

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 27, 1977

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ferraro at 3:10 p.m.

Members present:

Chairman Ferraro
Councilwoman Renee Simon
Mayor John Zimmerman
Mayor Edmond J. Russ
Wendell Cox
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Ed Cano, alternate for Supervisor Hahn

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Barna Szabo, Deputy to Supervisor Hayes
Tim Egan, Commission Staff
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Minutes of July 20, 1977, were approved as submitted.

Chairman Ferraro introduced Robert Paternoster, Director of Planning, City of Long Beach; and Manny Post, member of the Little Hoover Commission.

IV. Committee Reports:

C. Administrative Committee:

Robert Geoghegan reported that the Administrative Committee met on July 26 and discussed the tentative Commission Staffing Plan. The Committee's recommendation is that the tentative Staffing Plan be approved in form and that the Director be requested to provide the Commission with additional information with respect to the specific duties for the proposed positions, job specifications, and information regarding comparability of salaries and other transportation positions of similar nature.

(Administrative Committee's report will be continued after Assemblyman Ingalls' presentation.)

Chairman Ferraro introduced Assemblyman Walter Ingalls.

The Assemblyman expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to appear on the agenda.

1. AB 402:

One of the things that he has been trying to do in Sacramento is to help to develop some clear policy guidelines as it relates to transportation so that new policies can be developed or old policies continued where necessary input from groups of local elected officials or this Commission can be received. This is part of the intent of AB 402 as it is presently amended. Similar legislation by Senator Alquist (SB 113 and SB 182) passed out of the Senate and is currently pending before the Assembly Transportation Committee. AB 402 is set for an August 2 hearing before the Senate Transportation Committee. Should AB 402 pass the Senate, this bill, along with SB 113 and SB 182 will probably go to Conference Committee to essentially reconcile any differences between the bills.

He also discussed the parts of AB 402 that will not be discussed in Conference because they will not be in the final bill and they mostly relate to revenue. Assemblyman Ingalls proposes to raise motor vehicle registration, driver's license fees and truck weight fees. The revenue package that is contained in AB 402 will not be in AB 402, as discussed in Conference. What will be in the bill are two vital elements of state policy that are changing as it relates to transportation.

He stated that the present situation that exists in terms of the formula allocations are not dealt with in the Senate bills and right now we are operating under the 1974 Needs Study which allocates to L.A. County 42% of the money that goes to Southern California. Under the 1977 Needs Study, 38% of the money goes to Southern California.

It is the Assemblyman's feeling to disregard the 1977 Needs study of an allocation of funds that which would be based on motor vehicle registrations and state highway miles in each highway district.

Assemblyman Ingalls would like the Commission's input by the 15th of August, before bill goes into Conference, as to what the Commission thinks should be done in terms of these Needs Studies. Also, he would like a policy statement as to what the Commission thinks of the two Needs Studies, 1977 vs. 1974, and if the Commission has any preference for any new funding allocation processes that the Commission feels would benefit L.A. County and would be fair to all of the areas in the State.

2. Progress Report to the Legislature:

Assemblyman Ingalls would like input from the Commission as to what the Commission thinks the roles should be vis-a-vis SCAG and the Commission planning and programming. A clear definition should be made of the responsibility in this county for programming and planning and indicate the Commission's preference to relationships with the State.

3. Assemblyman Ingalls' concerns on A. Alan Post's Report "A Review of Selected Issues - Southern California Rapid Transit District and Los Angeles County Transportation Commission":

a. Where should we be going in this area and what have we to do first before we go there if we are talking about public transit?

He intends to have public hearings on this issue and will be looking for input from this Commission.

b. What are we going to do with transit in Los Angeles?

He feels that before we put one mile of rail down any place in L.A. County, we make sure that the bus system is operating efficiently and economically with a source of support that is ongoing and predictable. Before we begin to fund a fixed rail rapid transit system in L.A. County, we should identify how we are going to support and expand our bus service.

He is prepared to assist this Commission in any endeavor it wants to undertake, that it develops a consensus for this area to the extent that he will be ready and willing to help, including providing a forum for discussion of SCRTD.

(Chairman Ferraro announced there will be a Special Meeting by
(the California Highway Commission on September 1 and 2 in)
(Santa Monica on Caltrans 6-Year Planning Program.)

IV. Committee Reports (continued):

A. Legislative Committee:

Barna Szabo report on the Committee's recommendations.
(see EXHIBIT B)

1. Needs Study:

M/S/C - That the 1977 Needs Study be rejected and letters be sent to Senators in Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties, and other appropriate people, expressing concern about the criteria used in the 1977 Needs Study.

2. SB 1000:

M/S/C - Approved Legislative Committee's recommendation that the Commission not support SB 1000. Testimony in opposition of this bill will be made on Tuesday afternoon, August 2, in Sacramento.

Barna Szabo reported that he had called Senator Robbins' office and informed the office of Legislative Committee's recommendations to the Commission.

3. SB 759:

M/S/C - Adopted the Legislative Committee's recommendation that the Commission support the bill with amendments that Legislative Committee has provided and direct the Staff to prepare a bill on the "spillover" funds.

4. SB 113 and SB 182:

M/S/C - Adopted the Legislative Committee's recommendation that the Commission not support SB 113 and SB 182 at this time until bills have been through Conference. Commission is supporting with modification AB 402 and will not take a position on SB 113 and SB 182 at this time.

5. AB 402:

M/S/C - Adopted Legislative Committee's recommendation on AB 402.

Commissioner Remy made a suggestion that two representatives of the Counties from the list supplied by the County Supervisors' Association and two representatives of the Cities from a list supplied by the League of California Cities for the 13-member State Transportation Commission represent local governments on the new State Commission.

A hearing is being held in Sacramento on August 2 and Renee Simon, Barna Szabo, and Tim Egan will attend the hearing.

Suggestion was made that the Commission's views on AB 402 be sent to the League of California Cities and County Supervisors' Association and other transportation commissions.

Another suggestion was made that the Commission staff check with Caltrans concerning the \$700 million. Executive Director will meet with the Director of Caltrans soon to discuss this and other matters.

C. Administrative Committee (continued):

Robert Geoghegan continued his report on the Commission's Staffing Plan. There followed discussion on staff size and responsibilities.

M/S/C - Approved Administrative Committee's recommendation and gave authorization for Executive Director to start hiring staff. Executive Director will furnish the Administrative Committee and Commission with job descriptions and information on comparative salary ranges.

Commissioner Remy suggested that the Executive Director give the Commission a report, prior to September 30, on any potential conflicts which could exist if Mr. Schneider continued to serve as Counsel to the Commission.

Bl. Technical Advisory Committee - June 24 Recommendations:

1. SCRTD Airport Service Cost Analysis:

M/S/C - That the Commission receive and file the Airport Express Service by SCRTD, which has the general support of the TAC to continue operation of this service, and that the Commission direct the TAC to reevaluate the service in 6 months; and Commissioner Cox's motion that in 6 months, the Commission look at 2 more issues:

(a) At what point can SCRTD begin to reduce its overhead costs? (It isn't possible to cut any overhead when you cut \$3 million worth of service.)

(b) Should SCRTD be involved in this service when private enterprise might be able to do the job and contribute to the tax situation?

2. SCAG Guide for Filing Transportation Development Act Claims (SB 325 funds):

M/S/C - Approved TAC's recommendation that the Commission approve the "SCAG Guide for Filing Transportation Development Act claims for 1977-78" except for Article 4.5 Section.

3. SCRTD letters of February 4 and 23, 1977, outlining their financial problems:

M/S/C - Approved TAC's recommendation that the Commission receive and file the SCRTD's letters of February 4 and 23, 1977.

B2. Technical Advisory Committee - July 18 Recommendations:

1. 1977-78 TIP Amendments from SCAG dated June 16 and July 8, 1977:

Matter was referred to the Finance Review Committee with a report back to the Commission in two weeks.

2. FAU System Additions from SCAG dated June 16 and July 5, 1977:

This matter was referred to the Finance Review Committee.

Letter from City of Downey dated July 25, 1977, regarding request to use SB-821 funds to complete a bicycle project:

This matter was referred to the Executive Director as a case study.

V. Progress Report on the Article 4.5 Community-level Transit Program:

This matter will be continued until the next meeting and the Executive Director will report back to the Commission.

VI. Allocation of UMTA Section 5 Funds for 1977-78:

Executive Director reported on the status of the allocation of Section 5 funds.

VII. Report on the Century Freeway (I 105) Environmental Impact Statement:

Vince Paul of Caltrans reported that the court on Thursday (July 21) received the final EIS with a recommendation for a project signed by the duly authorized agent of the Federal Department of Transportation for an 8-lane freeway transitway. The steps to follow are a reaffirmation of the adopted route and an adoption of an alternative alignment in the area of Hawthorne. The subject will be before the California Highway Commission in September, 1977; then the State can forward the Environmental Impact Statement to the FHWA. The estimate of time for it to process through the federal government is probably a year.

VIII. Information Items - Receive and File:

A. July 12, 1977 letter from State Senator Robert Presley.

B. July 16 1977 letter from Jack Gilstrap re: Resolution of Labor Protective 13C Agreement for transit service in Riverside County.

IX. Executive Director's Report:

A. Nominations to the Citizens Advisory Committee:

Deadline for the nominations was July 1, 1977. There are still names to be submitted by some of the members of the Commission.

B. Staffing Plan:

This matter was discussed under the Administrative Committee's report.

C. Commission-SCAG Relationship:

The Executive Director sent a letter to Mr. Mark Pisano of SCAG on July 22, 1977.

D. June 28, 1977 letter from Jack R. Gilstrap re: Protection of the Southern Pacific, Baldwin Park Right of Way through El Monte:

Executive Director reported that he will be joining the SCRTD people on August 4 for a tour of this particular right of way. Executive Director intends to report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

E. Letter from Congressman Glenn M. Anderson:

Executive Director reported that a letter dated July 21, 1977 was received and that the Congressman will be in Los Angeles on August 8, as a member of the National Transportation Policy Study Committee. Executive Director has been in touch with the National Transportation Policy Study Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 1977, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

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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