

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 14, 1977

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

Members present:

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

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, Deputy to Supervisor Hayes
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Chairman Ferraro welcomed Mayor Russ back to the Commission.

Minutes of November 16, 1977, approved as submitted.

Receive and File:

- A. Memorandum from Ronald Schneider dated November 14, 1977, on a status report on City of South Pasadena vs. Volpe.
- B. Notice of Meetings - note and file.

Transit Options for Los Angeles County:

The Executive Director briefed the Commission on the transit options issues and reported on the hearing by the Assembly Transportation Committee on December 9. Copy of the Testimony by Chairman Ferraro and Jerome C. Premo is attached at EXHIBIT A.

Supervisor Hahn expressed concern that the Commission carefully consider all issues before committing to a ballot measure. Commissioner Remy indicated that staff was being directed to examine legislative changes to the Commission's enabling legislation, rather than committing to a ballot.

M/S/C - That Commission authorize staff to proceed with developing flexible legislative language so that the 1/2¢ sales tax could be used for transportation purposes.

Finance Review Committee:

- A. Allocation of UMTA Section 5 funds to the Municipal Operators for FY 78 and concurrent TIP Amendment for FY 78:

This matter will be continued for one month and referred back to the Finance Review Committee.

Mr. Remy requested that staff develop a statement spelling out agreements between and among SCAG, SCRTD, other counties and LACTC regarding the FY 77/78 Section 5 allocation.

M/S/C - Staff prepare for Commission's consideration a statement of transit operating needs to give to SCAG to justify a request for FY 77/78 funds. Staff will also present a brief review of commitments made last June regarding the FY 77/78 Section 5 allocation.

- B. Joint meeting with the Finance Committee of the Southern California Rapid Transit District:

Mr. Mike Lewis, Chairman of the SCRTD Finance Committee, briefed the Commission on the joint meeting. SCRTD faces an estimated \$14 million shortfall in meeting its anticipated FY 78/79 needs. Mr. Lewis expressed concern about the impact of 4.5 fund allocations by the Commission on the amount of funds available to SCRTD for support of ongoing transit operations.

- C. Recommendations in the allocation of Overall Work Program planning funds for FY 78/79:

Tim Egan attended the meeting of the SCAG Executive Committee in Riverside and briefly reported on the meeting. Executive Director reviewed the proposed allocation to Los Angeles County participants in the FY 78/79 OWP.

M/S/C - Commission support request of the Executive Director in his letter of December 14 to Mr. Mark Pisano of SCAG for a one-month delay in approval of OWP. (see EXHIBIT B)

M/S/C - Commission referred OWP allocation and priorities recommendation to the Finance Review Committee for report back to the Commission.

D. Third Cycle Amendments to the FY 78 Transportation Improvement Program:

M/S/C - Commission approved all the proposed amendments except for the City of Santa Monica People Mover project. Letter will be sent to SCAG informing them of the Commission's approval.

City of Santa Monica's People Mover Project will be referred to the Finance Review Committee and City of Santa Monica will be invited to attend the Finance Review Committee's meeting.

E. Amendments to the Federal Aid Urban Systems (FAU) Program for Los Angeles County:

M/S/C - Commission approved all proposed amendments.

Legislation - Proposed "Federal Public Transportation Act of 1978":

This legislation, developed by Federal Department of Transportation, is currently under review by Office of Management and Budget.

Commissioner Remy summarized the resolution of the League of California Cities and stated that Mayor Bradley supports the bill.

Executive Director Premo reported that he is planning to go to Washington, D.C. and will meet with Department of Transportation and OMB to review proposed legislation.

M/S/C - That staff develop a comprehensive review of the impact of this proposed legislation for review by the Commission.

Introduction of Gerson Lewis:

Mr. Gershon Lewis, Interim Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), gave a presentation of the current activities of the Committee. The need for greater attention by the CAC to important Commission matters was noted.

Barna Szabo suggested that any report from the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Commission can be done in the form of a resolution.

Executive Director Premo introduced Pat Hunsicker, newly-hired Special Projects Officer, to the Commission members.

Executive Director's Report:

A. Changes in the Administrative Code as required by AB 1237:

Ronald Schneider stated that this will be changed to Ordinance No. 6.

M/S/C - Approved by the Commission.

B. Appointment of Alternates:

Copies of letters addressed to Governor Brown and Mayor Bradley concerning alternates were distributed to the Commission members. These letters exemplify letters sent by Chairman Ferraro to appointing officials regarding actions required pursuant to AB 1237.

C. Revision to Administrative Code: Personal Services Contract:

M/S/C - Approved by Commission. Ronald Schneider will prepare the appropriate changes to the Administrative Code, effective December 14, 1977.

D. City of Santa Monica/SCRTD Operations Dispute:

Executive Director summarized Santa Monica-SCRTD dispute on bus operations within Santa Monica. Representatives of both Santa Monica and SCRTD were invited to comment.

Matter was referred to the Administrative Committee. Ronald Schneider was also asked to look into this matter.

New Business:

A. Resolution on Section 99246, et al., of the Public Utilities Code submitted by Wendell Cox:

M/S/C - Commission staff will prepare request for Consultant Proposal (RFP) for initial management operations and service coordination audit of all transit operators in Los Angeles County. See EXHIBIT C.

Administrative Committee will review RFP developed by staff.

B. Revised Resolution submitted by Wendell Cox:

M/S/C - Resolution previously submitted by Norm Emerson in support of coordinated policy for community transit and paratransit services was amended, as shown in EXHIBIT D.

Mayor John Zimmerman and Supervisor Hahn reported on a meeting which was held on December 3. The Mayor and Supervisor met with Assistant Secretary of Transportation Bracy and Congressman Anderson on the I-105 project. Mayor Zimmerman also cited the need for progress in implementing plans and used the 91/11 project as an example.

M/S/C - Staff provide the Commission with up-to-date status reports on the 91 Freeway at the January 11 and future Commission meetings.

Chairman Ferraro wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commission meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 28, 1977, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power Building, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome C. Premo
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Executive Director and
Secretary of the Commission

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Attachments

cc: Commissioners, Alternates,
Deputies, SCAG, SCRTD,
Caltrans, TAC Members