

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

October 11, 1973

Upon notice duly given, the Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at an adjourned regular meeting with the Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) at Mistele's Restaurant, Crocker Citizens Plaza, 611 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, at which time President Thomas G. Neusom called the meeting to order.

Directors Arthur Baldonado, George W. Brewster, Victor M. Carter, A. J. Eyraud, Jr., Don C. McMillan, Thomas G. Neusom and Jay B. Price were present. Directors Julian Burke, Hugh C. Carter, Byron E. Cook and Adelina Gregory were absent from the meeting.

Representatives of the Executive Committee of SCAG present included:

Norton Younglove, President (Supervisor, Riverside County)
James A. Mayfield (Supervisor, San Bernardino County)
Rosanna Scott (Councilwoman, City of Riverside)
Joel Wachs (Councilman, City of Los Angeles)
Frances Wood (Vice Mayor, City of Fullerton)

SCAG Staff:

Ray Remy, Executive Director
William O. Ackermann, Director of Transportation Planning
Lawrence Gallagher, Criminal Justice Planner
Bart Meays, Director of Finance

RTD staff members present were General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap; Chief Engineer Richard Gallagher; Manager of Planning & Marketing George L. McDonald; News Bureau Manager Larry Avers; Manager of Rapid Transit & Surface Planning John Curtis; Director of Public Information Roy Gregory; Secretary Richard K. Kissick and Senior Planner David McCullough.

Also present were Haig Ayanian, California Department of Transportation, and representatives of the news media and the public.

Following dinner, SCAG President Younglove stated that SCAG appreciated the opportunity to meet with the RTD Board and staff for this informal gathering which should enable improvement of communications between the two groups, especially in view of the increased emphasis on transportation. He stated that we must work together and there are many things that can be of mutual benefit, and that subjects to be discussed tonight included SB-205, which required that a rapid transit report be submitted to the State Legislature by January 10, 1974 and the joint memorandum of agreement recently signed by SCAG Executive Director and RTD General Manager Gilstrap.

General Manager Gilstrap thanked SCAG for setting up this meeting to discuss the important roles that the two agencies play; that we don't always see eye-to-eye but recently managed to get together on a joint statement of roles between the two

agencies and each knows his assignment. Now we need to get moving. The joint agreement sets forth the basic guidelines, and task descriptions for the rapid transit program have been submitted to UMTA. We have informal word that UMTA has approved our request. He further stated that the District's principal role is Los Angeles County, but that we will cooperate with all six counties in the SCAG area. SB-205 creates a little problem, but RTD has gone over the entire program with Assemblyman Sieroty and we feel we can present an interim joint report from RTD and SCAG by January 10 which should be acceptable to the Legislature.

SCAG Executive Director Remy stated that the directions the RTD Board and the SCAG Executive Committee have given are good, and the important thing now is to proceed with the business at hand and to improve communications between the two agencies, with the principal objective being to improve public transportation in the area. He further stated that SCAG must be concerned on how the RTD plans affect Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino counties, and he will do his best to reflect the needs of RTD and the SCAG members.

SCAG Director of Transportation Ackermann stated that UMTA, at staff level, has approved the program referred to by Mr. Gilstrap and that we will soon be able to move ahead.

Director Neusom stated that the makeup of the RTD Board is excellent, with Directors experienced in many facets of not only transportation but experienced in other fields. The RTD Board at this time is a very vital and viable force, is going to move and they can deal with the problems. RTD is pleased with the policy statement which has been signed and we must do everything possible to make sure everyone is aboard when the vote comes next year on rapid transit.

Director Price stated that he regretted some of the adverse articles in the press, especially ones regarding allocation of funds between the Southern California counties. He is hopeful that we can work together and cooperate with the other counties.

SCAG member Mayfield stated that RTD might need help in getting Ontario Airport served in order to help San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

Director McMillan stated that it is now possible for cities to obtain state money to help in their study work and cited the transportation needs study now under way in the City of Burbank. He further stated that the RTD Board is willing to work with the other counties, and cited that we have on our agenda at tomorrow's Board meeting an item to approve Orange County Transit District operating a line into RTD territory in Los Angeles County.

SCAG Member Wood inquired as to how the Edison Company rights of way would be for transit purposes. Director Eyraud stated that these rights of way are wide enough in most places but that there are some restrictions. He further stated that he has been working on transportation since 1948 and observed that the public is anxious to get better transportation and we must give it to them.

Director Carter stated that it was good to get together and feels we can move forward. It is important that we hold meetings like this.

SCAG President Younglove assured the District of SCAG's interest in the RTD program, that he has confidence in the RTD Board and staff and will work together to solve the problems.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.


Secretary