
the Board of Directors of the District

July 10, 1973

Upon notice duly given, the Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at a regular meeting in the District Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, at 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 1973, at which time Acting President Thomas G. Neusom called the meeting to order.

Directors George W. Brewster, Hugh C. Carter, Herbert H. Krauch, Jay B. Price and Thomas G. Neusom answered the Roll Call, and Directors Arthur Baldonado, Byron E. Cook, A. J. Eyraud, Jr., Adelina Gregory, Don C. McMillan and Norman Topping were absent from the Meeting.

Also present were General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap; General Counsel Richard T. Powers; Manager of Operations George W. Heinle; Assistant Manager for Administration Jack T. Stubbs; Manager of Planning & Marketing George L. McDonald; Controller-Treasurer-Auditor Joe B. Scatchard; Chief Engineer Richard Gallagher; Secretary Richard K. Kissick; and the public.

It being determined that a quorum of the Board was not present, Acting President Neusom announced that items on the Agenda not requiring Board resolutions would be taken up, pending arrival of one more Member of the Board to make a quorum.

Introduction of Director Hugh C. Carter and Committee Assignments

Acting President Neusom introduced Director Hugh C. Carter, appointed on June 19, 1973 to represent the Fourth Supervisorial District, County of Los Angeles, on the Board of Directors, replacing Director Douglas A. Newcomb who had resigned.

A copy of Director Carter's Oath of Office is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit I.

Acting President Neusom announced that Director Carter had been appointed as a member of the Surface Operations Committee and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Director Carter acknowledged his introduction and, in view of certain business relationships, read into the record the following statement:

"At this time I would like to disclose that my engineering company has a business relationship with Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall in connection with a project currently underway in San Diego.

"Also, I wish to declare, as I did on my Oath of Office as a Director of the District, that my wife, Patricia Carter, owned as her separate estate prior to our marriage, less than 1/2 of one percent of the stock of Rohr Industries, Inc.

"I am requesting that the record reflect these matters, and, further, I would request the General Counsel to review both of these relationships to determine if, legally, either constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to the business conducted by this Board on behalf of the District.

"Meanwhile, I will abstain from voting on any agenda items which are related in any way to these interests."

Commendatory Resolution for Former Director Douglas A. Newcomb

The staff was instructed to prepare a Commendatory Resolution to former Director Douglas A. Newcomb for his long and dedicated service to the District as a member of the Board of Directors.

Certificate of Merit

Director Brewster presented the District's Certificate of Merit to Robert J. Hennessy, Operator-of-the-Month for June, 1973, in recognition of the outstanding courtesy displayed by Mr. Hennessy towards his passengers and the public.

Roll Call to Determine Quorum

Director Arthur Baldonado entered the Meeting at 10:10 a.m. and Acting President Neusom requested the Secretary for another Roll Call.

Directors Baldonado, Brewster, Carter, Krauch, Price and Neusom responded to Roll Call, and Directors Cook, Eyraud, Gregory, McMillan and Topping were absent from the Meeting.

The Secretary announced that a quorum of the Board was now present.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 12, 1973, the Regular Meeting held June 19, 1973 and the Special Meeting held June 22, 1973 were approved.

Temporary Route Diversions

After discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-204

RESOLVED, that the temporary route diversions caused by construction work affecting Line Nos. 17, 27, 35, 36, 93, 99, 140 and 176, as described in report dated July 2, 1973 filed with the Secretary, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Changes in Bus Stop Zones

After discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-205

RESOLVED, that the report dated June 29, 1973 relating to bus stop changes filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

Reports of Purchasing Agent - Received and Filed

The following reports of the Purchasing Agent, copies

of which are on file with the Secretary, were presented to the Meeting and ordered "Received and Filed":

- a. Statement of Purchases Over \$99.99, Except Routine Purchased Material or Supplies for Stock and for Ordinary Repairs, submitted June 15, 1973.
- b. Statement of Material & Supplies Account for the Month of May, 1973.

Approval of Authorization for Expenditure No. 528

After discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-206

RESOLVED, that Authorization for Expenditure No. 528, covering the following miscellaneous requisitions of \$250 and over, but less than \$1,000, as discussed at this meeting, be and the same is hereby approved:

<u>Reqn. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
3399-242	1 Air Conditioner	\$ 313.35
3399-243	1 Air Conditioner	344.62
7000-59	1 Electronic Printing Calculator	710.73

Approval of Requisition No. 9700-91 and Authorization to Call for Bids Covering the District's Paper Towel Requirements for a One-Year Period, With an Option of One Additional Year

After discussion, on motion of Director Price, Vice-Chairman of the Surface Operations Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-207

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1973, the Surface Operations and Finance Committees considered and concurred in the General Manager's report dated July 2, 1973, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending approval of Requisition No. 9700-91, covering the District's paper towel and dispenser requirements for a one-year period, with option of one additional year, at an estimated cost of \$10,500.00 for one year, and authorization of the Purchasing Agent to call for bids thereon in accordance with the Rules and Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9700-91 be and the same is hereby approved, and the Purchasing Agent be and he hereby is authorized to call for bids covering the District's paper towel and dispenser requirements for a one-year period, with an option of one additional year, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Authorization of the Purchasing Agent to Call for Bids Covering
the Sale of Used Oil

After discussion, on motion of Director Price, Vice-Chairman of the Surface Operations Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-208

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1973, the Surface Operations and Finance Committees considered and concurred in the General Manager's report dated July 2, 1973, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to call for bids covering the sale of used oil, consisting mainly of used air cleaner, crankcase and transmission oils from District vehicles of which approximately 100,000 gallons will be available for disposal with an estimated yield of \$1,500.00 for a one-year period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent be and he hereby is authorized to call for bids covering the sale of the District's used oil for a one-year period commencing October 22, 1973, with option of one additional year; subject to prior approval of the Consulting Engineer; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Adoption of Staff Report Regarding Alternatives to Discontinuance of Sunland-Pacoima Line No. 119

After discussion, and after ascertaining that there was no one in the audience who wished to appear before the Board and be heard on the subject, on motion of Director Baldonado, Vice-Chairman of the Advance Planning & Marketing Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-209

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. R-73-192 adopted June 19, 1973, discontinuance of service on Sunland-Pacoima Line No. 119 was authorized effective as of the close of operations on July 13, 1973, and the staff was directed to submit a report to the Board at its July 10, 1973 meeting regarding the possibility of the narrow bridge spanning the Tujunga Wash being repaired or enlarged, together with any suggested alternatives for serving the Lake View Terrace area; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1973 the Surface Operations and Advance Planning & Marketing Committees considered and concurred in the General Manager's report dated July 6, 1973 reporting that it is unlikely any action will be taken regarding improving the bridge spanning the Tujunga Wash for at least six to eighteen months, but that the residents of the Lake View Terrace area had been advised that at such time as said bridge is improved to permit safe operation of 102-inch width buses over the bridge the District will be pleased to consider extending Line No. 56 into the area; and

further reporting three alternatives for serving the area, any of which would be contingent upon the City of Los Angeles agreeing to subsidize the service since planning projections indicate that none of the alternative proposals have a chance of returning even fifty percent (50%) of their costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager's report dated July 6, 1973, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby adopted, and the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to negotiate with the City of Los Angeles as to the City's willingness to underwrite the costs of providing any one of the following three alternate proposals for providing service to the Lake View Terrace-Pacoima area:

- a. Establishment of a new line between Montrose and Van Nuys;
- b. Establishment of a "Dial-a-Ride" system; and
- c. Continuance of the present shuttle service being provided by the Sunland-Pacoima Line No. 119

Approval of Establishment of New Line 180 - Van Nuys-Santa Monica Summer Beach Service

After discussion, on motion of Director Baldonado, Vice-Chairman of the Advance Planning & Marketing Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-210

WHEREAS, the District has been requested by a civic group known as Recreational Transit System (RTS) and Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr., to establish a new service between Van Nuys and Santa Monica over portions of present District routes to provide an expedited 'valley-beach' service for the remainder of the summer; and

WHEREAS, because of the public interest already created in this proposed service by media coverage, this new line could conceivably generate an average daily patronage of about 300 riders or 84% of its 'incremental' costs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Van Nuys-Santa Monica Line No. 180 would require the use of three buses providing eight round trips per day, seven days per week, with hourly headways beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m., with a proposed premium fare of \$1.00 for this point-to-point service subject to District fare reduction programs for students, senior citizens, and pass holders and including transfer privileges; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1973, the Surface Operations, Advance Planning & Marketing and Finance Committees considered and concurred in the General Manager's report dated July 5, 1973, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending the establishment of Van Nuys-Santa Monica Line 180 for a fifty-six day period beginning July 22, 1973 and ending September 15, 1973, as described above at an estimated 'incremental' cost of \$272.00 per day of operation, with estimated daily revenues of \$229.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to revise the Official Route Descriptions adopted November 1964, as amended, to include Original Page No. 180, together with modification to Local Passenger Tariff No. 18 to include the establishment of a special \$1.00 premium fare, for a fifty-six day period commencing July 22, 1973 and ending September 15, 1973; subject to the prior approval of the Consulting Engineer.

Item No. 11 - Removed from Agenda

Acting President Neusom announced that Item No. 11 reading as follows, had been removed from the Agenda:

"Consider authorization of the General Manager to retain the services of a professional firm qualified to provide the design and production of graphics for

the new ARCO Customer Service Center at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Funds for this project are included in Revised Authorization for Expenditure No. 513 adopted March 6, 1973."

Small Claims Courts - Appointment of Representatives

After discussion, on motion of Director Price, Vice-Chairman of the Surface Operations Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-211

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. R-71-344 adopted by the Southern California Rapid Transit District on December 7, 1971, under the heading "Small Claims Courts - Appointment of Representatives," be and the same is hereby rescinded in its entirety;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Joe B. Scatchard, Frank Carr and Inga Johnson of the District, and Seymour A. Greenstein, Robert Turner, Robert Pfannenstiel, Vernon Trott and Karen Wilson of Transit Casualty Company are hereby appointed to represent the District in the Small Claims Courts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that said persons are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and lawful to prosecute claims in said courts on behalf of the District and to do all things necessary and lawful to defend the District against claims filed in the said courts;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Richard K. Kissick, Secretary of the District, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to accept service of process issued by said courts for and on behalf of the District;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Richard K. Kissick, Secretary of the District, be and he is hereby authorized to sign and/or verify, on behalf of the District, claims against public agencies and/or public officers.

Transit Casualty Company - Bodily Injury and Property Damage
Claims Against the District

After discussion, on motion of Director Price, Vice-Chairman of the Surface Operations Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-212

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District on December 7, 1971 adopted Resolution No. R-71-345 under the title of "Transit Casualty Company - Bodily Injury and Property Damage Claims Against District";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Resolution No. R-71-345 adopted December 7, 1971 be and the same is hereby rescinded; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (predecessor of Southern California Rapid Transit District) covenanted in Section 1013 of the Trust Indenture dated January 1, 1958 to obtain insurance against liability and property damage from a responsible insurance company; and

WHEREAS, by reason by a past resolution of the Members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (predecessor of Southern California Rapid Transit District) and by reason of contracts, this District is insured for such risks under a General Comprehensive Liability policy issued by Transit Casualty Company; and

WHEREAS, under the terms and provisions of said policy and contracts, Transit Casualty Company is required to investigate, process, handle and dispose of claims against this District for bodily injury and property damage, and to handle all litigation

arising out of such claims and, in connection therewith, to file and verify pleadings, to testify and to accept Writs of Summons, Subpoena Duces Tecum on behalf of and in the name of the District; and

WHEREAS, the law permits this Board of Directors to appoint Agents with authority to do and perform such acts for and on behalf of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Seymour A. Greenstein, Robert Federman and Charles W. Murry, of Transit Casualty Company, be and hereby are appointed as Agents of this District for the purpose of and with the authority to sign, verify and file any and all pleadings in the name of and on behalf of the District, and to accept service of any and all Writs of Summons, Subpoena or Subpoena Duces Tecum and, by and through such persons as they or Transit Casualty Company may select, to investigate, process, handle, settle, litigate or otherwise dispose of bodily injury and property damage claims against the District in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned liability insurance policy and contracts and that Seymour A. Greenstein, Robert Federman and Charles W. Murry, or any other agent or employee of Transit Casualty Company shall not be entitled to any compensation from the District for the performance of any of the acts herein authorized.

Contract Amendments with Consultants Relative to Conducting Phase III of the Alternative Transit Corridors and Systems Technical Study - Carried Over to Next Meeting of the Board

After discussion, and in view of the necessity for Director Carter to abstain from voting due to a possible conflict of interest, thus leaving only five votes remaining, whereas a majority of six affirmative votes are necessary to adopt the subject matter, Item No. 13 on the Agenda, reading as follows, was carried over to the next meeting of the Board:

"Consider authorization of the General Manager to execute contract amendments with the following consultants relative to Phase III of the District's Alternative Transit Corridors and Systems Technical Study, in the total estimated amount of \$397,000.00; subject to concurrence of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration; form of contract amendments subject to approval of the General Counsel:

Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
Kaiser Engineers/Daniel, Mann, Johnson
and Mendenhall
Alan M. Voorhees & Associates
Wallace, McHarg, Roberts & Todd/Kennard
and Silvers
Stone & Youngberg Municipal Financing
Consultants"

Approval of Establishment of Six Non-Contract Positions Necessary
in Connection with the Development and Operation of a
Computer-based Management Information Program

After discussion, on motion of Director Krauch, Acting Chairman of the Personnel Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-213

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. R-72-288 adopted November 7, 1972 this Board authorized the General Manager to execute Contract No. DOT-UT-829 between the District and the U. S. Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, covering the first phase of a Five-Year Capital Facilities Improvement Program under Project No. CA-03-0049 including the cost of development and operation of a computer-based Management Information program; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. R-72-333 adopted December 19, 1972 this Board authorized award of contract to Foresight Systems, Inc. to study and

submit recommendations in connection with the development of a computer-based Management Information program; and

WHEREAS, Foresight Systems, Inc. has submitted a report and recommendations, as contained in Volumes I, II and III, copies of which are filed with the Secretary, recommending that the District acquire a third generation computer and sophisticated hardware at an estimated cost of \$1.1 million, and further recommending a staff augmentation of six persons in connection with the development and operation of the system, which personnel would develop specifications for submission to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and this Board; and

WHEREAS, an amount of \$1,310,000.00 is included in the budget for the aforementioned project, and also in Authorization for Expenditure No. 510 approved by this Board on November 7, 1972; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the system analysis and programming costs relating to either District personnel or purchased programs will be considered a capital cost and thus eligible for two-thirds UMTA funding, with District personnel engaged in system design and programming work to be covered under this arrangement for the first two years of the project; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1973 the Personnel, Surface Operations and Finance Committees considered and concurred in the General Manager's report dated July 5, 1973, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending establishment of six (6) non-contract positions in order to proceed with the programming and design work for the aforementioned program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to establish the following six (6) additional positions under the Non-Contract Position Classification and Salary Plan, with said positions to be filled as the needs develop:

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary Range</u>	<u>Range No.</u>
Director, Management Information System	\$20,802	Management Group
System Analyst Manager	\$15,276-\$19,032	26
System Analyst Senior (Two Positions)	\$14,496-\$17,976	25
Accounting Systems Analyst I	\$13,824-\$17,160	24
Secretary II	\$9,852-\$9,972	14

Matters Relating to Rapid Transit Development

General Manager Gilstrap reported on the Special Meeting which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on July 23, 1973 at Occidental Auditorium to receive the report and recommendations from the consultants who have been working eight to nine months on development of rapid transit proposals for Los Angeles County. Invitations have been extended to city and county officials, SCAG, League of California Cities, civic organizations, chambers of commerce, etc. Following receipt of the report, the District must go through a series of public hearings to receive public input before a final plan is adopted for submission to the voters in June or November of next year.

Report of Acting President Neusom

Acting President Neusom reported that he had attended the all-day Governor's Transportation Symposium which had been held at the Sheraton-Universal on June 25. The meeting was

interesting and informative, with the principal purpose being to introduce the staff of the California Department of Transportation and to explain the new department's functions.

He also reported that he accompanied Mayor-elect Thomas Bradley to Washington, D.C. for meetings on June 21 and 22 with UMTA and EPA representatives, as well as Congressman Wilbur Mills and others. General Manager Gilstrap joined them in the meetings. He reported that he felt the meetings were helpful to the Los Angeles area and that Mayor Bradley's attendance added significance to the meetings.

After discussion, the staff was directed to prepare a letter from the Board to Mayor Bradley commending him for his support of transit, and wishing him success during his term of office as Mayor of Los Angeles.

(Director Jay B. Price left the Meeting at 10:35 a.m. and Director Don C. McMillan entered the Meeting at 10:40 a.m.)

Letter to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn

Director Brewster complimented the General Manager on his letter to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, responding to the Supervisor's proposal to use the present additional 1-cent sales tax for transit for a temporary period into January, 1974, and which response had been discussed at Committee meetings on July 9.

Report of General Manager

General Manager Gilstrap presented his report on the activities of the District since the last Meeting. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit 2.


Next Regular Meeting

After discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-214

RESOLVED, that the next Regular Meeting of the District be held in the District's Board Room in the Transit District Building, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, July 24, 1973, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.


Secretary

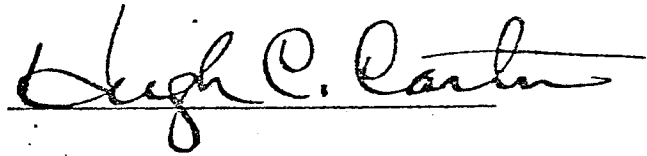
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
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County of Los Angeles)

OATH OF OFFICE

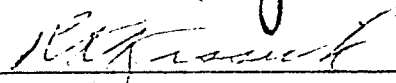
I, HUGH C. CARTER, during such time

as I hold the office of Member of the Board of Directors
of the Southern California Rapid Transit District, do solemnly swear (or
affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States
and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign
and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution
of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take
this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion;
and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about
to enter.



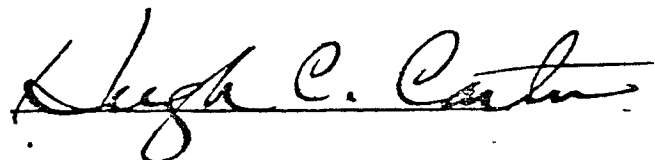
Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 20th day of June, 1973



Secretary of the Southern California
Rapid Transit District

My wife, Patricia Carter, owned as her separate property prior to our marriage
less than one-half of one percent of the stock of Rohr Industries, Inc. This
stock is her separate property and I have no direct or indirect benefit as a
result of her ownership of this stock. This information is included on the
initial oath of office record so that it is available to the general public.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

General Manager's Report
July 10, 1973 Board Meeting

Yes sir, I have a brief report on a few developments and routine travel.

On Monday, July 2nd, Mayor Bradley marked his first working day in office by helping to inaugurate our expanded subscription service to the Atlantic Richfield Plaza. Vice-President Neusom represented the Board at the early morning press conference, during which the Mayor personally greeted over 230 new subscription riders.

On the same day, Director Brewster represented the District in launching our "Sunday at the Beach" mini-bus service at a press conference at the TRW Systems' parking lot. Our Planning Department reports a very favorable response to this new service by the public and I think rather good patronage on the early figures that we have.

Next weekend, July 14th & 15th, is indeed a big day for public transportation in Los Angeles. That is the day and weekend on which we will be inaugurating, or dedicating I should say, our new El Monte Busway Station in the City of El Monte. The Board and staff will host State and local officials in dedicating this new station. I might say that on Saturday all RTD employees are invited to a fun-filled afternoon of busway rides, game booths and refreshments. In other words, we're going to have our employees see this new facility first. Formal dedication ceremonies will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. following a mid-day brunch. The opening of the station will mark an expansion of busway commuting that will significantly change the transportation picture in the San Gabriel corridor.

Following is a report of out-of-state travel by Directors and staff during the month of June.

Directors Cook, McMillan, Gregory and Neusom, together with staff members Wilkens and Weimer attended the American Transit Association Mid-Year Conference in Denver June 4-8. Some of those attending also had the opportunity to visit the UMTA Test Track in Pueblo.

Mr. McDonald and Mr. de la Cruz were in Washington, D.C. June 11-13 meeting with UMTA officials and making Congressional calls.

Mrs. Gifford, Mr. Williams and Mr. Namatame were in Washington June 17-19 attending the UMTA Civil Rights Seminar.

The District was represented at the Institute for Rapid Transit Annual Conference in Toronto the week of June 25th by Directors Cook, Gregory, and Krauch and by staff members McDonald, Barnes, Benzler, Gallagher, Black, Powers and Harris. Several of those in attendance also inspected the Montreal Rapid Transit facilities on June 25.

I'm also pleased to announce that the Institute will hold its 1974 Annual Conference in Los Angeles, which I think we can be very pleased and proud of. This'll be during the period of June 18 through 21. We will be the host agency and this is in response to an invitation from newly-elected Mayor Bradley and from your Rapid Transit District Board.

Finally, while on two weeks naval duty in Washington, I had the opportunity to attend several meetings, which Mr. Neusom has already mentioned to you, with UMTA and EPA officials and our delegation and, along with Mr. Olivito, we did have a good briefing session with our Congressional delegation.

Mr. President, Members, that concludes my report for this period. It's been a rather busy one.