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MINUTES

March 28, 1979

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ at 3:10 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Ed Russ
Supervisor Peter Schabarum
Councilman Russell Rubley
Councilman John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate for Councilman Ferraro
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Councilwoman Chris Reed, alternate for Mayor Russ
Robert Datel, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

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

Chairman Russ introduced Mr. Dee Jacobs, Regional Director of UMTA's San Francisco office, and Councilwoman Chris Reed, City of Santa Monica, who is the alternate for Mayor Russ.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 14, 1979 were approved as submitted. Chairman Russ made a statement of clarification of the minutes (page 4). He noted in regard to AB 103 that the Commission minutes state, "It is also suggested that the author consider that the SCRTD right of first refusal and the municipal protection clause not be deleted from legislation at this time; rather, deletion should be considered after the Commission has adopted the transit coordination and service program." Chairman Russ indicated that this Commission did not recommend that the muni protection clause be deleted. There's been some discussion on it and many phone calls to the Commissioners.

) Committee Reports

Finance Review Committee (FRC)

Due to the absence of Commissioner Tweedt, Chairman of FRC, the Executive Director reported on the committee's meeting of March 26 and the meeting today on highway priorities. The recommendations of the March 26 meeting are as follows:

- . Approval of staff and Special Committee recommendation on the FY 79-80 TIP, and requesting the staff to report back on:
 1. ways to speed up construction of the I-10 Busway extension, and;
 2. a detailed analysis on soundwall criteria toward the end of doing a complete soundwall criteria review for the FY 80-81 TIP.
- . Approval of request from Long Beach and Montebello for LACTC to urge UMTA to expedite previously approved 78-79 TIP amendments for increased funding for bus purchase (Montebello - \$161,000 and Long Beach - \$210,000).

The Executive Director presented a short summary of the FY 1980 "AB 402" TIP. He summarized several hundred million dollars of proposed commitments for capital purposes which are in various stages of action. A copy of the slides was distributed to each Commission member and alternate (EXHIBIT A).

The projects contained in the TIP were selected through an extensive review by the Finance Review and TAC committees. Caltrans District 7 staff also participated in committee meetings and offered comments as the TIP was prepared.

Major highlights of the state highway portion of the TIP include:

- . Funding for the I-105 Freeway/Transitway (by far, the largest project in the TIP at \$304 million);
- . Full funding for the 91/11 interchange;
- . Initial funding for the I-5 and I-110 transitways;
- . Right-of-way expenditures on each of the remaining missing links in the freeway system in L.A. County.

Other significant projects included Route 2 (Santa Monica Blvd.), the Arbor Vitae interchange at Route 405, and Route 39.

) The Executive Director noted that the focus on the TIP would now turn toward Southern California counties outside the SCAG region and to the California Transportation Commission.

Chairman Russ asked about the FRC's recommendations of the priorities which were discussed at the 2:45 p.m. meeting today. The Caltrans prioritization list was distributed to the Commissioners.

The Executive Director asked Gary Van Buskirk of staff to explain the priorities.

Gary Van Buskirk explained that, along with the TIP project listing, a priority listing of each program (i.e., soundwalls, ramp metering, lane additions, new facilities, etc.) had been prepared by TAC. The priority listing for the "new facility" program, for example, had been prepared consistent with previous LACTC action on ranking gap closures. The FRC recommended the adoption of the listing with the following changes:

1. A statement be added indicating that no freeway-to-freeway ramp metering projects were included in the TIP;
2. That two "auxillary lane projects" be moved to the top of the list of ramp metering projects;
3. That Route 2 (Santa Monica Blvd.) be the number one priority of the lane additions category.

M/S/C - Adopted the FRC's recommendations of the Highway TIP and priority listing by unanimous consent.

Chairman Russ asked Councilwoman Pat Russell to report on the adoption by the Los Angeles City Council of the People Mover project.

Councilwoman Pat Russell, chairperson of the City's Transportation Committee, reported that adoption was by a 10 to 1 vote.

The Executive Director indicated that \$25 million is included in the UMTA FY 80 budget specifically for people mover projects.

Mr. Dee Jacobs of UMTA stated that this is a major step forward for the Downtown People Mover project and that UMTA has the money set aside. UMTA looks at this project as a forward step and will be glad to work with this Commission.

The Executive Director indicated that this Commission has acted on all portions of the STIP that are highway related except for the FAU 20% regional projects.

Chairman Russ mentioned that the Executive Director will be speaking to the California League of Cities on April 5 regarding the FAU process.

) Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Barna Szabo reported on the committee's meeting of today, which was held at noon at the LACTC Conference Room. After reviewing the status of legislation on which the Commission has already adopted a position, he also reported on the following items:

SB 759 Performance Audit of the Commission - The recommendation of the committee was to approve the staff's recommendation, with the understanding that they will take a look at the cost of what such an audit would be and see if those requirements could be met by Dr. Shaw of Cal-State Long Beach, and report to the Commission with a recommendation.

Administration's Proposal to Return One-Cent of the Gas Tax to Locals - No bill has been introduced. The legislation is likely to include a truck weight fee increase.

CTC Biennial Report - We have requested time to testify at the California Transportation Commission's hearing on April 18. We will have a draft of our statement at the next Commission meeting on April 11 for final approval. The Chairman or a Commissioner will attend the hearing.

Bill to implement Ad-Hoc Task Force Proposal - Senator Sieroty has introduced a "spot bill" requiring an 85% of all gas tax funds to the county-of-origin and repeals all other allocation formulae. This could be a two-year bill. There are indications that both the Legislature and the Administration are also seeking to do something about the highway allocation money problem, and perhaps this bill or the one that Assemblyman Ingalls is working on (AB 65) will be handling the situation. The committee will inform the Ad-Hoc Task Force members on the status of the proposal.

Commissioner Szabo gave a status report on the following bills:

- AB 65 (Ingalls)
- AB 140, SB 145 and AB 187
- AB 138 (Wyman)
- AB 86 (Ingalls)
- SB 84 (Foran)
- AB 306 (Ivers)
- SB 228 (Richardson)
- SB 306 (Briggs)
- SB 320 (Alquist and Montoya)
- SB 318 (Alquist)
- AB 551 (Kapiloff)
- SB 256 (Robbins)

) AB 663 (Wray) and SB 512 (Briggs) - would create a new district (District 12) and bill is sponsored by the Orange County legislative group. This bill will cause breakup of District 7. The committee has recommended to staff that they should explain to the Los Angeles County contingents in the Legislature the dangers in the bill. This bill is of some concern to this committee and committee's recommendation is to oppose it.

AB 103 (Ingalls) - The author amended the bill to require the commission to adopt a transit coordination and service program that would take the place of SCRTD's "right of first refusal" and the "muni protection clause." The TAC Legislative Subcommittee and the Bus Operations Subcommittee had a great deal of problems with the language; and the Intergovernmental Relations Committee decided to amend our position and recommend that amended position to Assemblyman Ingalls. A copy of the modified language was distributed to the Commissioners (EXHIBIT B).

Chairman Russ asked if people in the audience would comment on this matter.

Gordon Jackson, City of Norwalk, indicated that the municipal operators support the recommended language.

Chris Dahlstrom, Government Affairs, SCRTD, stated that, as this is a new proposal, he would have to take it back to the SCRTD Board for consideration.

Motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerman to approve the recommendation of the IRC as to the modified language of Article 7 and to adopt the findings of the IRC as our own and the other items that are discussed today. Seconded by Commissioner Szabo.

After much discussion, Commissioner Cox moved to amend the proposed language to include the first sentence of Section 3 which reads, "Financial standards to be met by all transit operators within the County as well as guidelines for the utilization of all available transit funding resources."

Motion now reads: To adopt the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee as to the Article 7 with addition of subparagraph (e) which reads: "Financial standards to be met by all transit operators within the County as well as guidelines for the utilization of all available transit funding resources."

A second motion was made to delete the eight affirmative votes. Seconded. Voice vote: ayes - 8, noes - 0.

) Commissioner Cox moved that the Commission take the position of that it will only adopt a service coordination program with a minimum of eight affirmative votes. Seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman.

M/S/C - adopted by unanimous consent.

Motion by Commissioner Zimmerman to adopt the findings of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee as the findings of the whole Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Geoghegan.

M/S/C - adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Cox asked about a bill in Sacramento that has to do with the possibility of the California Highway Patrol using radar in speed enforcement and asked if the Intergovernmental Relations Committee could report to the Commission on this bill at a later date. Commissioner Szabo indicated that the committee is aware of this, which is House Resolution No. 12 (Ellis).

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported on the committee's meeting of March 21, 1979. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

Countywide Senior Citizen Identification Card

The SCC recommends adoption of the following countywide senior citizen identification card concept and direction to staff to work out details and to seek agreement of operators:

- the countywide card is to be used for identification on services of all operators;
- operators could continue to require a picture on identification cards which they issue, but would honor all countywide identification passes (whether or not bearing a picture).

Wilshire Boulevard Service Coordination

The SCC recommends that the Commission endorse a staff effort to facilitate agreement on issues relating to service in the West L.A./Santa Monica area and service coordination between SCRTD and Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines, with consideration given to:

- removal of existing boarding restrictions;
- providing a level of service commensurate with demand.

) A progress report will be made at the next SCC meeting.

) Service Coordination Recommendation: Long Beach, Culver City, Montebello, SCRTD

The SCC requests a staff progress report and recommendations covering other service coordination opportunities identified by ATE Management & Service Co. which is due at the next SCC meeting.

Performance Audit: Commerce Municipal Bus Lines

The SCC requests a staff recommendation for proceeding with the performance audit of Commerce Municipal Bus Lines which is due at the next SCC meeting.

Performance Audit: Los Angeles County Transportation Commission

The SCC recommends referral of the performance audit of the Commission, as required by SB 729, to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

The next meeting of the SCC will be on April 16, 1979, at 12 noon at the Commission office.

M/S/C - Unanimously adopted the SCC report.

The Executive Director indicated that the action regarding the Countywide Senior Citizen Identification Card is one of the most significant actions taken by this Commission. We will be first county in the country with as many transit operators as we have, to have a single countywide ID card for senior citizens.

Cutback in Amtrak Service

Mr. Robert Datel reported that the United States Department of Transportation is proposing a 43% cutback of Amtrak service. Caltrans is concerned about this and will be holding public meetings to discuss this matter. The dates of meetings in this area are April 4 at 10 a.m. at the Parker Center Police Auditorium in Los Angeles and at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Fullerton City Hall. He hoped that someone from staff and possibly a Commissioner can attend these meetings to get the sense of what the people think about the Amtrak cutback. At the next Commission meeting, the Commissioners may want to take a position on this.

Chairman Russ asked staff to follow up on this item.

Executive Director's Report

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1. March 27, 1979 meeting in Washington, D.C. on 4-year Countywide Bus Capital Program - The Executive Director represented the Commission at this meeting.

2. March 21, 1979 letter to Mark Pisano from Executive Director regarding the tentative intercounty split of UMTA Section 5 bus capital funds for information only.
3. March 21, 1979 letter to Dee Jacobs from Don Camph regarding inventory of current energy contingency planning efforts for information only.

Motion by Commissioner Cox for this Commission to go on record as supporting the provision to transit operators of full fuel requirements. Seconded by Commissioner Szabo. Approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Cox asked that word of this action be sent to appropriate federal and state officials by staff.

4. Story from March 1, 1979 Engineering News Record magazine regarding Caltrans Director Gianturco's legislative proposal.
5. Special meeting on April 4, 1979 to receive the report of our consultants, Alan M. Voorhees, on analysis of Supervisor Ward's proposal vis-a-vis freeway transit is set for 3:00 p.m., Hall of Administration Room 739.

New Business

There was no new business.

Regarding possible State legislation, Chairman Russ indicated that he hoped that if it does pass, that the Commission could use part of that money to fund our Prop. 5 portion of our rapid transit need.

Notice of Meetings

Notice was included in the agenda packet.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 11, 1979, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments