



Expo

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Construction Authority

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Thursday, March 2, 2006 – 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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**Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors**

**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Third Floor
Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B**

Called to Order at 2:40 p.m.

Directors Present:

Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Jan Perry, Vice Chair
Bernard Parks
Gary Silbiger
Herb Wesson
Zev Yaroslavsky

Officers:

Richard D. Thorpe, Chief Executive Officer
Juanita Carey, Board Secretary
Nancy Smith, General Counsel

1. Called to Order at 2:40 p.m.
2. Roll Called
3. APPROVED Minutes of Meeting held February 2, 2006
4. RECEIVED NO Public Comment (On/Off Agenda)

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 2:45 P.M. (ITEM NO. 11)

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:
(1 case)

No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNED to Regular Board Meeting at 3:15 p.m.

5. **APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Receive and File Report on FY07 Budget Process.**

Mr. Thorpe gave an oral presentation of the FY07 Budget Process. He stated that a draft of the proposed FY07 Budget would be presented at the next Board Meeting. This will allow a month for Board review and public input. Staff will return to the Board in May for approval.

The vote was unanimous.

6. GENERAL BOARD ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. APPROVED authorization for the CEO to award and execute the Negotiated Design-Build Contract with the top ranked Joint Venture, FCI/Fluor/Parsons, in amount not-to-exceed \$420,207,000, and authorized the CEO to issue a Notice-to-Proceed on the Design and Professional Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$77,757,000.

Mr. Thorpe affirmed that once the design portion of the project is complete, the Authority would come back to the Board for authorization to execute individual construction packages upon successful negotiations with the design-build firm. He stated that if an agreement cannot be reached with the design-build firm, the Authority would ask the Board for authorization to advertise a contract on a Low-Bid basis.

Mr. Thorpe introduced Dr. Tom Stone as the leader in both the Expo Evaluation Team process and the negotiations of the design-build teams proposals.

Dr. Stone made an oral presentation of the Best Value Procurement Process and negotiations with the recommended Design-Build team.

Roll Call vote was unanimous.

7. GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

A. RECEIVED Monthly Project Status Report

Mr. Thorpe made an oral presentation of the Monthly Project Status Report.

Mr. Thorpe commented that all Board Members were sent an e-mail informing them of receipt of the Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration. He stated that he contacted the Regional Director of the FTA and thanked them for the fast turnaround in issuing the Record of Decision.

The Authority is continuing to develop a Master Cooperative Agreement with Metro, and hope to bring that action to the Board at the April Board Meeting or no later than the May Board Meeting.

On March 16th, the California Transportation Commission will have a hearing in Sacramento. At that hearing, the California Transportation Commission will be considering the Authority's application for TCRP Funding.

8. CEO COMMENTS

Mr. Thorpe informed the Board that Senator Kuehl introduced a "Clean-up" bill that provides for Metro to operate the Expo Line in segments, as the lines open, or in operable segments to Phase 1. The current bill states, "that Metro only has to operate the system once it is complete," which means to Santa Monica. There is another provision that clarifies the Authority's ability to do the environmental documents for Phase II, and some other minor clean-up actions as well. Upon request, a copy of the bill will be provided.

Mr. Thorpe stated that he would not be able to make the April 6th Regular scheduled Board meeting due to commitments in New York. The Board Secretary would be polling the board members for an alternative date, suggesting March 30th as a possible date. If a quorum could not be reached on an alternative date, Samantha Bricker would fill in on April 6th.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Silbiger inquired at what point the Board would be notified of the construction plans in terms of when a particular part of the construction project will be built.

Mr. Thorpe stated that the design-build team, as part of their proposal, put together an initial plan. The contract calls for the design-build team to put together an estimate within 60 days. Hopefully, at the May Board Meeting, the Authority could bring that information back to the Board and present what the contractor's plans are for moving forward with the construction of the project.

Madam Chair welcomed Councilman Herb Wesson as the new Authority Board Member.

10. ADJOURNED at 3:55 p.m.

Prepared by: Juanita Carey
Board Secretary