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1060 South Broadway,  
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Los Angeles, California 90015.

Wednesday, June 18, 1975,  
1:00 o'clock, p. m.

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PRESIDING OFFICER PRESIDENT BYRON E. COOK: Call the meeting to order and ask the Secretary to call the Roll.

DISTRICT SECRETARY KISSICK:

Byron E. Cook, President;

Present.

Thomas G. Neusom, Vice-President;

Absent.

George W. Brewster;

Present.

Victor M. Carter;

Absent.

A. J. Eyraud, Jr.;

Present.

Donald H. Gibbs;

Present.

Adelina Gregory;

Present.

Jay B. Price;

Present.

Pete Schabarum;

Absent.

George Takei;

Present.

Baxter Ward;

Absent.



1           PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: This public hearing has been  
2 called in connection with the District's filing of an applica-  
3 tion with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of  
4 1964, as amended, for Fiscal Year 1976.

5           The first item on the Agenda is a report by the  
6 Acting General Manager Jack Stubbs.

7           Mr. Stubbs.

8           GENERAL MANAGER STUBBS: The Southern California  
9 Rapid Transit District Board of Directors on May 7, 1975  
10 adopted a resolution to file an operating assistance grant  
11 application with the United States Department of Transportation  
12 for Fiscal Year 1976.

13           This public hearing is in accordance with the rules  
14 which have been established by the Urban Mass Transportation  
15 Administration so that parties having a significant economic,  
16 social or environmental interest may be offered the opportunity  
17 to appear and be heard.

18           An environmental document has been prepared for this  
19 application and is available at the door for those who are  
20 interested. The record of this hearing will be held open for  
21 fifteen days to receive any written comment on this project.

22           Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report.

23           PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: We will now go to Item No. 2  
24 on the Agenda, a report regarding the District's application  
25 and an environmental statement on the project to be presented by



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1 Acting Assistant General Manager Mr. de la Cruz.

2 Mr. de la Cruz.

3 ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER de la CRUZ: Pursuant to  
4 the guidelines set forth by Section 5 of the Urban Mass Trans-  
5 portation Act of 1964, as amended, the Southern California  
6 Rapid Transit District is eligible to apply for operating  
7 assistance funds to be applied toward operating expenses in-  
8 curred during FY 1976. The District will submit an application  
9 for an operating assistance grant of \$26,289,000.

10 The Southern California Rapid Transit District fur-  
11 nishes local and interurban bus service in the city and county  
12 of Los Angeles as well as portions of San Bernardino, Riverside  
13 and Orange Counties. A population of approximately seven  
14 million persons reside within the district and is served by the  
15 SCRTD.

16 The Rapid Transit District was established in  
17 accordance with the Southern California Rapid Transit District  
18 Law, and is charged with the specific responsibility of pro-  
19 viding a comprehensive mass rapid transit system for the Los  
20 Angeles area. During the fiscal year 1974-75, the District  
21 will operate approximately 90,000,000 miles of scheduled serv-  
22 ice on 209 routes. The over 2,000 buses of the District will  
23 carry a total of 195 million passengers during the year.

24 Fiscal 1975 was a period of new and vigorous transit  
25 innovations by the District. The energy crisis and the



1 uncertain national economic situation have made people more  
2 aware of the benefits of public transportation services. Dur-  
3 ing the fiscal year, the District provided a number of new  
4 benefits for the individual user.

5 The 25¢ flat fare program, begun in 1974, was con-  
6 tinued and expanded during the FY 1975, and has proved to be  
7 one of the District's most successful innovations. This pro-  
8 gram which affords a transfer interchange arrangement between  
9 the District and each of the eight municipal carriers within  
10 the county allows a passenger to transfer from the lines of any  
11 of the publicly owned carriers to the lines of any other at a  
12 cost of ten cents. The program eliminated more than 300 fare  
13 zones in L. A. County and has simplified the use of public  
14 transportation. Other provisions included in the flat-fare  
15 program are:

16 10¢ fare for senior citizens

17 Free fare for the blind

18 Expansion of the park-and-ride system; and the

19 Bus grid system

20 The grid system, initiated in South Central L. A. and  
21 in the San Fernando Valley has provided increased transit  
22 service to highly populated areas of the County containing a  
23 large concentration of transit-dependent individuals.

24 The minibus program in downtown L. A. has met with  
25 sufficient success to warrant expansion of service. The hours



1 of operation have been extended to 7 p. m. on weekdays, and a  
2 new program will include forty new buses.

3 A number of park-and-ride services have been  
4 inaugurated this fiscal year with several more planned in the  
5 near future and the District continues to operate several  
6 subscription services.

7 These are a few of the initiated programs or con-  
8 tinued programs in FY 1975 which will be carried out in FY  
9 1976. The costs associated with operating these services will  
10 greatly impact the District's fund requirements for the year.  
11 To help meet these funding needs the District feels justified  
12 in making an application to the Urban Mass Transportation  
13 Administration for an operating assistance grant for fiscal  
14 year 1976.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: Item No. 3 is a report by  
16 Mr. McCullough, Acting Manager of Planning and Marketing, with  
17 respect to the transit development program as undertaken under  
18 the Regional Coordinated Transit Development Plan.

19 Mr. McCullough.

20 MANAGER McCULLOUGH: The Southern California Rapid  
21 Transit District and its predecessor, Los Angeles Metropolitan  
22 Transit Authority, have been active participants in the  
23 regional comprehensive and transportation planning effort since  
24 the inception of regional planning in the Los Angeles area in  
25 1960. From 1960 to 1965, this participation was through



1 coordination with the Los Angeles Regional Transportation  
2 Study. In 1965, the transit agency became a contract member of  
3 the Transportation Association of Southern California, which  
4 was organized in that year as a joint powers transportation  
5 planning agency of the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange,  
6 Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino, the municipalities  
7 therein, the California State Transportation Agency and the  
8 District. Imperial County was subsequently added to the mem-  
9 bership. In 1971, the function of the Transportation Associa-  
10 tion of Southern California was assumed by the Southern Cali-  
11 fornia Association of Governments' Comprehensive Transportation  
12 Planning Committee, of which Southern California Rapid Transit  
13 District is an active member.

14 Transportation planning in the Los Angeles Region,  
15 including the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, River-  
16 side, San Bernardino and Imperial, is being coordinated by the  
17 officially designated regional comprehensive and transportation  
18 planning agency, Southern California Association of Governments  
19 (SCAG).

20 Southern California Rapid Transit District completed  
21 an updated rapid transit development plan and a near-term bus  
22 improvement program in the summer of 1974. These plans were  
23 developed as an element of the SCAG Comprehensive Transporta-  
24 tion Planning Program. The near-term program corresponds to  
25 the adopted SCAG Short-Range Transportation Plan, and the rapid





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1 transit plan has been incorporated in the draft Regional  
2 Transportation Plan as the long-range corridor guideway  
3 element.

4 Orange County Transit District has likewise been en-  
5 gaged in a near-term and long-term planning study, and Ventura,  
6 Riverside and San Bernardino Counties are preparing subregional  
7 elements of the regional plan. All of these programs are being  
8 conducted as integrated elements of the unified transportation  
9 work program of the Southern California Association of  
10 Governments. All parties to the work program are actively  
11 participating in the activities required for the adoption of a  
12 Regional Transportation Plan by SCAG in the spring of 1975.

13 The coordination of operations and development of  
14 existing transit systems in the region is planned through the  
15 Transit Advisory Committee of SCAG. Through this organiza-  
16 tional structure matters of service coverage, physical arrange-  
17 ments for interchange of traffic among the systems and a con-  
18 tinuing program for improvements of equipment and operating  
19 facilities of all systems are coordinated. A five-year transit  
20 development program was prepared and approved by the Committee  
21 and by SCAG and has been updated for the current year.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: I will now call the District  
23 Secretary for his statement regarding affidavits of publication  
24 and Notice of Intent to Hold Hearing.

25 Mr. Kissick.



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DISTRICT SECRETARY KISSICK: I have in my possession, affidavits of publication from the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, La Opinion and Los Angeles Sentinel showing publication of Notice of Intent to Hold Public Hearing, with the Los Angeles Herald Examiner and La Opinion publishing the Notice of Intent to Hold Public Hearing on May 15 and 16, 1975, and the Los Angeles Sentinel publishing on May 15, 1975; and

I have caused a copy of Notice of Intent to Hold Public Hearing to be mailed to a list of 82 Federal, state and local agencies with jurisdiction by law of special expertise, and authorized to develop and enforce environmental standards, which could be interested in the project as follows:

- 6 Federal Agencies
- 6 State of California Agencies
- 5 Los Angeles County Agencies, and
- 65 Elected Federal and State Representatives

PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to comment on the project?

If so, step forward to the microphone and state your name and address and whether or not you are representing an organization.

[No response.]

PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: There being no response, the Chair will entertain a motion to close the hearing.



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MR. EYRAUD: I move the meeting be closed.

MR. PRICE: I second the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: So moved.

All in favor of closing this public hearing indicate  
by saying "Aye."

[Chorus of Ayes.]

PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: All opposed?

[No response.]

PRESIDING OFFICER COOK: The Ayes have it.

So ordered.

[At 1:20 p. m., the public hearing was concluded.]

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA     |  
                                  |     ss.  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES   |

I, Linda P. Rawlings, a notary public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing proceedings of the PUBLIC HEARING on an URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION OPERATING GRANT PROJECT of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT were taken before me pursuant to notice, at the time and place herein set forth;

That said proceedings were recorded stenographically by me and were thereafter transcribed;

That the transcript hereof, as typed, is a true record of the aforementioned proceedings.

I further certify that I am not in anywise associated with any of the parties to said action, and that I am not interested in the event thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 23rd day of June, 1975.



*Linda P. Rawlings*

