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MINUTES

May 9, 1979

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ at 3:14 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Edmond J. Russ
Councilman Russell Rubley
Wendell Cox
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate for Councilman Ferraro
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Chris Reed, alternate for Mayor Russ
James Ragan, alternate for Wendell Cox
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 April 25, 1979 were moved and seconded. Commissioner Cox asked that minutes be corrected (page 7, item 4) to show that roll call vote was 6 to 1, Ray Remy voted aye. Minutes were approved as amended by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Russ stated that the number one concern now is the gasoline energy problem. At the suggestion of Commissioner Cox, the Chairman pursued the matter with Supervisor James Hayes, who at the time was planning to go to Washington, D.C., to meet with Secretary Schlesinger. The Chairman appointed Supervisor Hayes as chairman of a Special Energy Committee, including Commissioner Cox and anyone else interested in serving on the committee. Supervisor Hayes may appoint anyone else if he so desires.

Commissioner Cox indicated that the Energy Committee should look into whether or not California is getting our fair share of gasoline. He suggested that the committee should also look at other matters, such as reviewing all of the sources of funding that are available now in order to:

- (a) get RTD whatever money it needs to provide additional service;
- (b) look at private operators to see what they are able to provide; and
- (c) improve the capability of the various agencies involved in carpool matching.

Commissioner Cox asked that these issues be included in the charge to the Energy Committee.

The Executive Director indicated that, following up on the Commission's directions at the last meeting, staff is going through a compilation of plans and programs that various agencies have developed and is trying to identify those things that can be done quickly and at a reasonable cost. Since the Commission last convened, a portion of that program moved ahead. When the President was in Los Angeles recently, he reaffirmed a pledge of more than \$640 million for public transportation improvements in the next four years for Los Angeles County. These federal funds, along with local funds, will allow SCRTD and other transit operators to embark on a bus improvement capital program exceeding one third of a billion dollars. The President also reaffirmed the commitment made by UMTA Administrator Page (a copy of the UMTA letter was included in the agenda packet) of funds for transit operating assistance, as well as for the Downtown People Mover, Long Beach mall, and other projects.

Don Camph, principal coordinator for the energy activities, indicated that he had called the Governor's Office and learned that the State Attorney General has ordered an investigation by his staff into the allocation situation and whether or not California is receiving its fair share. Staff will be in contact with the Attorney General's office.

Commissioner Szabo thanked Chairman Russ, on behalf of the Supervisor, for putting together the task force on energy. He also reported that Supervisor Hayes will be going to Washington, D.C. to meet with Secretary Schlesinger on the odd/even plan and improvements in the allocation system.

Commissioner Remy commented that the Commission needs to coordinate its efforts with other agencies to avoid duplication and confusion in dealing with transportation-related energy matters.

Committee Reports

Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC)

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting of this afternoon. The committee's recommendations for Commission's approval are as follows:

AB 103 (Ingalls): The Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) is offering potential amendments to the bill. Those proposals will be analyzed by staff and will be reported back at the next Commission meeting. There is also a resolution from SCRTD relative to the 33-1/3% combination of farebox and local funds to operating costs. This report will be reviewed at the next Bus Operations Subcommittee and IRC meetings. No action is required on this bill until the next Commission meeting.

AB 1429 (Prop. 5): Committee agreed that bill should be amended so that a project will be able to proceed with State Prop. 5 funds even if full Federal funding is not available. Staff will seek written assurance that Prop. 5 funds would not be lost to the Southern region for highways if transit projects do not proceed. Committee recommends that Commission approve amendment to bill requiring a 5% local commitment to a project pending clarification on what that 5% could consist of (i.e., could rolling stock be included).

AB 1617 (Wray): Committee strongly urges support. This will enable Commuter Computer to continue to operate on the basis of the contract with Caltrans. Under a recent personnel board ruling, it's questionable whether Caltrans can continue to provide funds to Commuter Computer for their operation.

AB 1012 (Ingalls): Committee recommends support of this bill. This would impose a fine for playing radios or other sound equipment or smoking on RTD buses.

SB 1181 (Robbins): Committee recommends support. Bill would authorize RTD to operate limited charter bus services for a variety of events.

Intermodal Transfer Facilities: Staff is working with Senator Mills' staff and Senate Finance to assure state funding for Union Station project. Committee will report back to Commission at the next meeting.

SB 759 - Commission Performance Audit: Staff will work with SCAG and representatives of the other county transportation commissions toward developing a joint proposal for performance audits of those agencies.

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

Chairman Russ welcomed Norm Emerson, regional representative of Transportation Secretary Brock Adams, and asked him to join the Commission in the meeting.

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of this afternoon. The recommendations for Commission's approval are as follows:

- . Approval of request from the East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU) to apply for UMTA Section 16(b)(2) funding in the amount of \$184,170 to purchase nine (9) small buses.
- . Approval of request from the City of Compton to amend 78-79 TIP to include Compton Downtown Transportation Terminal to be funded as an "Urban Initiatives" project.
- . Approval of request from the City of Carson to add 190th Street between Avalon Blvd. and Wilmington Ave. to the City's FAU System.
- . Approval of request from City of La Mirada to allocate \$339,500 in future City FAU funds for upgrading Knott Avenue I-5 Interchange. This is a joint project with the City of Buena Park and also a joint effort between LACTC and Orange County Transportation Commission.
- . Approval of request from City of Norwalk to increase FY 78-79 Section 5 allocation in the amount of \$19,000 to meet current operating expenses.
- . Approval of eight (8) pending grant applications in the amount of \$10.4 million for inclusion in 4-year county transit capital program (two RTD, one each for Santa Monica, Torrance, Gardena, Norwalk, Arcadia, and Cudahy).

M/S/C - Approved FRC's recommendations by unanimous consent.

Request for help from Commuter Computer: The FRC took no action and deferred it to Commissioner Cox's presentation when this matter comes up. Chairman indicated this matter will be discussed under New Business.

Service Coordination Committee (SCC)

Commissioner Cox did not have anything to report. The committee will be meeting next Monday (May 14) at 12 noon at the LACTC Conference Room.

Chairman Russ asked about the necessity of taking any action by this Commission to extend the time for the South Bay Study.

Commissioner Cox reported that he and staff, along with the members of the ATE consulting staff, spoke to the South Bay Cities Association about a week and a half ago. Many of the cities involved in the South Bay expressed interest in the report and thought the present deadline of May 13 was a little tight for them so Commissioner Cox moved that this Commission extend the deadline for comments on the ATE South Bay Consolidation Report to July 1.

Commissioner Cox amended the motion to change the deadline to August 1 because various cities are now having budget sessions.

M/S/C - Adopted motion to extend the time for the South Bay Study deadline to August 1 by unanimous consent.

Air Resources Board's position regarding transportation element of South Coast Air Basin Air Quality Management Plan

The Executive Director reported that Commissioner Reed has been participating at the ARB hearings. The Air Resources Board reconvenes tomorrow.

Commissioner Reed reported on the ARB hearing of April 26 where she testified for the City of Santa Monica and SCAG.

The Executive Director reported on the SCAG's Executive Committee meeting of last Thursday. SCAG took three actions at that meeting to seek to respond to the pressures that were being applied by the ARB. The three actions are: (see EXHIBIT A)

1. Projects to be included in the AQMP Baseline
2. Air Quality as a factor in TIP decision process
3. Progress in implementation of transportation control measures (including increased transit)

These actions will be going before the full ARB tomorrow.

Following a discussion of criteria for inclusion of projects in the baseline, Commissioner Rubley moved (seconded by Commissioner Geoghegan) to change the FY 80-84 TIP to reflect \$6 million for right-of-way and \$4 million for construction on Route 47.

Mr. Norman Emerson, DOT Secretarial Representative, urged close coordination with his staff and Commission's staff so that the STIP can be expedited prior to the submission by EPA to Washington.

M/S/C - Unanimously supported Commissioner Rubley's motion.

M/S/C -Unanimously supported SCAG's action involving:

- 1) commitment to program proportional funding for transportation control measures (including increased transit) and highway projects.
- 2) to include in the transportation baseline projects for both right-of-way as well as construction, acknowledging some necessity for project-by-project review of other highway investments; and
- 3) increased consideration to air quality in the prioritization of transportation projects.

Executive Director's Report

- A. April 30, 1979 letter to Judith Solely, Chairwoman, California Transportation Commission, regarding Prop. 5 applications for SCRTD and the City of Los Angeles - information only.
- B. April 27, 1979 letter to Chairman of Assembly Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee regarding proposed funding levels for commuter and intercity rail service - information only.
- C. SCAG Executive Committee's action transferring \$2.4 million in FY 78/79 UMTA Section 5 Bus Capital funds from Orange County to Los Angeles County - information only.
- D. Article on Los Angeles Downtown People Mover from May 1979 Mass Transit magazine - information only.
- E. The Executive Director joined the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation before Councilwoman Russell's committee this morning. The City Department of Transportation will be applying for \$645,000 100% demonstration grant from UMTA. The purpose is to implement signal system on 10 mile stretch of Ventura Boulevard in the Valley. The Executive Director asked for support of City Department of Transportation's efforts for this project.

M/S/C - Approved Commission's support for the Ventura Boulevard project.

Commissioner Szabo asked if reverse lane concept can be implemented elsewhere in Los Angeles County.

Chairman Russ asked the Executive Director to report back on this matter at the next Commission meeting.

The Executive Director indicated that he will report back on the follow-up on the Ventura Boulevard proposal and get information on the opportunities for replicating Spring Street to other places in the County.

- F. Status Report on South Bid Pot: Staff will be meeting on May 18 with all Southern California counties in an effort to secure an agreement. Staff will report to the Finance Review Committee meeting on May 21. The California Transportation Commission will meet on May 23 and 24 and tomorrow in Orange County. Staff's goal is to coordinate all Southern California counties to make a single presentation.
- G. Invitation from UMTA to participate in an exchange workshop with the German government: Workshop is scheduled for June 17-25, 1979 in Hamburg, Germany.

It was moved and seconded that the Chairman and a designated staff member be authorized to participate in the workshop.

Voice vote:	Ayes	Nays
	Peter Tweedt	(none)
	Ray Remy	
	Pat Russell	
	Robert Reeves	
	Robert Geoghegan	
	Barna Szabo	
	Russell Rubley	
	Wendell Cox	
	Chairman Russ	

Motion was adopted.

- H. President's Gas Rationing Program: Commissioner Cox asked if this Commission will be undertaking any effort to try to convince the Congressional delegation with respect to the President's gas rationing program.

If the House acts on Friday, Commissioner Remy moved that the Commission authorize the Chairman to notify the California Congressional delegation concerning the gas rationing program if it appears to disadvantage in a major way the people of Southern California. Seconded by Peter Tweedt. Motion adopted.

The Executive Director indicated that two weeks from today, staff will report back to the Commission with some specifics on our energy options. At that time, staff will provide the Commissioners with another copy of the report, which was prepared for Chairman Hahn last November, on ways of strengthening the County Transportation Commission. Staff would appreciate any comments on it.

The Executive Director stated that he had received a phone call from Supervisor Hahn. Supervisor Hahn sends his best regards and hopes to attend the Commission meeting on May 23.

Norm Emerson indicated that President Carter has submitted to the Congress a windfall profits tax and a portion of that tax has been set aside as a fund which would provide close to \$400 million additional money for public transportation. He strongly urged that staff, when they report on the energy plan for Commission's consideration, that there be an analysis done about the possibility of this Commission supporting the windfall profits tax. It could provide some additional revenues for public transportation.

Commissioner Remy indicated that in the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the windfall profits tax was discussed and staff was asked to prepare a report for submittal to the Commission.

New Business

Commuter Computer

Commissioner Tweedt reported that Supervisor Schabarum brought the problem Commuter Computer is facing to the Finance Review Committee's attention.

Commissioner Cox indicated that this Commission coordinate the efforts with respect to Commuter Computer with whatever the Commission did with respect to the task force that is put together.

Mr. Art Schreiber, President of Commuter Computer, appealed to the Commission for financial and personnel help because of great demand for their service. They need approximately \$400,000 for additional staff and \$200,000 for computer services.

Commissioner Cox moved that Commission direct staff to come up with a proposed way to provide the money. Commissioner Tweedt seconded the motion and asked Mr. Cox to consider an amendments that staff begin this immediately tomorrow morning and secondly, that if staff can come up with some source of money that we not wait until the next meeting but that using the Chair's prerogative whether to allocate that money by convening a special meeting of the Commission or poll the members by phone.

Commissioner Cox accepted the amendment.

The Executive Director reviewed a number of potential sources of funds for Commuter Computer.

Mr. Robert Datel indicated that he agrees with the Commission's action and that Caltrans will be whatever they can to help and will work to Commission staff to see if Caltrans can facilitate some positive action.

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

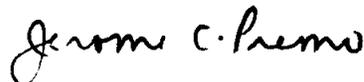
Commissioner Cox asked Commuter Computer to report back to the Commission through the Finance Review Committee on its progress on a monthly basis.

Hearings on Unmet Transit Needs for San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys

Chairman Russ indicated that Supervisor Ward has requested that Commission appoint one more person to that committee that will be having the hearings. With no objections, Chairman Russ appointed Supervisor Ward's Deputy, Larry Larson, as another member on that committee. He has received word that Mayor Clark of Palmdale would like her City Administrator Patrick Rossall to represent her.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 1979, at 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
Executive Director

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Attachment