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MINUTES

January 24, 1979

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ at 3:05 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Ed Russ
Councilman Russell Rubley
Councilman John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of January 10, 1979, were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman stated that he and the Executive Director had contacted every Commissioner to determine what committee Commissioners would like to serve on. A list of the established committees were handed out to the members and alternates (EXHIBIT A). The chairpeople of the various committees are:

Finance Review Committee - Supervisor Schabarum/Peter Tweedt
Intergovernmental Relations - Mayor Bradley/Ray Remy
Service Coordination - Wendell Cox/James Ragan
Special Committee on
Rapid Transit - SSupervisor Ward

Concerning the Administrative Committee, this committee will meet on call in the future. On many occasions, unless the Commission objects, the Chairman felt the the Administrative staff should make a recommendation and the matter be brought up at the Commission meeting.

Lease of Additional Office Space:

Report concerning lease of additional office space was handed out to the members and alternates for their review. The report recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend current office lease to add 500 square feet at 55¢ per month through December 31, 1983. Chairman Russ recommended approval.

M/S/C - Adopted the authorization to lease additional office space.

Committee Reports:

Finance Review Committee

Peter Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of January 22, 1979.

TIP Amendments

- . Approve Humane Way from Mission Blvd. to Valley Blvd. in the city of Pomona to be included in their FAU system.
- . Approve FY 78-79 TIP amendment request from Montebello Municipal Bus Lines to increase Section 3 funds by \$161,000 to meet actual cost of buses.

In this project, the bus manufacturer required that the operator sign a co-liability clause on the lift equipment. Staff has been requested to report upon whether or not such a requirement is being made of all the County operators by this same bus manufacturer.

SB 821 Funds

- . Approve list and funding of attached Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects for 1978-79 SB 821 funding, including commitment of \$214,500 in FY 79-80 SB 821 funds for the LARIO Project. Attached as EXHIBIT B is list of recommendation for Regional SB 821 Projects, as recommended by staff and the FRC.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported on the following items which were discussed at the committee's meeting on January 22:

State Legislation

- . AB 103 (Ingalls) - The TAC Legislative Subcommittee suggested certain clarifying amendments. The Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommends approval of those legislative changes in the bill. Mr. Remy has been informed that the Assembly Transportation Committee passed the bill out on Tuesday.
- . AB 86 - The TAC Legislative Subcommittee recommended support of AB 86 if certain amendments were made. The IRC suggests that the Commission take no position at this time but instruct the staff to seek the introduction of those amendments and if they are accepted, then consider whether Commission should support the bill.
- . AB 120 - The TAC Legislative Subcommittee's recommendation is to oppose the bill and IRC suggests that Commission not take a position at this time, but rather have staff work with the author on amendments to the bill to meet some of the concerns of TAC.

M/S/C - Adopted IRC's report by unanimous consent.

Legislative Advocacy for LACTC in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

- . Washington, D.C. - The IRC's feeling was unanimous that the Commission not go into a full scale hiring of an individual for full lobbying representation in Washington, but rather ask staff to contact either individuals or services in Washington that would provide the Commission with up-to-date information concerning transportation legislation, who would provide a regular contact with the Executive Director as well as the Chairman of the Commission on what is going on in Washington.

Recommendation: Proceed with representation at cost not to exceed \$1,000 per month, with the service or individual interfacing with the Executive Director and the Chairman. Executive Director would provide a list of individuals who can perform such service to the Commission. The IRC will then present a recommendation to the full Commission.

- . Sacramento - The unanimous feeling of the Committee was that there is no need at this time to retain a lobbyist on an ongoing basis to represent the Commission. The Commission can probably accomplish whatever needs to be accomplished with increased amount of staff contact. Commissioner and staff contact on a continuing basis in Sacramento during the course of the legislative session is important. If we do find that we have a bill or a particular item of major interest, staff should come back to the Commission and recommend the hiring of an individual to shepherd that particular issue or that particular bill.

Committee agreed that any Washington service or contact should be Washington-based; the same would hold for any Sacramento contact that the Commission might ultimately do.

M/S/C - Committee's recommendations were adopted by unanimous consent.

FHWA/UMTA Proposed Procedures for Alternatives Analysis

The TAC Legislative Subcommittee reviewed the proposed procedures. The procedures would require that major highway projects undergo the same alternatives analysis which now are required for major transit investments. The IRC recommends that staff draft a communication, concerning these procedures, expressing our concern over the red tape aspects of the proposed procedures, concerns as to the amount of projects that might be covered by such an alternatives analysis, concerns that any alternatives analysis should run concurrently with an EIS process and not be done separate of that process.

M/S/C - Adopted the committee's recommendation by unanimous consent.

Ad-Hoc Highway Task Force Recommendations

The Ad-Hoc Task Force presented a report to the Commission concerning the fair share allocation both at State and Federal level. The concern of the Task Force was that this Commission was not moving aggressively enough to implement the set of recommendations. The committee has been advised by staff that they have made contacts in Sacramento, talking to people about the potential legislative language. The report by the Ad-Hoc Task Force has been referred to the Technical Advisory Committee for their comments. It is Commissioner Remy's understanding from staff that within a 30-day period, Commission should have a report from TAC on the Ad-Hoc Task Force's report as well as a potential draft language for IRC to consider.

Chairman Russ indicated that he is planning to meet with the Ad-Hoc Task Force on February 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Tweedt asked the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to look at SB 145 and would like a position of this bill by Senator Ayala, which requires the Transportation Commissions and Caltrans to cooperate with cities and counties in protecting the right-of-way for Route 30.

Commissioner Remy indicated that his committee would be happy to look into this matter.

Agenda, Goals, and Issues for 1979:

Chairman Russ indicated that this year he would like set some time frames for discussion of major items and also indicate on the agenda the goals for time for each item. For major items of discussion, the time will be no longer than one-half hour unless further discussion is needed.

Main issues to be addressed during each quarter of 1979:

- 1st quarter - highway allocations and priorities
- 2nd quarter - Transit allocations and agreement on bus/rail program
- 3rd quarter - review of critical transportation problems
- 4th quarter - adoption by LACTC of a County Transportation Plan

SCRTD Representation on LACTC:

Chairman Russ suggested that Commission should have Marv Holen of SCRTD sit in as a non-voting member on our meetings to establish a working relationship between this Commission and SCRTD. Commissioner Remy expressed some doubt as to whether SCRTD would want to sit as a non-voting member. This matter has been referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Goals for 1979:

Under Goals for Highways, Commissioner Remy indicated that this Commission could lend its staff capability as well as political capability to try and expedite approved highway projects. Part of this process would be to help with the right-of-way, help where we can with bringing people together and clearing some obstacles.

Chairman Russ indicated that this item will be added under Higways Goals as "Expedite approved highway projects."

Commissioner Cox suggested that another goal might be to improve the relationship between the LACTC and the transit operators and among the operators themselves. Chairman Russ indicated that this goal would be added under the "Transit" category, and would be assigned to the Service Coordination Committee.

Commissioner Rubley suggested that Route 47 (Terminal Island Freeway) be added under the three-year program. Chairman Russ indicated that this would be added.

The Executive Director asked for Commission direction as to the level of effort that staff should be expended in establishing priorities for and coordinating use of transportation planning funds (Overall Work Program) coming to Los Angeles County. He cited the need to utilize the professional and technical capabilities of the various agencies throughout the County via the Technical Advisory Committee and working more closely with those agencies, and to use the OWP to also reflect interests of the Commission rather than only each individual agency's goals.

Commissioner Zimmerman suggested that LACTC could also look at ways to cut red tape involved in getting project and funding approval from federal agencies. Chairman Russ indicated this would be added under "Multi-Modal Goal No. 5: Legislation."

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adopt the goals, seconded by Commissioner Remy, and adopted unanimously.

LACTC Major Issues Agenda (January through June, 1979):

The agenda which was presented at the January 10 meeting was considered. Commissioner Tweedt suggested that some meetings should allow for breaks so that the Commission can get back on schedule when delays occur. Commissioner Remy suggested that the tentative agenda be left as is and changed as necessary.

Policy Questions to be Addressed in 1979:

The policy questions posed at the January 10, 1979 meeting were assigned to committees for review and direction to staff. The following assignments were made:

1. How deeply should the Commission be involved in transit operations management decisions?

Specific issues to be addressed include:

- progress toward greater efficiency and effectiveness
- ATE implementation
- Intracounty Formula (amount of discretionary funds)
- RTD labor negotiations

Assigned to Service Coordination Committee. Commissioner Geoghegan suggested that the issue of RTD labor negotiations be broadened to include all operators and 13-C considerations. Commissioner Tweedt suggested that we work closely with the operators and solicit their views in approaching the subject of labor negotiations. The Executive Director noted that he had received a letter from SCRTD indicating they do have interest in talking about this issue with us and indicated that this and other issues will be discussed at a joint meeting of the Commission's Intergovernmental Relations Committee and SCRTD's Government Affairs Committee.

2. What are the critical transportation problems in the county?

Resources to be utilized in answering this include:

- the Citizens Advisory Committee
- government agencies
- media
- community and industry groups

Assigned to Citizens Advisory Committee. Staff will prepare a discussion paper on approaches to the question to present to the CAC as it begins its work in this area.

3. What is the Commission's role vis-a-vis local streets and roads?

Specific issues to be addressed include:

- FAU Program
- Overall Work Program: use of transportation planning funds
- AQMP (traffic signals, etc.)

Assigned to Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Commissioner Geoghegan suggested that inquiries into what what other agencies are doing should be Commission,

not staff, initiated. Commissioner Remy suggested that the intent of such inquiries should be to work with local agencies in analyzing issues such as the Auditor General's Report on Transportation Funds or in AQMP implementation.

4. To what degree does the Commission wish to be the focus of, or catalyst for, local government coalitions?

Was not assigned to a specific committee; Chairman Russ indicated that generally the answer is that generally the Commission does wish to be a catalyst for local government coalitions (e.g., the Bike Program), but each issue will have to be examined as it comes up.

5. What is the Commission's commitment to TSM-type projects compared to priorities for new construction?

Assigned to Finance Review Committee.

6. What is the appropriate level and distribution of transit service in the County (e.g., transit dependent vs. suburban commuter; Article 4.5 Program) given funding limitations?

Assigned to both the Finance Review Committee and Service Coordination Committee. Commissioner Cox agreed, noting that to the extent that issues such as review of service standards and distribution of service then SCC is appropriate; to the extent that it involves distribution of money, then FRC is appropriate. Chairman Russ suggested that the ATE report should go to SCC first.

7. To what extent does the Commission wish to promote private sector solutions to "public" transportation problems?

Assigned to Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Regional Transit Development Program:

The Executive Director made a presentation on the status of the Regional Transit Development Program (RTD). The presentation was a summary of a report distributed to Commission members which described the RTDP in terms of its objectives, assumptions, operations, preliminary implementation schedules, costs, possible financing and potential alternatives to it. Commissioner Geoghegan questioned whether UMTA is in a position to provide funding for the Wilshire Starter Line. The Executive Director

Review Committee on where we stand because it ties in with our highway priorities. There was a general consensus that this Commission should do something about this project.

UMTA Funding

The rail transit was summarized in the Executive Director's presentation on RTDP. Executive Director distributed copies of a joint letter from Jack Gilstrap and Executive Director to Administrator Richard Page of UMTA explaining our four-year Countywide bus capital improvement program and a Los Angeles Times editorial supporting our bus program.

New Business:

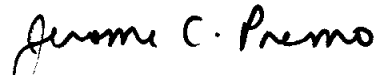
There was no new business.

Notice of Meetings:

Notice was included in the agenda packet.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, at 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director

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Attachments