

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

July 20, 1977

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ferraro at 3:07 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 June 22, 1977, were approved as submitted.

Chairman Ferraro introduced Senator Alan Robbins to the Commission.

Presentation made by Senator Robbins on SB 1000:

I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation to you, John, as Chairman, and other members for again giving me the opportunity to come before the Commission on Senate Bill 1000. I think I can best start by explaining that, I believe, in part due to a failure in communication on the part of my office, the members of the Commission did not understand--we did not make it clear to the Commission--that there were legislative deadlines in Sacramento that we had to meet in moving ahead in June with the bill through Fiscal Committee and through the Senate by the 24th of June to comply with legislative deadlines. If we failed to comply with those, it would have become a two-thirds vote bill which would have, I think, made it more difficult to secure floor passage in the Senate and particularly in the Assembly. I explained that or tried to explain that in the letter to John Ferraro and and I believe I sent copies to each of the Commission

members. But in any event, let me personally apologize to any member of the Commission for any inability to communicate during the month of June. It is a very busy time during the legislative session. My intent in coming before the Commission originally, in conjunction with the legislation, was essentially to say, "I am here to help, I want to help, tell me how you want the legislation amended, and I will amend the legislation in whatever way the Commission wants, subject to working it out to accomplish the objectives that we are mutually interested in-- solving the public transit problems of the people of the Los Angeles area."

I was a little bit surprised when the Commission took a position of opposition to the legislation and I think that was a result of my lack of communication with the Commission and in not making it clear that, indeed, I was not only willing but anxious to have the Commission submit any input on how they wanted to seek legislation modified to cause it to accomplish the objectives.

What I would like to request or suggest to the Commission is that the Commission would rescind its earlier action of June 22 and then, upon doing so, submit at this time or in some future time, if the Commission proposes, suggestions of the Commission's policy on how you would like to see the bill amended. Then, hopefully, we can work out a mutually satisfactory approach. So I am at the pleasure of the Commission on how to proceed, whether it be to rescind its previous action so that we can discuss it, to proceed directly with amendments, or whatever.

Barna Szabo thanked Senator Robbins on behalf of the Legislative Committee for spending a great deal of time a few days ago in discussing the bill and discussing the Committee's concerns and then subsequent to that meeting, the Senator was gracious to meet with Mr. Premo at length and discuss the matter with him.

Barna Szabo stated that the Legislative Committee did not recommend any change in the position from the Committee's point of view. After considerable discussion, Chairman Ferraro referred the matter back to the Legislative Committee for a report back to the Commission on July 27. The Executive Director will solicit recommendations from the Commission members.

III-A. Contract between the Board of Administration Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Commission:

M/S/C - Contract approved by the Commission. This is a follow-up to the Resolution of Intention for membership in PERS, adopted by the Commission on June 8, 1977.

IV. Information Items:

A. Commissioner Cox's report on the 42nd International Congress of Public Transit in Montreal, Canada.

Receive and File.

B. Letter from William S. Weber, Executive Secretary, State Transportation Board, on "Definition of Highway Routes of Statewide Significance":

Jerry Premo reported that he had met with Mr. Weber and was told that workshops are being scheduled on this subject, and that the Commission will be invited to participate.

Motion made by Commissioner Russ to forward Commission's definition of highway routes of statewide significance to the State Transportation Board.

Chairman Ferraro mentioned that the Executive Director and Commission members can attend the workshops.

C. Report on the June 28, 1977 visit by the U.S. Department of Transportation Task Force:

Mr. Premo stated that the Task Force was nearing completion of recommendations to Secretary Adams, and that changes designed to provide greater local flexibility in overall transportation funding were integral to these recommendations.

Commissioner Simon suggested that the Commission staff send a letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation, informing the Department of the Commission's meeting dates.

Receive and File report by Tim Egan.

D. Approval received from the Board of Supervisors for the County Counsel and Auditor-Controller to continue as Legal Counsel and Treasurer for the Commission:

Receive and File.

E. Schedule of Committee Meetings:

Note and File.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Legislative Committee:

1. SB 1000 was discussed with Senator Robbins.
(see page 1 and Exhibit A)

2. AB 402 - Barna Szabo stated that the Legislative Committee will have an analysis and recommendation at the next Commission meeting on July 27.

Commission staff was asked to send a copy of AB 402 to the Commission members.

Mr. Premo reported on a meeting with Assemblyman Ingalls and Senator Presley in Riverside.

Commissioner Remy made a motion to refer the proposal on new gas taxes, including use of a portion for transit purposes, which is under discussion between Secretary Adams and President Carter, to the Technical Advisory Committee and Legislative Committee.

3. Barna Szabo reported that SB 759, AB 1237, SB 182, and SB 113 will be included in the Legislative Committee's report to the Commission on July 27, 1977.

B. Technical Advisory Committee:

1. Report from the Highways and Freeways Subcommittee on comments to the Caltrans 1977 Multi-Year Planning Program.
(see Exhibit B)

Jerry Premo summarized Technical Advisory Committee's comments on the 6-Year Program.

Commissioner Cox asked that this matter of preparing a final position on the 6-Year Planning Program be referred to the Finance Review Committee for a report back to the Commission on the 10th of August.

Motion by Commissioner Remy: That the Executive Director should initiate some discussion with Assemblyman Ingalls and Senator Presley on the possibilities of seeing if a new Needs Study could be initiated and the existing one be rejected.

Chairman Ferraro suggested that the Executive Director should meet with Assembly Ingalls, Senators Presley and Mills, and Adriana Gianturco, Director of Caltrans, and get their ideas about the role of the LACTC.

Commissioner Russ also suggested that the Commission staff should meet with Mr. A. Alan Post regarding the \$700 million in unspent highway funds.

VI. Commissioner Renee Simon's Report on the development of a County Prioritized Listing of new highway projects:

(Attached as Exhibit C)

VII. Update to the Transportation Development Act (SB 325) Public Hearing for Non-Transit Streets and Roads Purposes:

Tim Egan reported that the Commission-SCAG Public Hearing has been rescheduled to September 8, 1977, at 7:00 p.m., at the Valencia Public Library Meeting Room, 23743 Valencia Blvd., Valencia, California.

Wendell Cox and Tim Egan were appointed by the Commission to represent the LACTC on the Hearing Board.

VIII. Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Premo reported on the various meetings which he had attended. He will report on the staffing proposal at the next Commission meeting on July 27, 1977.

IX. Feasibility of holding LACTC Meetings once a month:

Commissioner Ed Cano and Barna Szabo asked the Commission to have a study on the feasibility of having Commission meetings once a month.

Chairman Ferraro and Commissioner Simon suggested that the Commission wait until Mr. Premo has familiarized himself with the process of the Commission before deciding on this matter.

X. Announcement:

Mr. Premo announced that on August 8, 1977, the National Transportation Policy Commission will visit Los Angeles. Commission Remy mentioned that the City of Los Angeles had been contacted by the Commission if the City would like to appear before the National Transportation Policy Commission.

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Mr. Premo mentioned that perhaps the LACTC would be interested in appearing before the Commission.

Barna Szabo suggested that a preliminary statement be prepared by Mr. Premo for presentation by a member of LACTC at the National Transportation Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 1977, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power, 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, SCRTD,
Caltrans, TAC members