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MINUTES

June 13, 1979

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

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Edmond J. Russ
Councilman Russell Rubley
Councilman John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate for Councilman Ferraro
Eleanor Killeen, alternate for Supervisor Ward
Councilwoman Chris Reed, alternate for Mayor Russ

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 May 23, 1979 were approved, as submitted, by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Russ reported that the California Transportation Commission's met on June 8 in the Board Room of the Department of Water and Power and indicated there was an outstanding representation by local officials. He hopes that the State Commission will consider the view of the local officials, as called for in AB 402, when they review the State highway projects in our regional TIP. Commission staff will work with Caltrans to work out problem areas.

Chairman Russ also reported that he, other Commissioners, and staff went to Sacramento on AB 103. They met with Assemblyman Ingalls, and the Assemblyman was adamant about the fact that he wanted the muni protection clause and RTD's first right-of-refusal taken out of the law. There will be another Senate Transportation Committee meeting on July 3 in Sacramento.

Commissioners Rubley, Cox, Reed, and Zimmerman made comments about the meeting in Sacramento on AB 103.

The Executive Director indicated he met yesterday with the California Transportation Commission's Executive Secretary and Assistant Secretary. Staff of the State Commission will be meeting with our Commission staff this coming Monday to review each of the projects. Staff has been asked to put together detailed fact sheets on all of the projects in the State TIP.

Chairman Russ read a letter from Supervisor Ward appointing Eleanor Killeen as his alternate to the Commission and introduced Mrs. Killeen.

Mrs. Killeen made a brief statement before the Commission.

Committee Reports

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of June 11. The recommendations of the committee are attached as EXHIBIT A.

Commissioner Cox recommended that the report on the approval of the Santa Monica service improvement program should be: "Approval of the Santa Monica service improvement program was held pending agreements to be reached between SMMBL and SCRTD and subsequent review by the Service Coordination Committee and the Commission."

Commissioner Reed commended staff for the report on the transit TIP.

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

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting which was held today at 1:30 p.m.

SB 620: (EXHIBIT B) Bill introduced by Senator Mills (co-authored by Senators Mills, Foran and Assemblyman Ingalls). The Transportation Committee approved SB 620. There is a strong desire to have this measure approved by both Houses of the Legislature and on the Governor's desk before June 30.

The Executive Director explained the various elements of the bill.

Commissioner Remy indicated that the committee considered the bill and recommends this Commission support the bill because it provides some substantial new funding for public transportation. The committee would like a series of comments to be added to the support motion, and directed staff to review these with the authors of SB 620 for possible amendments.

Motion made by Commissioner Remy to support the bill and direct staff to work on several comment areas and items, oppose the state establishment of a separate capital grant formula program for the allocation of the transit funds concerning the other points, and staff is directed to work with the authors for clarification and possible amendments, if necessary. Seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. Adopted by unanimous consent.

AB 103: It was indicated that the meeting that Commissioner Reed mentioned is being put together where the Assembly Transportation Committee staff could meet with the muni operators and RTD to see if some general concurrence can be made as it related to Article 7 of the bill. The bill will not be taken up in the Senate side prior to the next meeting of this Commission. Committee has decided not to take any farther action on AB 103 until the next Commission meeting.

AB 1429: This is the Prop. 5 banking bill. Committee's recommendation is to seek the deletion from the bill for that portion that requires a study to be undertaken by this Commission looking at a special assessment district. The SCRTD Board will be meeting on this matter tomorrow. The committee will report back on the status of this bill at the next Commission meeting.

LACTC's Legal Counsel: The Committee recommends the extension of the contract with County Counsel through September 30, 1979, and staff is to prepare a report looking at the pros and cons and possibilities of continuation of County Counsel service past the 30th of September, as well as other options if we go to outside counsel service. Report is due prior to the expiration of the September 30 deadline. This is a recommendation and motion made by Commission Remy; seconded by Commissioner Cox. M/S/C - Approved by unanimous consent.

Report on Federal Windfall Profits Tax: This report is being prepared and will be submitted to the Committee and will also contain some reference to the proposal at the state level on the part of the Administration for a State windfall profits tax. Recommendation by the committee will be made at the next Commission meeting or the one thereafter.

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. next Monday, June 18, at the Commission Offices; and that the committee has been following the issue of fuel for public transit. He mentioned that he had sent the Commissioners a memo in which he suggested a couple of items which Commissioner Reed and he had talked to the Economic Regulatory Administration about the terms of extension of special rule 9 beyond the July 31 expiration date. Secondly, that rule 9 should provide 100% of requirements including fuel for public transit and paratransit and taxi services.

Commissioner Cox moved that the Commission affirm this position and send communication to appropriate agencies to try to encourage movement on that rule. Seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

Meeting reconvened at 4:40 p.m.

Chairman Russ indicated that matters discussed in the Executive Session were personnel matters.

Proposed FY 79-80 Budget

Commissioner Zimmerman reported that the Administrative Committee recommended approval of the budget as submitted with an adjustment of the Executive Director's salary. Commissioner Zimmerman further recommended that the Commission approve one additional secretarial position and the lease of 200 sq. ft. additional office space.

Chairman Russ opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 79-80 Budget. Since no one asked to testify, the public hearing was closed by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved that the budget be approved and adopted with the above recommendations and modification. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cox. Budget was adopted by unanimous consent.

Executive Director's Report

- A. Letter from Acting UMTA Administrator Gary Gayton on Wilshire Starter Line: This letter gives approval to print the Alternatives Analysis/draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/draft EIS). Copies have either been sent directly to Commissioners' offices or will be made available to each Commissioner. Hearings are scheduled for July 9, 10, and 11 and Commission has been asked to testify during these hearings. We have acted to include the project as a priority for purposes of Prop. 5 funding as well as included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Gayton will be in Los Angeles on June 21 and a joint briefing has been scheduled by this Commission, along with Caltrans, SCRTD, City and County of Los Angeles, and SCAG. UMTA has asked if this Commission and SCRTD could jointly host a luncheon for Mr. Gayton on June 21. It will be followed by a bus tour of the Downtown People Mover and the Wilshire corridor. Staff is working with SCRTD on this matter.

- B. SB 512: Introduced by Senator Briggs which will create a Caltrans district in Orange County. This bill will create a 12th district in the state and will have a minimum of \$1.6 million in administrative costs in the first year of setting up the new district. This Commission opposes the bill.

Letter has been prepared for Chairman Russ' signature opposing this bill. Copies of the letter will be hand-delivered to all of the State legislators in Los Angeles County.

- C. AB 1344: Introduced by Assemblyman Elder. This bill would allow for tax deduction for purchase of monthly transit passes. Staff and SCAG are following up on this bill. Assemblyman Elder is elated by this Commission's support.

New Business

Commissioner Zimmerman brought up two issues for Commission's consideration at future meetings.

1. There is no station on the Santa Fe Railway between Fullerton and Los Angeles. He asked that staff be instructed to determine what steps could be taken to bring some action on a station on Santa Fe Railway.

2. How and when can we come to a position where this Commission will discuss and evaluate a suspended railway system.

The Executive Director indicated that staff will have to rely heavily on state of the art analysis and technology that the federal government has done. He has been in touch with the Associate Administrator of the office in charge of this area, and has asked for reports and materials. At the June 27 meeting, a specific timetable will be made.

AB 1429: Commissioner Remy moved that staff look at the question of assessment districts and prepare some information and report back to the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Motion was approved.

Commissioner Tweedt moved that this Commission recognize the services of Supervisor James Hayes and Barna Szabo during their term on the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion was approved. Chairman Russ asked the Executive Director to prepare presentations for Supervisor Hayes and Mr. Szabo.

Notice of Meetings

Executive Director asked for Commission's consideration for either one or two meetings for the months of July and/or August. This matter will be discussed further at the June 27 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 27, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments