

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

May 11, 1977

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Ferraro at 3:05 p.m.

Following members were present:

Chairman Ferraro
Councilwoman Renee Simon
Supervisor Hayes
Supervisor Ward
Mayor John Zimmerman
Mayor Edmond Russ
Wendell Cox
Ray Remy (alternate for Mayor Bradley)
Ed Cano (alternate for Supervisor Hahn)
Peter Tweedt (alternate for Supervisor Schabarum)
Robert Geoghegan (alternate for Supervisor Edelman)

Staff members present:

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

Minutes of April 27, 1977, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

3A. 1977-78 TIP Program

The Executive Director stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the 1977-78 TIP with specific conditions and adjustments. Discussion followed for 15 minutes.

Commission adjourned into Executive Session at 3:20 p.m.

Commission reconvened into regular session at 3:30 p.m.

4A. Appointment of new Executive Director

Chairman Ferraro announced that the Commission has appointed Jerome C. Premo, Associate Administrator of Urban Mass Transportation Administration as Executive Director at a salary of \$43,700 per year. Mr. Premo will be introduced at the next Commission meeting.

3A. 1977-78 TIP Program (continued)

Commissioner Cox requested from Caltrans a brief explanation of what commitments have been made to the school areas in neighborhoods that are involved in this Noise Attenuation Program.

Charles J. O'Connell, Chief of Transportation Planning Branch, Caltrans, gave a presentation on the Noise Attenuation Program and Landscaping, and answered questions from the Commission.

M/S/C - Motion by Commissioner Remy to defer inclusion of freeway-to-freeway connector metering projects, as shown on page 6 of attached report, (See A-5a of EXHIBIT A), subject to further information from Caltrans and a recommendation by the TAC and Caltrans of a specific project or projects.

Charles J. O'Connell of Caltrans gave a presentation on the Roadway Resurfacing and answered questions from the Commission.

M/S/C - Motion by Commissioner Russ to include the \$1.148 million for Roadway Resurfacing (thin blanket paving) in the TIP Program and to also advise Caltrans that the Commission would like a complete reevaluation of the 1978-79 budget of this

allocation between capital outlay and non-capital outlay program to decide where the Commission's emphasis should be.

(See A-5c of EXHIBIT A) Commissioner Tweedt voted no.

M/S/C - Approve 1977-78 TIP Program, as amended. (See EXHIBIT A for specific amendments and conditions.)

M/S/C - Request Caltrans to amend the 1977-78 through 1980-81 TIP to include sufficient funds each year for right of way protection and preliminary engineering for freeway gap closures. (See B of EXHIBIT A)

A letter was forwarded from SCAG representing property owners in the vicinity of Hadley Street in Whittier requesting deletion. Commissioner Tweedt explained that this problem will be properly considered at the time of the preparation of an EIR. Therefore, the project was left in the 1977-78 TIP Program.

Recognizing that the State Legislative Analyst's Office has reported that there is approximately \$700 million in uncommitted funds in the Caltrans Department funds, the Commission directed the Executive Director to write to the Director of Department of Transportation and urge a significant increase be allocated to the State Highway Program in Los Angeles County.

3A-2. Need for Authorization to make TIP corrections:

M/S/C - That the Commission incorporate the following language into their TIP adoption resolutions. (See EXHIBIT B)

"The Executive Director is hereby authorized to make changes and/or corrections to project descriptions upon request of the implementing agency, provided such changes and/or corrections do not significantly alter the scope of the project; and to forward such changes to SCAG for incorporation into the Regional TIP."

3B. 1976-77 TIP Amendment for SCRTD:

M/S/C - To approve amendment of the 1976-77 TIP to include an \$8 million transfer from SCRTD's 1977-78 program.

3A-3. Item from Legal Counsel:

M/S/C - Note to accompany the Commission's submission of the TIP to SCAG in order to avoid any later suggestions that the Commission no longer had the right to approve the project plans, capacity, location, and project phasing.

"Approval of the 1976-77 TIP amendments and approval of the 1977-78 TIP is not to be considered as a waiver of the right of the Commission to later make the determinations and approvals authorized by Sections 130252 and 130303 (d) and (f) of the Public Utilities Code, and the Commission hereby expressly reserves its right and authority to make, at a later date, such determinations and approvals."

3E. Regional Transit Development Program Presentation:

Presentation was made by the following:

(1) Robert J. Datel of Caltrans concerning the History of the Planning for Regional Transit Development and T.S.M.

(2) Dick Gallagher of SCRTD concerning the Rail Transit System.

(3) Dan Townsend of City of Los Angeles concerning the Downtown People Mover Element.

(4) Al Gallardo of FHWA expressed his agency's support for the program.

Mr. Datel stated that the Commission will play a strong role in the program.

Commissioner Russ requested to see a monorail system report. Mr. Dick Gallagher of SCRTD will furnish the Commission members with copies of the RTAC report on the monorail system.

Commissioner Cox asked the Executive Director to look into the possibility of integrating or absorbing into the framework of LACTC committee structure, other interagency committees who are working on rapid transit planning.

Commissioner Simon requested from Caltrans a table or chart showing sources of revenues and kinds of matching funds for clarification.

Mr. Cano, representing Commissioner Hahn, was particularly interested in identifying Caltrans' prioritization criteria.

3C. Article 9 of the Administrative Code:

M/S/C - Adopt Article 9, as amended. Article 9 will be numbered as Ordinance No. 2. Amended copy will be given to each Commission member.

18. Letter from Jerry Leonard, Commissioner Ward's Office, dated May 5, 1977, re: Proposed language for modification of Administrative Code as it relates to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

This matter will be referred to the Administrative Committee.

3D. Presentation of Conflict of Interest Code by Ron Schneider:

This matter will be referred to the Administrative Committee for review.

3F. Technical Advisory Committee's Recommendation on I-105
(Century) Freeway:

M/S/C - The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission supports the concept of immediate construction of Route I-105 as a freeway with provision for a transitway in the median.

Addition to motion by Commissioner Remy: That the TAC look at what alternative use of that money if for some reason I-105 is not built and we are faced with the loss of the 90% money.

Chairman has been directed to write a letter to Director of Department of Transportation, expressing the Commission's position.

3G-3. Legislative Committee Report:

Barna Szabo reported that the Committee is still working on amendments to AB 1237 and SB 759, and AB 402. The Committee would like to review Senator Robbin's bill No. SB 1000. Commission had no objections to the Committee's review of SB 1000.

3G-1. Finance Review Committee:

Executive Director reported that, at the request of the Commission, the TAC is attempting to prioritize the Unprogrammed Highway Projects of the State and it is not possible to have the list ready by Monday, May 16 for the Finance Review Committee meeting. Prioritized list will be reported to the Commission at the June 8 meeting.

3G-2. Administrative Committee:

No Report.

Executive Director stated that all of the cities were to turn in their request for Community Transit Funds to SCAG today (May 11, 1977).

Commissioner Remy moved that the deadline be moved up 2 weeks and postpone the Finance Review Meeting 2 weeks - M/S/C.

3H. City of Gardena re: Freeway-to-Freeway Metering:

This matter was discussed in the 1977-78 TIP Program and was deferred at this time.

3I. Letter from Director of Caltrans dated April 29, 1977, re: Route 7:

Receive and File.

NEW BUSINESS:

4A. (See page 2 of minutes)

4B. Legislative Changes to AB 1237:

4B-1. Appointment of Alternates:

Motion by Commissioner Zimmerman: Move that this Commission urge the language included in AB 1237 Clean-Up Legislation be changed to providing that all members of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission shall appoint an alternate to serve in his stead subject to confirmation of this Commission.

Amendment to Zimmerman's motion by Commission Russ: That the Commission recommend that the existing delegate be able to nominate an alternate subject to confirmation by the Cities Selection Committee.

Further amendment by Commissioner Cox: That the term of the alternate expires at the same time the term of the Commissioner expires.

M/S/C - Approved amendment, as amended.

2 No votes were cast.

Copy of Commission's action will be sent to the Los Angeles Division of the League of California Cities.

4B-2. Letter from City of Norwalk dated May 11, 1977 re: Amendment to add Norwalk to those cities eligible for SB 325 funds.

This matter will be added to the May 25 Commission agenda.

5. Approval of Expenses and Claims:

M/S/C - Statement of Professional Services for April 14 through May 6, 1977 rendered to the Commission by R. T. Andersen as Interim Executive Director.

6. Authorization to attend 42nd International Congress on Public Transport in Montreal, May 22-27, 1977:

M/S/C - Approved Commissioners Cox and Russ and Robert T. Andersen's attendance at the conference in Montreal, and approved an advance for expenses.

7. Commission's position on I-105 to be transmitted to Director of Caltrans and the California Highway Commission:

Item was discussed under Item 3F.

8. SCRTD's application for an Employment Center Subscription Service Demonstration Project:

This matter will be referred to the Finance Review Committee.

9. Letter from City of Gardena dated April 30, 1977 re: Federal Legislation (S 208 and HR 4821) which affects the allocation of transit funds to Southern California:

This matter will be referred to the Legislative Committee.

10. Letter from City of Culver City dated May 2, 1977 re: Representation of Municipal Transit Operators in L. A. County:

Matter will be referred to the Legislative Committee.

11. Letter from City of Gardena dated May 3, 1977 re: Caltrans Budget:

Receive and File.

12. Letter from San Bernardino Associated Governments dated April 13, 1977 re: Request of Pomona Valley cities for Removal from SCRTD:

Matter will be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee. Executive Director reported that this matter is still under active study by the TAC.

Commissioner Cox requested the Executive Director to send copies of the referral to the appropriate committee to the three interested cities (Claremont, La Verne and Pomona) and San Bernardino Associated Governments.

13. Date of next Commission meeting: (May 25 or June 1)

The next meeting of the LACTC will be May 25, 1977.

14. Nominees to Citizens Advisory Committee:

Executive Director requested that all list of nominees be sent to the Commission Office.

Receive and File lists of nominees from Commissioners Edelman and Simon.

15. Schedule of Committee and Subcommittee Meetings:

Notice of meetings was handed out to the Commission members.

16. Proposed 1977-78 Budget and Work Program for LACTC:

Deputy County Counsel Ron Schneider reported that a public notice will be published stating that a public hearing is set for June 8, 1977 at 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles, California, for the proposed fiscal year 1977-78 budget of the Commission.

17. Copy of letter from City Attorney of Gardena dated May 6, 1977 to Caltrans re: Caltrans projects on freeway-to-freeway metering:

Receive and File. (See agenda item 3H)

19. Participation of TAC Alternates in Committee Action -
(TAC Item 17):

M/S/C - That the Commission grant voting rights to officially designated alternates.

20. State Transportation Board:

Meeting of the State Transportation Board will be held on May 19 in San Diego, in the Copper Room of the Community Concourse, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

21. Motion by Ray Remy re: SCRTD's Operation of "Airport Express Bus" Service:

Matter will be referred to the TAC and then to the Finance Review Committee. (See EXHIBIT C)

22. National Transportation Week:

Chairman Ferraro announced that Caltrans will mark National Transportation Week May 16-20 by holding a week-long open house in the District 7 office building at 120 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

23. Request by Commissioner Cox:

Commissioner Cox requested that the Commission send to SCRTD a letter conveying motion originally introduced by Cox and amended by Geoghegan on April 13, 1977, regarding SCRTD's economies.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for
May 25, 1977, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power
Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT T. ANDERSEN
Interim Executive Secretary

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Attachs.

cc: Commissioners and Alternates
Deputies to Supervisors
SCAG, Caltrans, SCRTD, TAC