

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION • 311 SOUTH SPRING STREET - SUITE 1206, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013 • (213) 626-0370

MINUTES

February 28, 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
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate for Councilman Ferraro
Robert Datel, Ex-Officio, representing State of California

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 February 14, 1979, were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman commended the Executive Director and staff and other Commissioners, who have gone up to Sacramento, for their great efforts made before the California Transportation Commission. There is a very good chance that Los Angeles County will receive an additional \$105 million in highway funding as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process.

Chairman announced that he and the Executive Director plans to be in Washington, D.C. next week to meet with some of the legislators and to attend the 4th Annual APTA Legislative Conference. He hopes that they will be able to improve the Commission's relationship with our Washington representatives.

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Committee Reports

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the committee's actions made at its meeting on February 28, 1979. The committee's recommendations for action are as follows:

- . Chairman of the Commission appoint a Special Committee to meet with the cities involved in the Route 7 situation and report back to the Finance Review Committee with a suggested course of action.
- . To continue to use population factor as basis for considerations in discretionary fund allocation (\$105 million for Los Angeles County).
- . Approved recommendations to Caltrans for six UMTA Section 16(b)(2) grant applications in the amount of \$210,000 to private non-profit organizations to purchase specialized vehicles for elderly and handicapped.
- . Support staff's recommendation on SCAG's proposed TIP monitoring procedures.

M/S/C - Approved the FRC's report.

Commissioner Tweedt asked the Executive Director to give a brief status report on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The written report on STIP, which was handed out at the Finance Review Committee meeting, was handed out to the Commission members. The Executive Director discussed the implications of AB 3020 on the STIP and the recent actions of the California Transportation Commission in allocating additional State (Motor Vehicle Account spillover) and Federal (1978 Surface Transportation Act) funds to the regions of the State. He noted that the Special Elected Official Committee on the TIP would continue to meet and determine the county's share of the additional funds available.

The Commission approved the Finance Review Committee's report on the TIP.

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Service Coordination Committee (SCC)

Commissioner Cox reported on the committee's meeting of February 16. He noted that the date of the report should be corrected to be February 16 instead of February 9; and that the next meeting, scheduled for March 5, has been postponed to March 9.

The committee's recommended actions are shown as EXHIBIT A.

Chairman Russ indicated that the SCC report states that performance audits required by SB 759 will have been completed for all operators except City of Commerce. He asked if there was any recommendation or any discussion as to what to do with the performance audit for City of Commerce. Commissioner Cox indicated there was no recommendation or discussion, but that it would be placed on the agenda for the next SCC meeting.

The Executive Director stated that he has sent a letter supporting the expansion of the Montebello/East L.A. Dial-A-Ride program.

M/S/C - Approved the report of the Service Coordination Committee by unanimous consent.

Special Bus/Rail Study Committee

Commissioner Zimmerman reported that Tom Deen and Bob Skinner of Alan M. Voorhees Associates met with the Special Bus/ Rail Study Committee on February 21 and gave a status report of their study (EXHIBIT B).

Recommendation: Receive and file the committee's report.

Executive Director's Report

Information Items Α.

February 1, 1979 letter from Assemblyman Ingalls to Caltrans Director Adriana Gianturco:

Commissioner Zimmerman reported that he and Tim Eqan attended the hearing of the Assembly Transportation Committee on February 20, 1979. The two major issues at the hearing were the general financial status of the State Highway Account and the personnel needs of the Department of Transportation.

Minutes of Congressional Task Force on Century Freeway meeting on February 9, 1979:

A copy of the summary statement by the Executive Director at the February 9 meeting was mailed to the Commissioners on February 14.

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The Executive Director also reported that he joined Bob Datel, Bill Ackermann of SCAG, and several others in a meeting this morning with Mr. Mort Downey, Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. who, subsequent to a briefing by Caltrans, went on a tour of the Century Freeway corridor.

- 3. February 21, 1979 letter from Executive Director to Congressman Anderson:
- 4. February 1, 1979 letter from Caltrans Director Gianturco to Secretary Brock Adams:

Both letters, regarding federal funding for bus capital improvement program in Los Angeles County, are for information only.

5. February 21, 1979 letter from Executive Director to Assemblyman Ingalls regarding AB 120:

This is a follow-up on the Commission's Intergovernmental Relations Committee position regarding social service coordination legislation.

6. City of Long Beach:

Good news! Long Beach has received an indication from "Uncle Sam" of up to nearly \$66 million in federal aid for Long Beach downtown redevelopment project.

7. Citizens Advisory Committee and SB 789:

General assembly meeting of Commission's Citizens Advisory Committee is tonight. Commission has referred several items to this committee.

8. Energy Crisis:

At the last Commission meeting, a motion was passed unanimously relating to energy conservation and gas rationing. Staff is working with various agencies in the downtown area (ARCO, Commuter Computer, public agencies, and private sectors) to try and assess where this Commission stands. The Executive Director will be meeting on Friday, March 2, at 1:00 p.m. with the Deputy Administrator of the agency in the Department of Energy that sent to Congress the gas rationing plan. Staff is working hard to meet the April 15 deadline mentioned in the motion.

Chairman Russ stated that he has asked Finance Review Committee and staff to study further the possibility of going to a percentage of gas tax on the gasoline instead of a straight 7 cents and earmark that money for transit.

Commissioner Cox introduced a motion (EXHIBIT C) that this Commission obtain a copy of the Contingency Gas Plan, review it for possible comment and pass comments on to the California Congressional Delegation.

M/S/C - Approved motion which will be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting of February 26. Summary of recommended actions are attached as EXHIBIT D.

M/S/C - Approved the committee's report on state legislation.

Commissioner Zimmerman reported that he testified in support of SB 84 (Foran), legislation permitting implementation of an automobile air pollution device inspection and maintenance program.

Concerning the AB 103 "muni protection provision" and "RTD first refusal," Commissioner Szabo moved that perhaps it would be more appropriate to address the issues of the "muni protection clause" and RTD "first right of refusal" in a more comprehensive bill such as AB 86 rather than in AB 103. He stated that inclusion of this issue in AB 103 would only endanger its chances of passing and that we could try to resolve this issue by putting language in AB 103 which would commit the Commission to addressing this issue in a future bill. He further moved the need to coordinate with the RTD Board on this issue and approach Sacramento with a unified front.

M/S/C - Adopted motion by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Remy noted that AB 306 had not been considered by IRC but the author of the bill (Assemblyman Ivers) desired a position from the Commission. He moved, not as a member of IRC, but as a representative of the City of Los Angeles, that the Commission support the bill. This motion was based on the fact that Los Angeles was already supporting this bil, which would change the funding source for completion of Route 7 from federal-aid-urban to federal-aid-primary.

M/S/C - Adopted motion by unanimous consent.

Federal Legislation

Commissioner Remy reported on the joint meeting with the SCRTD Government Affairs Committee which was held on February 26. Report is attached as EXHIBIT E.

Commissioner Remy indicated that the two committees agreed that a letter be sent to the California Congressional delegation, U. S. Senators Alan Cranston and S. I. Hayakawa which would be signed by local elected officials in Los Angeles County, urging increased appropriation for the UMTA Sections 3 and 5 programs. A copy of the letter is attached as EXHIBIT F.

M/S/C - Approved Chairman Russ to affix his signature on the letter.

Commissioner Remy moved, as a Commission member and not as a committee chair, that this Commission support Congressional action that would remove the ceiling in terms of appropriations for the bus replacement program.

M/S/C - Adopted motion by unanimous consent.

The Executive Director announced that a meeting of the League of Cities is scheduled for Thursday night (March 1) and staff will attend and copies of joint letter will be taken to the meeting.

Ad-Hoc Task Force

Tim Egan reported on the status of the Ad-Hoc Task Force's reccommendations. Mr. Egan indicated that, through Assemblyman Berman, the Auditor General will be conducting an audit of Caltrans for the financial data. The Commission needs to conduct the analysis of "who wins and who loses" in the State should the Ad-Hoc Task Force's recommendations be prusued. Also, staff is working with Senator Sieroty and Legislative Counsel in the drafting of language for a proposed bill.

News Article from the Los Angeles Times of February 22, 1979

Article on "\$1.8 billion hike in State highway spending sought" is for information only.

New Business

I-105: Commissioner Zimmerman asked that Commission ask for a report by Caltrans Director Gianturco on the beginning and completion dates on the I-105 and some information regarding the new system being employed in building this freeway.

Chairman Russ asked Robert Datel to obtain a copy of the report for the Commission.

4:15 p.m. - Adjourned into Conference Room 1559 for an Executive Session.

4:47 p.m. - Reconvened into regular session.

Cost-of-Living Increases for Staff

Chairman Russ indicated that the cost-of-living increases for staff were discussed in the Executive Session.

Motion was made to approve 6.5 percent cost-of-living increase for staff, effective July 1, 1978; and authorize Executive Director to cover increases from contingency reserve in budget.

M/S/C - Approved motion by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 14, 1979, 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power, Room 1550.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments