

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 8, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Renee Simon at 3:15 p.m.

Members present:

Councilwoman Renee Simon
Wendell Cox
Mayor John Zimmerman
Councilman John Ferraro
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Ed Cano, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Mike Lewis, Deputy to Supervisor Schabarum
Ken Martin, representing Mayor Ed Russ
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Minutes of January 25, 1978 were approved as amended.

Hearing of SCRTD/Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines is scheduled for February 10, 1978 at 12 noon at the Los Angeles County Hall of Administration.

Committee Reports:

Intergovernmental Relations

Deputy Mayor Remy reported on the committee's meeting of February 6, 1978. Items discussed were: (see EXHIBIT A)

1. Review of the June 1977 SCAG Agreement on the allocation of UMTA Section 5 Funds for 1977-78.

Report on this issue will be included in staff analysis of funding sources to meet transit operating costs.

2. Status Report re: Federal Transportation Legislation

Several hearings have been scheduled -
Senate - March 6
House - March 1, 2, 3

Additional hearings dates on the House side are not known.

M/S/C - Chairman and Executive Director will work together to prepare testimony to be delivered to the Congress spelling out our position.

3. Recommendations from TAC on Proposed Amendments to the TDA (SB 325)

The TAC Bus Operations Subcommittee will review the financial impact analysis at their meeting on February 15 and submit a report to the Commission in the near future.

Finance Review

The Finance Review Committee did not meet on February 6. A meeting has been rescheduled for February 22 at 12 noon, Los Angeles City Hall - 11th floor Dining Room. The main item to be discussed at the meeting will be the relationships among Section 5, SB 325, and County transit subsidy funds, in order to recommend to the full Commission the allocation of remaining available Section 5 funds for FY 77/78.

I-105 (Century Freeway) Report:

The Executive Director reported that he had gotten in touch with Adriana Gianturco, Director of Caltrans, on the Final EIS for I-105. Ms. Gianturco indicated that Caltrans was working with both FHWA and EPA to facilitate Federal review of the EIS.

Copies letters to Secretary Brock Adams and Governor Brown from Chairman Hahn were distributed to the members. (see EXHIBIT B & C)

Routes 91/11 (Artesia and Harbor Freeways) Report:

Mayor John Zimmerman reported on the meeting with Caltrans on January 31, in Gardena; attended by Mayor Ed Russ, Ed Cano, Mayor Zimmerman, and Commission staff. He noted that Caltrans agrees to cooperate with the Commission in examining ways of expediting project development on this project. Ed Cano also reported that there was a great deal of support for Caltrans' efforts. Schedule for beginning of construction was 1981, but discussions centered on efforts to speed up this schedule.

Executive Director reported that members were briefed by Caltrans on this project at the TAC meeting. Following the meeting, he wrote to the City, County, and Caltrans requesting for further information on project schedules. (see EXHIBIT D)

A meeting is scheduled for afternoon of February 9 at which time Caltrans will report back with more information.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Introduced Raymond Maekawa, who just joined the Commission staff as Transportation Operations Analyst.

2. January 27 letter to SCAG regarding 325 funds for FY 77/78:

The County Auditor reported that in the next fiscal year about \$91½ million will likely be available in Transportation Development Act funds for allocation next year.

3. Federal transit operator reporting requirements:

Information item on nature of Federal requirements and how operators are meeting them.

4. Technical Advisory Committee issues:

a) operator disputes - a process designed to insure that operators seek to resolve disputes before resorting to Commission (or Court) involvement has been adopted by TAC. (EXHIBIT E)

b) relationship to Interagency Technical Committee (ITC) - ITC is effectively acting as a subcommittee of TAC.

5. Interview between Secretary Adams and Wes Vernon of KNX Radio:

Transcript of interview and letter to Secretary Adams from Executive Director were distributed to the members. (EXHIBIT F) Executive Director noted that the density (persons per square mile) in Los Angeles urbanized area was the third highest of the 25 largest urbanized areas in the country.

6. February 7, 1978 letter to Ray Remy on the current status of the Regional Transportation Development Program.

Copy of letter was handed out to members. (EXHIBIT G)

Ray Remy mentioned that dates of Congressional hearings in March coincides with the National League of Cities and would be a good time to go around to members of the California delegation.

Executive Director reported that recent Commission letters on I-105, the Commission's position on proposed Federal transportation legislation and transit development in Los Angeles have been sent to selected members of the California Congressional delegation and California Legislature.

Rapid Transit Committee:

Executive Director stated that Supervisor Ward is planning to schedule a meeting of the Committee soon.

El Camino - Train's first run will be next Tuesday, February 14.

Air Quality Management Plan:

Barna Szabo mentioned that Jerry Premo will be an active participant in this program and the importance of planning activities on the Clean Air Act. Plans will have to be submitted to SCAG and to EPA by January 1, 1979.

Executive Director reported on his trip to San Francisco and suggested that Commission invite Mr. De Falco of EPA to attend a meeting in March.

Vice Chairwoman Simon introduced Mr. Neil Peterson, Executive Director of Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (Metro), and asked him to join the Commission. Mr. Peterson briefed the Commission on Metro and union labor negotiations.

Mrs. Simon suggested that a delegation from this Commission visit Seattle and share Seattle Metro's experience and asked Mr. Peterson to put together a program for a visit. Executive Director will work out arrangements for the visit with Mr. Peterson.

Information Item:

Executive Director reported that he had sent a letter to Adriana Gianturco, Director of Caltrans, on the \$60 million shortfall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 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

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Attachments

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