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MINUTES

April 11, 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  
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate to Councilman Ferraro  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Peter Tweedt, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Hayes  
Councilwoman Chris Reed, alternate to Mayor Russ  
James Ragan, alternate to Wendell Cox  
Robert Datel, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Joe Leach, Acting Executive Director  
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 28, 1979 were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman's remarks before the 31st California Transportation and Public Works Conference in Anaheim on April 4 were included in the agenda packet.

He also reported that he met with Assemblyman Ingalls to discuss AB 103.

## Committee Reports

Commissioner Cox introduced his alternate, James Ragan, who was appointed by Mayor Bradley, City of Los Angeles.

Chairman Russ announced that Commissioner Chris Reed was successful in her reelection as councilwoman for the City of Santa Monica.

### Service Coordination Committee

The Service Coordination Committee had not met since the previous LACTC meeting. Commissioner Cox stated that a meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 16, 1979, at which time staff will summarize the South Bay Study report.

Chairman Russ reported that he had met with the Mayor of Torrance and staff persons from the cities of Gardena and Torrance with regards to the South Bay Study report. He requested that the period for responses to the preliminary report be extended 30 days instead of two weeks.

Commissioner Cox indicated that ATE would not report to this Commission until final comments are received from the cities.

Chairman Russ asked Mr. Leach to take care of appropriate details.

### Finance Review Committee

Meeting was postponed to April 23, 1979, 12 noon, LACTC Conference Room.

### Consent Calendar

- A. Recommendation to approve request from L.A. County Road Department for approval of FY 78-79 TIP amendment in the amount of \$47,960 SB 325 Article 8 funds.  
M/S/C - Approved the FY 78-79 TIP amendment.
- B. Recommendation to hold public hearings on FY 79-80 Article 8 unmet transit needs in Antelope Valley, Newhall-Saugus and Avalon.

The Acting Executive Director explained that staff will set up the meeting when the public hearings are called. The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that public hearings be conducted to find and determine that transit needs cannot reasonably be met before those funds are available for other purposes. Under our

memorandum of understanding with SCAG, it is the responsibility of this Commission to conduct these public hearings. Suggested public hearing dates are May 10, evening, for Saugus-Newhall area; May 17, evening, for Antelope Valley area; and May 24, day, for Avalon. Recommendation is to appoint a member of this Commission to serve with local representatives in conducting public hearings on unmet transit needs in Antelope Valley, Newhall-Saugus, and possibly Avalon.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked if a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee could be involved in these hearings.

The following persons were appointed members of the Public Hearing Board: Supervisor Baxter Ward with Commissioner Wendell Cox as his alternate; Mayor Linda Cook, City of Palmdale; and Shirley Irwin, Chairperson of the CAC, or her designee.

M/S/C - Approved the appointees listed above.

- C. Recommendation to approve 78-79 TIP amendments for City of South Gate in the amount of \$28,000 to purchase a lift-equipped replacement van for Dial-A-Ride service.

M/S/C - Approved the 78-79 TIP amendment for City of South Gate.

- D. Personnel Procedures - After discussion regarding Compensatory Time Compensation, this item was referred to the Administrative Committee by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked if James Ragan, alternate to Wendell Cox, could be appointed as a member of the Administration Committee. With no objections, James Ragan will serve on the committee to consider these procedures.

- E. Confirmation of CAC Members

This is to confirm the existing CAC membership.  
M/S/C - Approved the existing membership list by unanimous consent.

- F. Revisions to CAC By-Laws

It was recommended that the Citizens Advisory Committee by-laws be revised and that Commission's Legal Counsel be directed to draw up the necessary language to implement the Administrative Code amendment.

M/S/C - Approved the revision to the CAC By-Laws.

## ) Committee Reports (continued)

## Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting of April 9, 1979.

## State Legislation

AB 103

The committee supported the amendments to Section 130370(d) and had substantial discussion to Section 130372. Section 130372 provides and reads as follows: "On January 1, 1981, Sections 99280, 99281, and 130263 of the Public Utilities Code will not be applicable within the County of Los Angeles, but will be replaced by the Transit Coordination and Service Program." There was much discussion as to whether this amendment was desirable to be placed in the bill. The municipal operators expressed concern that this fixed a date certain by which we would have to have a Transit Coordination and Service Program in place and that program would be binding and we would have removed from the law the municipal protection clause. It was further reported to the committee, that Assemblyman Ingalls had indicated that the absence of this provision might lead him to drop the bill. The committee did not come forth with any specific recommendation as it relates to this section. As was noted earlier, Chairman Russ met with Assemblyman Ingalls on this matter, and the committee wanted full benefit of this discussion before it would make a recommendation.

Chairman Russ asked Tim Egan of staff to report on the meeting with Mr. Ingalls and his earlier meetings with the Assemblyman on this subject. Concerning this issue, Mr. Egan reported that, before Chairman Russ' meeting on April 4 with Mr. Ingalls, he and Mr. Premo had met on April 2 with the Assemblyman to review the Commission's March 28, 1979 actions concerning AB 103. Mr. Egan noted that at this meeting, an impasse developed with respect to language the Assemblyman felt should be in AB 103, against that which the Commission adopted on March 28, 1979. At this point, we requested that either the Assemblyman address this issue directly with the full Commission or if this was not possible, if he could maybe discuss his concerns with Chairman Russ. On April 4, the Chairman met with Mr. Ingalls after their joint presentation in Anaheim to a conference of Public Works and Transportation Engineers. In the meeting, Mr. Ingalls reviewed the legislative history that led to the enactment of AB 1246. The Assemblyman envisioned that when AB 1246 was enacted, that these types of responsibilities were inherent with the authorities of this

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Commission. From there, we reviewed the language of Article 7 in AB 103, specifically the new amendments to Sections 130379(d) and 130372, as earlier noted by Mr. Remy. Chairman Russ stated that from his perspective, it looked reasonable but obviously any decision on this had to be referred directly back to the Commission for action. We left the meeting with Mr. Ingalls with that understanding. The amendments, which were handed out, is being held and they have not been incorporated in AB 103 until such time that this Commission has had an opportunity to review and act on it.

Chairman Russ indicated that when they went into the meeting, the Assemblyman was insistent that he was going to do this regardless and he was going to do away with the muni protection and RTD first refusal provision clause regardless of what we did. And that against the backdrop of history leading to AB 1246, the Assemblyman felt it was about time the Commission accepted that responsibility. The Chairman also indicated that he tried to point out to the Assemblyman that he felt the bill probably wouldn't pass the Senate if he insisted on these changes without concurrence of the Commission and the transit operators. At this point, Mr. Premo suggested an alternative that would state that the adopted Transit Services and Coordination Program would replace the protection clause and first refusal provision on January 1, 1981. It was felt that this alternative would meet the concerns of the Commission, Mr. Ingalls, and the transit operators.

Tim Egan stated that a possible inconsistency was brought to his attention that might need clarification concerning how and when the muni protection clause and RTD first refusal would be replaced by the service program. Currently, it seems like the protections would be dropped in 1981 no matter if the Commission has a program adopted or not. The intent of Article 7 is to have an adopted program take the place of these protections not the other way around. Mr. Egan noted that clarification towards this intent may be required.

Chairman Russ asked Mr. Egan to report back to the Commission on this point any problems existed with the current language.

Chairman Russ stated that the report by Tim Egan gives the Commissioners the background and status of the bill; and that he assumes the municipal operators still have concerns with the proposal as indicated from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee's report.

Chairman Russ asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak on this issue.

Tom Narrigan, Long Beach Transit, indicated that the Long Beach Transit opposed the bill because of Article 7.

Jack Hutchison, Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines, indicated that they will oppose the bill.

After much discussion, Commissioner Remy moved that this Commission suggest to the Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee the amended language for 130372, deleting the words, "On January 1, 1981..." and starting that section with the words, "Upon adoption by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, of the transit Coordination and Service Program, Sections 99280, 99281 and 130263 of the Public Utilities Code will not be applicable within the County of Los Angeles."

Chairman Russ suggested to remove the word, "adopt" from 130370. Mr. Remy concurred in this amendment to the motion. Seconded by Commissioner Tweedt.

Commissioner Szabo amended the motion of Section 130372 to insert "adoption by 8 votes" and to indicate that the legislative action from the Legislature will have to be followed by a final review of this Commission. In Section 130371, state, "After legislative review, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission shall submit the Transit Coordination and Service Report as submitted to it from the Legislature for public hearing, review, and comment at least 30 days to the adoption."

The Legal Counsel indicated that the amended motion for Section 130371 reads: The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission shall adopt by 8 votes of the Transportation Commission a Transit Coordination and Service Program and that program prior to adoption shall be submitted for public hearing, review and comment at least 30 days prior to the adoption.

Then Section 130372 reads: "Upon adoption, the sections will not be applicable within the County of Los Angeles."

Commissioner Remy suggested that the motion be put into official form by the Legal Counsel and, if time permits, bring motion back to the Commission to make sure that this is what this Commission wants to transmit to Assemblyman Ingalls as an amendment to AB 103.

It was also suggested by Commissioner Remy that between now and the next Commission meeting, if Tim Egan can again bring this matter up to Mr. Ingalls and see if this meets with his concerns.

M/S/C - Legal Counsel with staff will draft the amended language for consideration by the Commission at its next meeting. The language would be consistent with Mr. Remy's earlier motion as amended by Chairman Russ and Commissioner Szabo.

Roll call:	ayes	<u>noes</u>
	Wendell Cox	None
	Russell Rubley	
	John Zimmerman	
	Pat Russell	
	Ray Remy	
	Barna Szabo	
	Peter Tweedt	
	Robert Geoghegan	
	Ed Russ	

#### Federal Legislation

Commissioner Remy reported that the Executive Director testified before the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee yesterday in Washington, D.C.

#### CTC's Biennial Report

Mr. Bob Reamon, Assistant Executive Secretary of the California Transportation Commission, gave a few highlights of the draft report. The IRC did consider sections of the report but did not consider the entire set of recommendations.

Commissioner Remy reported that staff will put together a statement with regard to the draft biennial report.

On April 18, the California Transportation Commission will have a public hearing on the Biennial Report at the Department of Water and Power in Los Angeles, and this Commission will testify at the hearing.

#### Executive Director's Report

##### A. Third-quarter Budget Status Report

In compliance with the Administrative Code, Joe Leach presented the third-quarter report of the 1978-79 budget receipts and expenditures.

M/S/C - Approved report - received and filed.

B. Air Resources Board response to Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

Jeanne Spinner of staff reported that the State Air Resources Board staff report on the AQMP has been released. The report rejects the locally-developed AQMP and states that, consequently, ARB and Caltrans will review each highway project individually for its air quality impacts prior to funding. Commission members indicated a desire to have testimony presented to the ARB opposing their changes and supporting the AQMP.

The Air Resources Board will conduct public hearings on their plan on April 25, 26, and 27. Vice Chairman Schabarum will testify at the hearing.

Energy Contingency Plan

Don Camph of staff reported that he will have a status report for Commission's review on the energy contingency planning and energy planning at the next Commission meeting.

Amtrak Service

Robert Datel reported that Caltrans has held several public hearings statewide in which they are challenging the U.S. Department of Transportation's proposal to cut back on Amtrak service. At the hearings that were conducted, Caltrans received unanimous support to at least maintain the service. If this Commission wishes to take a position on this matter, it should be no later than the next Commission meeting because inaction by Congress by mid-May will cause the cutback to happen automatically.

Commissioner Cox indicated that the Finance Review Committee will consider this matter at its April 23 meeting with a recommendation to the Commission at its next meeting on April 25.

Good News

Barna Szabo announced that a couple of hours ago RTD received approval of its purchase for 1200 buses over the next four-year period. He heard a news interview with Dick Page conducted as he signed the document.

Joe Leach indicated that he had talked by telephone with the Executive Director in Washington prior to this Commission meeting. Mr. Premo had just completed his meeting with Administrator Page and was very optimistic about funding for the Los Angeles County capital bus improvement program.

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Chairman Russ also personally expressed his appreciation for Mr. Premo's efforts in this matter.

Chairman Russ indicated that he assumes that approval is for 1300 buses, 100 for municipal operators and 1200 for SCRTD. He also stated his belief that teamwork, is largely responsible for this accomplishment.

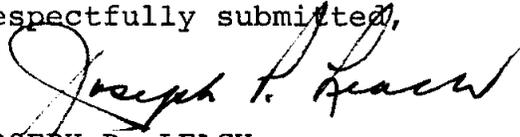
Commissioner Remy indicated that he understands that there is a major new direction of RTD's bus planning and programming. He wondered if staff or the Service Coordination Committee has had to chance to review it or at least be aware of it.

#### Notice of Meetings

Notice was included in the agenda packet.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 25, 1979, 3:00 p.m., at Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



JOSEPH P. LEACH  
Acting Executive Director

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