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MINUTES

April 25, 1979

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

Members in attendance were:

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

Staff members present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 11, 1979 were moved and seconded. Chairman Russ amended minutes to show that Commissioner Reeves was excused from attending the last meeting; he explained his business ahead of time. Minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous consent, as amended.

Chairman's Remarks

Regarding the 1979/80 Commission budget, the Chairman indicated that there has been some discussion among the Commissioners on how the budget was going to be reviewed. It was decided that the budget will be referred to the Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee was composed of Commissioners Zimmerman, Ward, and Geoghegan; and Chairman Russ asked them to remain on the committee and added Commissioners Schabarum/Tweedt and Cox/Ragan to the committee to review the budget. He also asked Commissioner Zimmerman to work with the Executive Director to schedule a meeting.

Committee Reports

Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC)

Commissioner Ray Remy summarized the actions of state legislations discussed at the committee's meeting of April 23, 1979.

State Legislation

AB 1429 (Ingalls): This bill provides for banking opportunity for Prop. 5 funds. The committee's recommendation is to support AB 1429; however, the bill should not include language requiring special assessment districts or requirement for local funding commitment prior to banking funds. Assemblyman Ingalls is thinking of a 3-year banking period, as opposed to the 5-year banking which exists in San Diego.

Chairman Russ was informed the AB 1429 had passed unanimously as amended, by the Assembly Transportation Subcommittee on on Transit. A hearing is set before the full Committee next Tuesday.

Mr. Wayne McDaniel, City of Long Beach, asked about the amendments to the bill.

The Executive Director indicated that he wasn't sure what passed. The position of the IRC was we did not endorse the concept that a dollar-for-dollar match would be required or that it would have to be available at the same time as the state banking was occurring. The concept being that the first couple of years Caltrans has sizable amounts of money as do we in our usually agreeable TIP earmarked for Prop. 5 purposes for rapid transit purposes. Yet, during these first years, we will not be spending at that level because we'll be in the engineering, final design and initial land acquisition stages. Therefore, for us to put an amount equal to the Caltrans amount these first few years seems to us is an overmatch in advance. We have a mechanism at the state level through the TIP that far more easily facilitates this. It, in fact, is the reason for the banking bill. Obviously, we have to match whatever federal grants would be available to construct the system. There is no question about the necessity to ante up the local funds to match the federal and state dollars at that time.

AB 103 (Ingalls): The Intergovernmental Relations Committee accepted the various amendments and the author accepted most of the amendments which the IRC suggested. The committee adopted author's amendment on time frame in which the Legislature would respond to this Commission's Article 7 recommendation. This requires the Legislature to report back to this Commission

in 120 days and gives a time frame for this Commission that we should act within 180 days. A recommendation was made to delete references to farebox to operating cost ratio in Article 7, and support addition of amendment on SCRTD equipment trust certificates.

AB 881 (Ingalls): The IRC supports this bill and recommends Commission work with the author to allow representation of the county transportation commissions on the Committee on Local Transportation Finance.

SB 585 (Sieroty): Senior Citizen I.D. bill points out potential conflict with this Commission's program. Committee suggests that staff informally contact the Senator and point out the differences in approach. Committee recommends taking no position on this bill.

SB 620 (Mills): This bill uses the overflow funds from the transportation planning research account. Funding for the remodeling improvements of the Union Station which is the No. one project statewide, is not in the bill. The IRC recommends supporting bill on the condition that other means that are being pursued for funding of Union Station are successful.

AB 1427 (Ingalls): Committee recommends support of this bill.

SB 939 (Sieroty): This is the Ad-Hoc Task Force proposal. It is now a 2-year bill. Committee is waiting for results of the Auditor General's study which would be completed in June. Committee has instructed staff to work carefully with the Senator and the committees.

SB 759: Audit of the Commission. Staff will report back to the committee with detailed information.

M/S/C - Approved the IRC report by unanimous consent.

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Russell Rubley reported on the committee's meeting of April 23, 1979. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

1. Commission support of:
 - a. Caltrans' proposed FY 79/80 budget for intercity rail service.
 - b. Caltrans' opposition to U.S. DOT's proposed Amtrak curtailments in rail service which would adversely affect California rail service including connection service.

2. Approval of the Federal-Aid Urban (FAU) Program portion of FY 80 TIP for Los Angeles County with transit projects also to be included in FY 79 TIP annual element.
3. Approval of requests from Caltrans for 78/79 Type I TIP Amendments:
 - a. Ramp control cost revision from \$420,000 to \$1,140,000 on Route 10, from Route 1 to Route 110.
 - b. Interchange modification from \$770,000 to cost revision \$1,500,000 (Route 7, Bell, Vernon and Commerce area, widen freeway and modify interchange).
4. Approval of State Prop. 5 applications of the City of Los Angeles for final design and construction of the Downtown People Mover, and the Southern California Rapid Transit District for preliminary engineering of the Wilshire Starter Line with currently available State Prop. 5 funds:

DPM	\$2.9
Wilshire Starter Line	<u>4.245</u>
Total Prop. 5	\$7.145 million

Should either project fail to be approved or approved at a different funding level, unallocated funds should be transferable to the other project such that the full \$7.145 million is reserved.

5. Approval of necessary FY 78/79 TIP Amendments to make the annual element consistent with these Prop. 5 approvals.
6. Direct staff to coordinate Prop. 5 funding proposals from agencies in Los Angeles County before the California Transportation Commission and other agencies as appropriate, in order to insure implementation of Commission positions in the allocation process.

Commissioner Cox stated that the committee has asked Caltrans to provide a report on the TIP Amendments on why cost has escalated so sharply.

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

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Wendell Cox reported on the committee's meeting of April 16, 1979. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

Service Distribution - FY 1979/80

The SCC recommends adoption of the following provisional service distribution policy, to be used by staff in prioritizing service increase requests by operators as specified in the Short Range Transit plans. The prioritized list would be returned to the Finance Review Committee.

1. Relief of overcrowded lines
2. After overcrowding relief, priority is given to programs which will obtain the highest increase in transit patronage per subsidy dollar.

Before FY 1980/81, the Commission would review actual patronage gains to compare to projections. (The exact date of the review to be recommended next month, after comment by bus operators.)

Further, it is recommended that the Technical Advisory Committee make its comments known on this provisional policy; and it is understood that, in the event of a serious energy shortage, plans currently standing may require significant modification.

Fuel for Public Transit

In connection with the possibility of coordinated fuel purchases by operators, it has become clear that transit fuel requirements will increase because of the reduced fuel economy of advanced-design buses. The SCC recommends that the Commission contact necessary state and national officials toward the end of guaranteeing adequate fuel supplies for whatever increased transit services can be made available as fuel supplies become more scarce.

Issues being Monitored by SCC

1. West Los Angeles SCRTD-SMMBL service coordination discussions.
2. SCRTD-Montebello service coordination discussions
3. ATE service coordination recommendations Long Beach-Culver City-SCRTD.

4. Senior Citizen Identification Pass Implementation
5. Non-operational coordination opportunities identified by ATE
6. SCRTD West Los Angeles service improvement program.
7. Commerce Municipal Bus Lines performance audit
8. ATE South Bay report: Report is now in draft form and comment period for cities and transit operators has been extended to late May.
9. Establishment of productivity committee as required by SB 759
10. Long range (after FY 1979/80) service distribution options.

The next meeting of the SCC is tentatively scheduled for 12 noon, Monday, May 14, at the LACTC Conference room.

Chairman Russ announced that tomorrow evening a meeting of the South Bay Cities Association is being held. The draft report will be made available to all South Bay cities for comment.

M/S/C - Adopted the SCC report by unanimous consent.

Special Administrative Committee

Commissioner Zimmerman reported on the committee's meeting of April 25, at 12 noon. The following actions were recommended:

1. Personnel Policies re. Holidays: It was decided that the holidays are New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and one personal holiday called a "floating" holiday which can be used at the employee's convenience with the approval of the supervisor.

It was the unanimous decision of the committee to recommend the adoption of this schedule to the Commission.

M/S/C - Adopted the schedule of holidays by unanimous consent.

2. Personnel Policies re. Overtime: It was the committee's unanimous decision to recommend to the Commission the approval of time-and-a-half pay, either in pay or compensatory time at the employee's choice, for clerical employees only, working more than 40 hours a week. The committee has deferred any further action on the policy regarding other employees until legal opinion is received from Commission's legal counsel.

M/S/C - Adopted the overtime recommendation for clerical employees.

3. Personnel Policies re. Vacation: Committee's unanimous decision to recommend Commission's approval of a six-month probation period prior to taking vacation time and to approve a maximum 25 days accrued vacation time with the stipulation that any vacation time carried past the year earned must be approved by the Executive Director. It was also recommended that staff provide the Commission with an accounting of vacation time accrued at budget time each year.

M/S/C - Adopted vacation recommendation by unanimous consent.

4. Personnel Policies re. Tuition: It was committee's decision for the Commission to approve a maximum of \$300 annual payment for tuition for employees successfully completing accredited classes on their own time.

Motion was made to approve the committee's recommendation as presented in the report.

Roll call vote:	Ayes	Nays
	Robert Reeves	Ray Remy
	Wendell Cox	John Zimmerman
	Russell Rubley	
	Robert Geoghegan	
	Chairman Russ	

M/S/C - Adopted policy for tuition fee.

5. Personnel Policies re. Bereavement Leave: Committee recommended for Commission' approval of three days bereavement leave at the time of death of immediate member of the family and "immediate member of the family" is spelled out in the Administrative Code.

M/S/C - Adopted by unanimous consent.

6. By-Laws Changes for the Citizens Advisory Committee:

Article IV, Section B of the CAC By-Laws requires the CAC to hold a general meeting every third Wednesday of the month. The CAC is recommending that this section be revised to give them more flexibility to schedule meetings when members can attend. They propose meeting a minimum of eight times a year, at dates to be selected and announced throughout the year.

M/S/C - Revision to Section B was adopted by unanimous consent.

7. Revision to Commission's Administrative Code, Article III, Section H(1) re: reimbursement received by CAC members for attending meetings or for activities connected with the CAC, not for to and from CAC meetings.

This matter has been referred back to the Special Administrative Committee for a more specific recommendation.

8. FY 1979-80 Staffing Status: The Executive Director explained the recommendation to the Administrative Committee is the addition of one professional staff person for the Inter-governmental Relations unit. He indicated that Commission members will be receiving a budget proposal for next year. This individual will be engaged in intergovernmental activities and, particularly, in strengthening our work with local governments here in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Cox indicated that, at least presently, staff is not planning to ask for additional positions in this new budget.

Roll call vote:	Ayes	Nays
	Ray Remy	(None)
	Robert Reeves	
	Robert Geoghegan	
	Russell Rubley	
	John Zimmerman	
	Wendell Cox	
	Chairman Russ	

Energy Progress Report

The Executive Director summarized the staff energy progress report which contained an inventory of current energy planning efforts and a variety of recommendations for Commission consideration. Staff was directed to submit a final report at the June 27, 1979 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Zimmerman requested that the Commission have a Committee of the Whole meeting on May 23 at 2:00 p.m. at which time he would make a presentation of a new transportation system.

Chairman Russ approved his request to make a presentation.

Commissioner Remy moved that when staff reports back on the energy contingency plans on June 27, that staff have a review of comments from the various people that this report will be circulated to and a concise compilation of the recommendations for an action program which this Commission, while working with other agencies, might embark upon. He requested an action program before June 27 which will give this Commission some distinct and direct guidance that as a Commission can do, how the Commission would relate and interface with SCAG, City, County, League of Cities, SCRTD, and other interested agencies.

Commissioner Remy moved that staff recommendations be accepted to circulate the report and have a report back on June 27 with specific recommendations for an action program.

Motion was approved.

Commissioner Cox moved that the following be included in the report:

- 1) a description of what it would take for this Commission to take a leadership role in this issue with respect to mobility in fuel crisis; and
- 2) what it would take to put together a contingency carpool matching system, whether it's in coordination with the existing agencies or with AQMD or with whomever an emergency carpool matching system that could be on line rather quickly for such a period as we might be faced with if we are on a rationing system.

Executive Director's Report

A. Century Freeway - Letter from John Ingram to Congressmen Anderson and Rousselot:

Caltrans assures staff, along with the plaintiffs, that agreement is imminent to lift the court injunction.

B. Testimony by Executive Director before the California Transportation Commission on CTC Biennial Report:

Information only.

- C. Testimony by Executive Director before the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee on April 10, 1979, in Washington:

Information only.

- D. Proposed fiscal year 1979/80 Commission Budget:

Budget report was distributed to Commissioners for their review and comment. Final review of the budget will be referred to the Special Administrative Committee.

- E. Other issues:

The Executive Director mentioned his discussion with the SCRTD Board on Tuesday at it relates to AB 103.

Chris Dahlstrom of SCRTD staff reported that he believed that there is no active lobbying against AB 103 in Sacramento. The SCRTD Board has taken the staff report under advisement. A letter is forthcoming from SCRTD.

New Business

Requests by Commissioners:

Commissioners Rubley, Zimmerman and Cox asked Caltrans representative, Robert Kabel, to check into congestion created by ramp metering on certain sections of the Artesia, San Diego, and Long Beach Freeways.

Mr. Kabel indicated that he will check into the problems and report back to the Commission.

Introduction

The Executive Director introduced Priscilla Adler, who has joined the Commission staff as Policy Analyst.

Notice of Meetings

Notice was included in the agenda packet.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 1979, 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome C. Premo

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