



MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MTA Headquarters
3rd Floor - Board Room
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles

Thursday, July 26, 2001

Called to order at 9:45 a.m.

Directors Present:

John Fasana, Chair
James Hahn, 1st Vice Chair
Zev Yaroslavsky, 2nd Vice Chair
Michael Antonovich
Hal Bernson
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Paul Hudson
Don Knabe
Gloria Molina
Pam O'Connor
Beatrice Proo
Frank Roberts
Allison Yoh
Robert Sassaman, Ex Officio

Chief Executive Officer - Julian Burke
Board Secretary - Michele Jackson
Ethics Officer - Karen Gorman
Inspector General - Arthur Sinai
General Counsel - County Counsel

NOTE: Members voting are reflected on the attached “RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS” matrix.

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items 2, 16, 18, 25, 26, 27 and 28

NOTED COMMITTEE AUTHORITY ITEMS: 10 through 13

2. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR **Minutes** of Regular Board Meeting held June 28, 2001 and Special Board Meeting held July 19, 2001.

3. Chief Executive Officer’s Report

NO REPORT

4. Chair’s Report

NO REPORT

5. Election of 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs.

ELECTED Director Hahn as First Vice Chair and Director Yaroslavsky as Second Vice Chair.

6. APPROVED AS AMENDED BY YAROSLAVSKY:

That the Board:

A. accept the San Fernando Valley East-West Transit Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/R) transmitted under separate cover;

B. adopt the Full Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) alternative on the former Pacific Electric/Southern Pacific right-of-way, including the Chandler median, as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

Direct staff to continue to study this alternative during the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Final EIS/R (FEIS/R) phase;

C. **direct staff to continue to study the Oxnard/Lankershim alternative during the PE and FEIS/R phase as a possible operating alternative on Saturdays and Sundays should the Board choose not to operate the BRT on Chandler on Saturdays and Sundays;**

D. direct staff to continue to work with adjacent communities during the PE and FEIS/R phase to refine project design features where appropriate to address concerns; and

E. **authorize the CEO to negotiate Change Orders and contract amendments to the PE and FEIS/R contracts to effectuate any extra consultant work necessitated by this motion in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.**

FAILED: Director Hahn's substitute motion to consider Oxnard/Lankershim alternative that would save \$40 million and prepare necessary DEIS/R.

10. APPROVED UNDER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AUTHORITY award of five-year indefinite quantity/indefinite delivery contract to Continental Graphics, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to provide **reprographic services** for an amount not to exceed \$750,000 inclusive of two one-year options effective September 1, 2001.
11. APPROVED UNDER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AUTHORITY award of nine-month cost plus fixed-fee contract, Contract No. OP-3150-0622 to Strategic Data Systems (SDS) for **technical support services** to replace the MTA Executive Information System (EIS) for an amount not to exceed \$459,161.
12. APPROVED UNDER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AUTHORITY award of five-year indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract under Bid No. OP 3344-4001 with Ace Fence Company, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for **fence repair and installation services** on MTA properties for an amount not to exceed \$980,997 inclusive of sales tax and two one-year options.

13. APPROVED UNDER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AUTHORITY award of firm fixed-price contract under Bid No. 01-0329 to Johnson Lift/Hyster, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for twelve (12) **Hyster Model H60XM forklifts** in the amount of \$269,205 inclusive of sales tax.

15. APPROVED ITEMS A & B ONLY:

- A. extension of Contract No. PM022, with URS Corp. four months, from September 1, 2001, to December 31, 2001, to provide **Project Management Assistance (PMA)** to support the Eastside Corridor Light Rail Project, San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit Project, and Mid-City Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit Project with no increase to the current Board authorized AFE amount for Transit Corridor Projects, Capital Improvement Projects and Programwide Projects. Since this is an indefinite quantity and indefinite delivery contract, a total contract value is not specified; and
- B. extension of Contract No. PM023, with Carter and Burgess, Inc. four months, September 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001, to provide Project Management Assistance (PMA) to support the Eastside Corridor Light Rail Project, San Fernando Valley Rapid Bus Project and Mid-City Wilshire Rapid Bus Project with no increase to the current Board authorized AFE amount for Transit Corridor Projects, Capital Improvement Projects and Programwide Projects in any instance where the URS Corporation would have an organizational conflict of interest. Since this is an indefinite quantity/indefinite delivery contract, a total contract value does not need to be specified;

CARRIED OVER ITEMS C & D:

- C. an increase in the Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) for Contract Nos. PM022 and PM023 in the amount of \$316,172 to provide funding for Project Management Assistance Support for **Capital Improvement Projects and Other Project PMA Support** for the period of September 1, 2001 through

December 31, 2001, increasing the current AFE amount from \$700,000 to \$1,016,172; and

- D. negotiation and issuance of specific Contract Work Orders (CWOs) under this contract for PMA services within the increased AFE amount of \$ \$316,172.

FAILED: Director Bernson's substitute motion to approve staff recommendation.

- 16. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR execution of Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. PS-5320-0463 with Construction Claims Consultants **to assist with preparation, submission and negotiation of the Hollywood Boulevard Tunnel Failure Proof of Loss**, as well as the Flood Damage claim for Contract B261; and to provide assistance for the on-going litigation with Argonaut Insurance for the period of August 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 for an amount not to exceed \$199,000 increasing the total contract value from \$170,000 to \$369,000.

- 18. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR award of five-year, fixed-price redeterminable contract, Contract No. PS-5310-1057, to Hertz Claim Management for **Public Liability/Property Damage (PL/PD) claims administration services** for an amount not to exceed \$16,671,500 inclusive of two one-year options, effective September 1, 2001. Contract price is based on claims administration fees of \$15,672,500, plus \$999,000 estimated for subrogation recovery fees.

- 19. ADOPTED resolutions for **two series of refunding bonds** that will authorize issuance of the bonds and approving documents for the competitive sale; the not to exceed issuance amounts are \$50.9 million for Benefit Assessment District (BAD) A1 and \$7.4 million for BAD A2.

- 24. WITHDRAWN BY STAFF: award of 30-month, firm fixed-priced Contract No. PS-4340-0674, to National Engineering Technology Corporation (NET) for the **Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems Project (ITS Project)** in the amount of \$4,279,867.

25. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR award of nine-month, firm fixed-priced contract, Contract No. PS-4350-0999, to Korve Engineering for a **Rail Transit Capital Evaluation and Commuter Rail Integration/Feeder Plan** for an amount not to exceed \$327,862.
26. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:
- A. **Welfare-to-Work Transportation Plan Phase II;**
 - B. execution of agreements with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Access Services, Inc. (ASI) to implement the transportation proposals in the Phase II Plan; and
 - C. coordination of a response with other transit providers in the county, to consider potential service modifications based on the findings of CalWORKs Transportation Needs Assessment as required by the Board of Supervisors and MTA Board and to report back by December 2001.
27. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR negotiation and execution of three, five-year indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contracts, Contract Nos. PS-5312-1052A, PS-5312-1052B and PS-5312-1052C with Crawford & Company, Hazelrigg Risk Management Services, Inc. and Tristar Risk Management, respectively for leasing technical staff and information systems for **Workers' Compensation Claims Administration Services** for a self-insured Workers' Compensation program for an amount not to exceed \$25,100,822 inclusive of two one-year options effective September 1, 2001.
28. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:
- A. the following actions regarding modifications to the **Transportation Zone Pre-Application for the San Gabriel Valley:**

- 1) recognizing the San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone Interim Joint Powers Authority (SGVTZ IJPA) as the applicant; and
 - 2) amending the Pre-Application to delete Lines 471 and 497, and add Line 260 in its entirety; and
- B. waiving steps 2 and 4 of the Zone Application Process for the Pre-Application, as amended, since these steps dealing with notice and stakeholder briefings were already completed for the original Pre-Application, and the remaining steps in the Application Process will provide ample opportunity for further notice and stakeholder briefings regarding the amendments.

29. APPROVED:

- A. recertifying \$234.1 million in existing FY 2001-02 commitments from previous **Call for Projects** and authorize the expenditure of funds to meet these commitments;
- B. deobligating \$27.3 million of previously Call for Projects funding including funds from savings and canceled, closed or audited projects;
- C. reserving from the \$27.3 million deobligated funds, \$3.0 million from the State Highway Program Claims Reserve Account to be used to pay outstanding claims for completed Call for Projects funded State Highway construction projects and reprogram the balance of \$24.3 million in the 2001 Call for Projects;
- D. authorizing a change in scope for two City of Los Angeles Signal Priority projects, Victory/Oxnard and Van Nuys Boulevards, to accommodate the expansion of the Metro Rapid Bus Program;
- E. receiving and filing the list of time extensions totaling \$120.1 million for projects; and
- F. authorizing staff to administratively extend the lapsing deadline for projects that meet the extension approval criteria listed under the time extension section of the Board report.

30. APPROVED AS AMENDED BY MOLINA:

- A. staff recommendations regarding **Call for Projects** Board motions, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) motions, and public comment, and additional staff funding recommendations;
- B. programming \$893.420 million, in nine categories including requesting the CTC to advance \$213.670 million in FY 2008 STIP funds;
- C. amending the FY 2002 MTA Budget to include up to \$4.718 million in FY 2002 for MTA Regionally Significant Projects;
- D. projects for nomination to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for 2002 STIP funds;
- E. amending the recommended 2001 Call for Projects Program of Projects into the FY 2001-2007 Los Angeles County Regional Transportation Improvement Program;
- F. administering the 2001 Call for Projects as a project-specific grant program with the requirement that project sponsors bear all cost increases;
- G. authorizing staff to administratively provide project sponsors with federal and state funding in earlier years, if project sponsor can demonstrate readiness to proceed and such funds are available;
- H. adopting the resolution required by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) which certifies that Los Angeles County has the resources to fund the projects in the FY 2002-07 RTIP and affirms its commitment to implement all of the projects in the program; and
- I. funding for an amount not to exceed \$680,000 from the surplus in the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's (SCRRA) FY 2000-01 Operating and Rehabilitation Subsidy to fill a shortfall in an SCRRA project to construct an extended

siding and platform at the Chatsworth Metrolink Station. In the unlikely event that there are insufficient surplus subsidy funds to fully fund this project, authorize staff to work with SCRRRA to identify alternative funds through the deferral, re-scoping, or deobligation of other MTA-funded SCRRRA projects.

MOLINA AMENDMENT: staff to form a Bicycle Transportation Plan Working Group and report back to the Board in six (6) months with a recommendation as to the best manner in which to proceed with the preparation of an updated Countywide Bicycle Transportation Plan that, at a minimum, satisfies State requirements for Bicycle Transportation Account funding eligibility. The working group should consist of MTA staff, representatives from each of the sub-regions and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition and other interested community/ bicycle transportation organizations.

31. APPROVED AS CORRECTED:

- A. ratifying the **Betterment Agreement** previously approved by the Chief Executive Officer between the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to replace the traction power disconnects with circuit breakers in the amount of \$606,760;
- B. executing Betterment Agreement between Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to make the system SCADA-Ready in the amount of ~~\$500,000~~ **\$300,000**;
- C. executing Betterment Agreement between Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for additional equipment for Midway Yard in the amount of \$1,201,514;
- D. executing Betterment Agreement between Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for powered yard switches in the amount of \$703,893; and

- E. executing Betterment Agreement between Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for train to wayside control in the amount of \$1,237,536.

32. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
G.C. § 54956.9(a):

- 1) Tutor-Saliba-Perini v. MTA, Case No. BC 123559

NO REPORT.

- 2) Griswold v. MTA, Case No. SC 061407

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$250,000.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator – G.C. § 54957.6

Agency Negotiators:

Julian Burke and Brenda Diederichs

Employee Organizations:

AFSCME and Engineers and Architects
Association

NO REPORT.

Received public comment.

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