

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 29, 1977

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ferraro at 3:05 p.m.

Members present:

Councilman John Ferraro
Supervisor Kenneth Hahn
Mayor John Zimmerman
Councilwoman Renee Simon
Wendell Cox
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Tim Egan, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Ed Cano, Deputy to Supervisor Hahn
Barna Szabo, Chief Deputy to Supervisor Hayes
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Approval of minutes for meeting of September 14 will be continued to the next Commission meeting.

Receive and File:

- A. Commission letter to Mayor Bradley in support of Regional Transit Development Program
- B. Ronald L. Schneider's Memo - Conflict of Interest Code
- C. Letter from W. O. Ackermann of SCAG regarding TIP Amendments
- D. Letter from Jerome Premo to Director Adriana Gianturco regarding Caltrans Highway Agreements
- E. Letter to Jerome Premo from Hal Richard of the California Highway Commission
- F. Notice of Meetings - Note and File

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Peter Tweedt reported on the following:

Article 4.5 (Community Level Transit)

The Finance Review Committee will meet again on October 17 to hear a final report from the Technical Advisory Committee. The Finance Review Committee will then report back to the Commission at its next meeting.

The Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations of September 23, 1977 were handed out to the members of the Commission. Finance Review Committee approved all 6 recommendations and recommended that the Commission also approve the 6 recommendations which are:

1. Article 4.5 - Community Level Transit System Guidelines and Process for FY 1978-79.
2. Caltrans 6-year Planning Program - Compatibility Projects.
3. Processing of FAU Projects.
4. Additions of Downey Avenue to FAU System.
5. SB 325 Spillover Funds.
6. 1977-78 TIP Amendment for City of Santa Monica.

Jerry Premo's September 12 letter regarding available sources of transportation funding:

This is an information item - no action was taken by the Finance Review Committee.

September 23 letter to Transit Operators regarding Allocation of Section 5 Funds for 1977-78:

This is an information item at this time - no action was taken by the Finance Review Committee but further review by the Committee will be conducted at its next meeting.

M/S/C - Approved the Finance Review Committee's report with the exception of the presentation on the Regional Transit Development Program and Supervisor Hahn's report on the activities of the County Road Department pursuant to Supervisor Edelman's motion.

Supervisor Hahn reported that AB 402 was signed by the Governor and feels that the bill will put some real strength in this Commission. He also reported that presentations were made to the Olympic Committee in Colorado by Councilman Ferraro, Governor Brown, and Mayor Bradley. Suggestion was made by Supervisor Hahn that in order for the Olympic Games to be a success, the Commission should set a priority for the completion of the Century Freeway, new exclusive lane on the Harbor Freeway, Downtown People Mover Program, and the Airport and mass Transportation project.

M/S/C - That the Technical Advisory Committee give the Commission an up to date report and a timetable on how to accomplish these goals with the existing funds in the budget at the Commissions meeting on October 19th if possible.

Chairman Ferraro introduced Larry Dahms, Deputy Director of Caltrans.

Presentation on Regional Transit Development Program: (See Exhibit A)

Jerome Premo gave a brief overview of the program.

Paul Taylor of SCRTD spoke on the Transit Element.

Jerry Baxter of Caltrans spoke on Caltrans' efforts on the Bus-on-Freeway Program.

Al Perdon of CRA spoke on the Downtown People Mover.

Paul Taylor of SCRTD spoke on behalf of Dick Gallagher of SCRTD on the Wilshire Corridor Rapid Transit Program.

Jerome Premo summarized the prepared presentations by saying the cost of the program could be approximately \$4 billion. May require bringing to the voters a 1/2 sales tax. Will report to the Commission on various issues on a continuing basis.

M/S/C - Motion by Ray Remy that by the last meeting in November, an issue paper relating to a June ballot measure, prepared by Commission staff would be presented to the Commission. The paper would present the status of the technical work on the RTDP and discuss the pros and cons on a ballot measure.

Chairman Ferraro announced that the Special Meeting of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission on October 4 will be at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. Secretary of Transportation, Brock Adams, will be at the meeting from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Steven Fletcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation, was introduced by Chairman Ferraro.

Legislative Committee:

Barna Szabo reported that all of the bills which this Commission has supported have been signed into law.

SB 759 (Mills) the Commission's responsibility for performance audits.

AB 1237 (Ingalls) the Commission's cleanup bill for AB 1246.

SB 213 (Mills) allows at the discretion of the LACTC a ballot for a 1¢ gas tax increase for mass transit.

AB 402 (Ingalls) consolidates state boards and commissions into State Transportation Commission; legislative budgeting; local role in the state transportation process.

Barna Szabo also reported that he had written to Executive Director Premo that the Legislative Committee hopes to report to the full Commission with a comprehensive legislative report on issues that still remain unresolved in a month or month and a half.

Chairman Ferraro asked the County Counsel to review those bills which have been signed by the Governor and report back on how these bills will affect this Commission.

Concerning AB 402 and AB 1237, Commissioner Ray Remy asked the Chairman to send a letter of appreciation to the Governor for his signing of the bills. Commissioner Remy also asked that in the letter on AB 402, that a paragraph be inserted, urging the Governor to appoint a person with local government experience to serve on the new State Transportation Commission.

Status of the I-105 (Century) Freeway:

Status report from Caltrans is attached as EXHIBIT B

Executive Director's Report:

Visit from Secretary Adams and UMTA Administrator Page:

They will visit the Commission at the Special Meeting on October 4, at 2:30 p.m. Staff will have biographical information on the visitors from Washington, D.C. and some information on the full agenda for the Commission.

Senate Transportation Committee Interim Hearings:

There is an interim hearing scheduled for October 17 at 107 South Broadway, Room 1138 at 9:30 a.m. on the State Highway Funds and Allocation Formula. The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission will present a testimony.

Future proposed Meeting Dates of the Commission:

October 4 - Tuesday (Special Meeting)
October 19 - Wednesday
November 2 - Wednesday
November 16 - Wednesday
December 7 - Wednesday
December 21 - Wednesday

As of November, meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

American Public Transit Association Annual Meeting - October 9-13

Executive Director and Robert Geoghegan are planning to attend the conference.

TIP Amendment Request from City of Santa Monica:

M/S/C - the TIP Amendment to reprogram Section 5 Funds for the City of Santa Monica.

Article by Caltrans Director Adriana Gianturco on Highway Funding for San Diego County:

Information item.

Continued Retention of County Legal Counsel and Auditor-Controller:

M/S/C - that services be retained for 6 more months.

Citizens Advisory Committee:

The first meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee will be held on September 29, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Room 216A.

