

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 28, 1977

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ferraro at 3:07 p.m.

Members present:

Councilman John Ferraro
Councilwoman Renee Simon
Mayor Ed Russ
Mayor John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Ed Cano, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Jerry Crump, representing Ronald Schneider
Mike Lewis, Deputy to Supervisor Schabarum
Donald Camph, Transportation Policy Analyst
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Minutes of December 14, 1977, approved as submitted.

Receive and File:

- A. December 16, 1977 memorandum: Donald Camph to Ronald Schneider, regarding resolution of conflicts between operators.

Note and File.

SCRTD-Santa Monica Dispute: Executive Director handed out to Commission members correspondence from SCRTD and City of Santa Monica relating to the above matter.

M/S/C - That LACTC send a letter to all operators in the County asking them to remove no further boarding restrictions nor make any other move which infringes on the operation of any other operator until such time as this Commission has had the opportunity to receive and act upon the legal opinion it has requested of Mr. Schneider.

- B. December 20, 1977 letter: Jerry Premo to Mark Pisano, Executive Director of SCAG, regarding roles of LACTC and SCAG in allocating Federal Section 5 funds.

Note and File.

- C. December 12, 1977 report: prepared by Rene Wilson, regarding activities of Citizens Advisory Committee.

Note and File.

- D. December 13, 1977 letter: W. F. Pond, Deputy Director of District 7 - Caltrans, to Jerry Premo, regarding "Notice of Intent to Rescind Freeway Adoption" on State Highway 126 from Route 5 to Route 14.

This matter will be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee.

- E. December 13, 1977 letter: Deputy Mayor Ray Remy to Jerry Premo, regarding LACTC review process for Transportation Improvement Program.

Note and File.

- F. Notice of Meetings: Schedule was distributed at the Commission meeting.

Resolution on Freeway-to-Freeway Ramp Metering, requested by Gardena City Attorney:

Vince Paul and Cal Lee of Caltrans briefly explained the status of the freeway-to-freeway connector metering. Caltrans will report back to the Commission sometime in February or March, 1978 on plans for a test site for a freeway-to-freeway metering demonstration. LACTC will have an opportunity to participate in site selection.

M/S/C - Commission adopted resolution by City of Gardena.

Review of LACTC Activities and Role in Transportation Planning and Development:

Executive Director summarized the activities of the Commission in 1977 and the future issues (see EXHIBIT B).

Mayor Russ suggested that staff look into the feasibility of asking the Legislature to initiate an increase of 4¢ gas tax. Mr. Cano supported Mayor Russ' suggestion.

Mayor Russ also suggested that Bike Trails Program should be added to the Commission's goals.

Executive Director's Report:

- A. Executive Director's letter to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Mayor John Zimmerman regarding I-105 project:

Copy of the letter was distributed to the Commission members (see EXHIBIT C).

- B. 1978/79 Overall Work Program:

Jerry Premo brought the Commission up to date on the Overall Work Program (see EXHIBIT D).

Commissioner Cox asked staff to summarize planning activities when Commission receives a recommendation on allocating planning money among the agencies in the County.

- C. Ontario Expo '81:

Executive Director received an EIS from the U. S. Department of Commerce for the Ontario Expo '81. He reported that staff will review proposal and report back to the Commission at a future meeting.

- D. HOV Program:

The Executive Director has been invited by Caltrans to participate more directly in this program, and will keep the Commission posted on the status of this program.

New Business:

Commissioner Cox offered a number of comments about the Federal Section 5 Program concerns raised by SCRTD General Manager Jack Gilstrap. Following are Commissioner Cox's remarks:

"I have one thing that relates to an issue that we talked about at the last meeting and which staff is going to be giving us a report on. That is the Section 5 funding issue and the whole matter of funding with respect to the operators of the County.

"At our December 12 FRC meeting, which was a joint meeting with the RTD Finance Committee, we were handed a letter from Jack Gilstrap to his Board in which he brought up a number of issues which our staff needs to look at so that we can decide whether or not we want to pursue some of the recommendations that he made. One of them is that about \$2 million in Section 5 money has been used in Orange County for services which in Mr. Gilstrap's view were not eligible to receive that kind of funding. He thinks

) that this money ought to be returned to the Regional pot and that such an action would perhaps provide more money for Los Angeles County. I think that we as a Commission ought to at least look at this issue to see whether or not we can agree with with SCRTD position and if we can to proceed to try to effect some change.

"Also, in that letter, he mentions the SCAG area reserve of about \$2.4 million. I think our staff ought to be prepared to give us a good explanation of this reserve so that when we finally decide upon the Section 5 allocation, we can see whether this reserve should be used to help our operators.

"One of the last points he makes is an equity point with respect to whether reserves from federal or state sources should be permitted to pile up at various operators while SCRTD is in trouble. I think we need to have a report from the staff itemizing just what reserve money is sitting out there--Federal, state, and whatever--and if any commitments have been made for it. For instance, we know that Santa Monica has a reserve, part of the money of which is earmarked for the People Mover Project. I think we need at least to be familiar with the reserves out and their intended uses. I'm not sure that I agree with his feeling that we ought not to have capital reserves when we have operating problems, but I think as a Commission we at least need to look at all of the various reserves together and what kinds of things they are earmarked for.

"And lastly, back in June, a special subcommittee of the SCAG Executive Committee came to a compromise whereby RTD was given about \$49 million and various guarantees were made to other Counties. Attached to the information we received with that recommendation was a listing of the Section 5 funding, allocations over the previous 3 years, carryovers, and so on. In comparing those statistics with the most recent statistics that staff provided at our 12/12/77 meeting, I find it impossible to reconcile numbers without some metaphysical knowledge which I don't have.

So, I think we ought to also see in this report a reconciliation of how we got from that June position to the position we are now at."

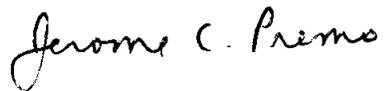
Chairman Ferraro reported that alternates are eligible for every Commissioner, effective January 1, 1978, pursuant to provisions of AB 1237.

Chairman Ferraro wished everyone Happy New Year.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 1978, 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
Executive Director and
Secretary of the Commission

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Attachments

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