

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

June 22, 1977

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ferraro at 3:14 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:

Robert T. Andersen, Interim Executive Director
Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Barna Szabo, Deputy to Supervisor Hayes
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director
Tim Egan

Mr. Dee Jacobs of UMTA was introduced by Chairman Ferraro.

Minutes of June 8 were approved as submitted.

3A. Approval of Expense Claims for R. T. Andersen, Wendell Cox,
and Jerome C. Premo:

M/S/C - Unanimously approved expense claims.

3B. Authorization for Executive Director to request SCAG to
allocate the \$765,000 of Transportation Development Act funds
for Commission's use for 1977-78:

M/S/C - Approved unanimously.

4. Information Only:

M/S/C - Approved to receive and file the following:

(a) Mayor Russ' report on the 42nd International Congress of Public Transit in Montreal, Canada.

Mayor Russ was commended by the Commission for submitting an interesting and comprehensive report.

(b) FAU System Program as approved by the California Highway Commission on May 20, 1977.

(c) Letter from UMTA dated May 23, 1977, approving \$606,000 for Alternative Transportation Studies to the Wilshire-San Fernando Valley Fixed Guideway System.

(d) Copy of letter to the California Highway Commission from City of South Pasadena dated June 1, 1977, re: Route 7 relocation.

5. Progress Report to the Legislature - July 1, 1977:

Robert Andersen briefly explained the progress report to the Commission.

M/S/C - Approved the proposed report with amendment to page 5, last paragraph, for submittal to the legislature by July 1, 1977.

Commissioner Remy suggested the Commission invite Assemblyman Ingalls and Senator Presley to the Commission meeting on July 13.

6. Establishment of Transportation Zones requested by the City of Montebello:

This matter will be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee and Finance Review Committee, and report back to the Commission at a later date.

6A. SCAG Transportation Utilities Committee's Subcommittee:

Commissioner Simon reported that the Transportation Utilities Committee's Subcommittee of SCAG is in the process of prioritizing the missing links and new construction projects within the 6 county SCAG region, which would appear within the 6-year highway program. Mrs. Simon asked for some direction from the Commission.

Commissioner Remy suggested that the Commission get a copy of the ranking list from SCAG, and to find out if the California Highway Commission disagrees with the ranking and why.

Commissioner Simon will keep the Commission informed on the prioritization of the list.

7. Adoption of Commission's Budget for 1977-78:

Robert Andersen reported that he had not received any comments from the public concerning the budget.

M/S/C - That the Commission adopt the proposed Budget for 1977-78.

The Executive Director will report to the Commission at the July 27th or August 9th meeting on the job titles for various position of the Commission's staff.

8. SB 1000 Action:

The June 13th amendment to SB 1000 was distributed to the Commission members.

Chairman Ferraro reported that a hearing was held on June 9 and a letter, concerning the Legislative Committee's opposition to the bill, was sent to all 40 State Senators. Commissioner Cox asked that a copy of the letter to the Senators be given to the Commission members. (Copy of letter is attached as EXHIBIT A)

Barna Szabo briefly explained the Legislative Committee's reasons why the Commission should oppose the bill. The Legislative Committee will update their report after they have reviewed the latest amendment to the bill.

M/S/C - (Vote 7 to 2) That the Commission oppose SB 1000 in its present form.

The Executive Director was asked to write a letter concerning the Commission's action to the Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Speaker of the Assembly, Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Senator Robbins, President of the Supervisors' Association, President of the League of California Cities, and to the Director of the State Transportation Board.

9. Letter from Adriana Gianturco, Director of Caltrans, re. I-105:
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Chairman Ferraro stated that at the Dedication Ceremony of the El Monte Busway, Mr. Richard T. Silberman, Secretary of the Business and Transportation Agency, had expressed an interest to meet the Commission members. Chairman asked the Executive Director to invite Mr. Silberman to attend a Commission meeting.

10. Appointment and Approval of Citizens' Advisory Committee:

At the meeting, a list of nominees was received from Supervisor Ward. No recommendations have been received from Commissioners Cox, Ferraro, Hahn, Hayes, Remy and Schabarum.

11. Committee Reports:

The Finance Review Committee's report was distributed to the Commission members. Peter Tweedt reported that there was no action by the Finance Review Committee, only information.

Chairman Ferraro asked about the Airport Express Bus Service. Wendell Cox reported that at the Finance Review Meeting, questions regarding the airport transit service were answered. He stated that about 101 percent of direct costs are being covered by fares and 61 percent of full costs, including overhead, are being covered by fares.

Robert Andersen also reported that on June 15, the Board of Supervisors had a public meeting with the SCRTD Board of Directors on their request for \$5.2 million from the County Board of Supervisors. In the discussion on the SCRTD's budget, the matter of transit bus service was raised and a couple of the Board of Supervisors had suggested that maybe SCRTD could consider raising the fare on the airport express bus service from \$2.50 to \$3. The SCRTD Board had just recently raised the fare from \$2 to \$2.50, but took the suggestion under advisement.

11A. Legal implications of freeway-to-freeway ramp connectors and metering:

Ronald Schneider reported that there are 6 freeway connector metering projects in the Caltrans 1977-78 TIP program. The Technical Advisory Committee had recommended exclusion of all of the 6 projects. There was some concern expressed by the cities of Gardena and Carson and so Mr. Schneider was asked by the Commission to consult with the two cities and Caltrans. As a result of these consultations, Caltrans has pulled back and has requested that the Commission continue to defer any action on these projects.

Mr. Schneider read parts of a letter addressed to the Commission from R. J. Datel of Caltrans. (A copy of this letter is attached as EXHIBIT B)

Mr. Schneider also mentioned that it will be necessary in the foreseeable future for the Commission to adopt guidelines for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

12. Oral report by Jerome C. Premo on Light Rail System in West Germany:

Mr. Premo reported on his recent 9-day trip for UMTA to West Germany. The group visited three cities to view the transportation systems in each of the cities.

In a comparison with the current trend by our federal government towards 80% federal match for primarily rolling stock (bus, light rail cars, rapid transit cars or commuter cars), the West Germany government provides, at a 60% match, funds primarily for bus garage construction or fixed guideway development. Any funds for rolling stock comes from local sources.

Mr. Premo indicated that most cities above 400,000 have some form of rail transit system. The larger metropolitan cities are phasing out their light rail systems, for the conventional rail rapid transit, i.e., Washington, D.C. "Metro". In all the cities visited, the transportation systems were located on corridors with very heavy densities brought upon by the strict land use controls of the country.

From a technological point of view, Mr. Premo felt that the United States was far more advanced in the design of "Personal Rapid Transit Systems" than any other country.

In bus technology, the Germans are far more advanced than this country. The Germans have developed, where U. S. bus manufacturers said it was impossible, the low floor, rear engine articulated bus.

Mr. Premo indicated that, in the area of articulated bus design and support, the SCRTD was considered a leader in the country. Shortly, the Southern California Rapid Transit District will receive 20 articulated buses. Mr. Premo stated that the buses are expensive, \$175,000 - \$180,000 apiece. The logic of going this route is to secure operational savings over the long term.

Mr. Premo concluded by saying that there exists in Germany no operating funds, such as those available through the Section 5 program. From all government sources, there is allocated in West Germany close to 3 billion from a population of 60 million for public transportation in comparison to the 2½ billion for 220 million population committed in this country.

13. Notice of Meetings:

Notice was distributed to members of the Commission.

14. California Appeals Court Decision on Taxi/Transit Competition:

Decision states that the Orange County Transit District can operate a dial-a-ride in competition with taxi service.

Note and File.

15. Thank you to the Commission from Robert T. Andersen:

Robert Andersen thanked the commission for the opportunity to service the Commission as the Interim Executive Director.

Chairman Ferraro expressed his appreciation to Mr. Andersen for doing an outstanding job for this Commission.

M/S/C - (Unanimous vote) That the Commission formally express their appreciation and congratulations for a job well done, and that the Chairman of the Commission write a letter of appreciation to Robert T. Andersen.

16. Letter from Assemblyman Ingalls re. Kanan Road Interchange (AB 820):

This matter will be referred to the Legislative Committee and Finance Review Committee.

17. Letter from Mayor Joe Finkbiner, City of Glendora dated June 10, 1977:

Commissioner Remy suggested that this matter receive a legislative clarification or refer it to the Legislative Committee

on continued funding in the item that Mayor Finkbiner has raised in his letter to the Commission.

18. Letter from the United Transportation Union:

Chairman Ferraro mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr. Earl Clark of United Transportation Union, encouraging the Commission to provide more money to SCRTD.

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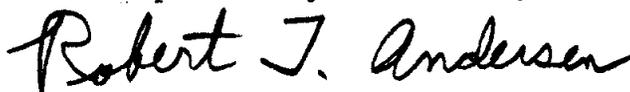
6A. SCAG's TUC Subcommittee (continued):

Commissioner Simon stated that it would be helpful if the Technical Advisory Committee could make some recommendations as to the appropriate criteria for the SCAG Subcommittee to use for evaluating and prioritizing the highway projects.

Matter will be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee for a recommendation on criteria for the SCAG Committee to put into priority order.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 1977, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT T. ANDERSEN
Interim Executive Director and
Secretary of the Commission

RTA:TE:kyt
cc: Commissioner, Alternates,
Deputies, SCAG, SCRTD, Caltrans,
TAC members