



LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION • 311 SOUTH SPRING STREET—SUITE 1206, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013 • (213) 626-0370

MINUTES

June 27, 1979

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

Members in attendance were:

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

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Jerry Crump, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 13, 1979 were approved with the following corrections: (1) On the attachment to FRC meeting entitled 79-82 Transportation TIP, under summary, Item V, the figure should be \$278 million instead of \$282 million; and (2) on Page 2 regarding FRC, reference made to comment by Commissioner Cox with respect to approval of the transit TIP indicating that the Santa Monica approval on the improvement of service would be held pending their obtaining of the various agreements necessary, should be reflected in the minutes to show that that was a part of the action on the FRC approval.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Russ reported on the trip to Germany and the advancement of German engineering, adding a written report would be distributed to Commissioners as well as other information attained at the Conference.

Committee Reports

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting held prior to this meeting and presented their recommendations relative to State legislation:

AB 103: The Committee recommends approval of the amendments submitted by staff as amendments to AB 103, with the following changes: On Page 2 of the amendments, Line 13, "At a minimum" deleted; on Page 3, Line 12-13, "but not limited to" deleted; on Page 4, the sentence beginning on Line 14 is deleted, and staff is to check to make sure that this does not change in a major way the intent of the bill. M/S/C to approve the amendments as amended.

Commissioner Cox wanted to make sure that this language provides that the Commission would be able to not only resolve disputes without having the municipal protection clause or the first right of refusal interfere, but also initiate actions at some point to correct what it saw as deficiencies by an eight-vote majority. Commissioner Remy responded there is a section that states before January 1, 1981, only disputes formally brought to the Commission's attention by one or more transit providers in Los Angeles County can be heard by the Commission. After January 1, 1981 when we have a transit coordination and service program that the Commission, consistent with Section E on Page 4, says that we can get involved in transit coordination and service issues deemed appropriate by the Commission.

Commissioner Cox said in regard to the change on Page 3, the deletion of "but not limited to", is it correct to assume that that doesn't reduce what was intended as the Commission's power but fails to direct us to go beyond the following. Commissioner Remy responded that there was some concern on the part of the operators that the language became too much of a license to do all sorts of things; on the other hand, Section E on Page 4 says that we can get involved in transit coordination and service issues deemed appropriate to promote efficient and effective use. County Counsel concurred.

Chairman Russ felt the only real change here was to extend the time for development of the transit coordination and service program. The Executive Director responded it provides between now and then carefully worded process of resolving existing disputes and puts the Commission in the position of resolving some of those disputes rather than having to wait for a year

or so until the full service coordination program is adopted. It doesn't allow us to initiate but rather should operators who are already out there feel that the Commission should deal with certain issues it would allow us to try to bring these to a resolution.

Chairman Russ asked where these amendments stand relative to drafting by Legislative Counsel as formal amendments to AB 103. The Executive Director said the bill is being boiled down a bit by Legislative Counsel and we have to be sure that none of the intent is modified as it goes through that legislative process. The Executive Director added the bill is going to be heard July 3 in Senate Transportation, and it is hoped that the language will gain the support of those who have previously opposed it.

Commissioner Cox asked if all of the municipal operators and SCRTD have been involved in these discussions and does it appear that none of them intend to continue to oppose at least the concept of what has been agreed upon. The Executive Director said we have agreement on the concept and the operators are very concerned about the new language.

The Commission thanked the operators and staff for the fine and hard work that has been put into this bill.

AB 1429: The bill passed the Assembly recently on a 71-1 vote. The next hearing on this bill is set for July 17 in the Senate Transportation Committee.

SB 620: Commissioner Remy stated this is a major transportation funding bill, adding the Senate would probably take action on it today to get it to the Governor for his signature before June 30. Commissioner Remy said the Committee is suggesting the Chairman communicate with the California Transportation Commission and Caltrans as to the procedures and guidelines they are going to use for making decisions on distributing this money and what timeframe they would have those guidelines available and would we have an opportunity to give input and comment on the program. M/S/C for the Chairman to communicate these points to the California Transportation Commission and Caltrans,

SB 512: Commissioner Remy reported that the bill was initially killed in the Senate on a 10-20 vote. This measure would set up a separate Caltrans district, and would reallocate approximately \$61 million from in highway funds from Los Angeles, Ventura to Orange County. After reconsideration, the bill was subsequently passed by the Senate, with a commitment by

the author that the bill would be amended so that there would be no negative impact on Los Angeles or Ventura Counties. The Committee recommends continuation of opposition to the bill in the Assembly unless it can be proven that we are not adversely impacted by the amended version. M/S/C to continue the Commission's opposition to SB 512.

ACA 45, AB 1583 and AB 1584 (Toll Bridge Authority): Commissioner Remy reported that the proposal is to do away with all bridge tolls and that the bridges would be financed out of current State highway monies. The Committee suggests opposition to these bills because this would be a dedebt of highway funds; these bridges are maintained and operated by the tolls and that seems to be a right way to go; and it is a potential source of revenue for other transportation activities. M/S/C to oppose these bills.

AB 1617: Commissioner Remy said this bill is necessary for Commuter Computer to continue receiving State funds for the operation of their system. The bill is up in Senate Transportation on July 3. The Committee is recommending that the appropriate member of the Commission or staff appear on behalf of that bill offering our continued support. M/S/C to continue Commission's support of AB 1617 and indicate such to Senate Transportation.

Communication to Congressman Howard: Commissioner Remy said the Committee suggests that the Chairman send a communication to Congressman Howard as well as our Congressional delegation in support of the Howard Amendment to HR 4440 (DOT's Appropriation's Act for 1980). The Howard Amendment adds \$76 million to various public transportation programs which would be aimed at expanding bus purchases and rail transit and also adds \$76 million for safety-oriented highway projects in small and medium sized cities. The Committee recommends support of the Howard Amendment and communication with the appropriate members of Congress. M/S/C to support the Howard Amendment and send the appropriate communications.

Legal Counsel: Commissioner Remy said the Committee will be reporting to the Commission on the matter of legal counsel at a subsequent meeting and also reporting more fully on the Windfall Profits Tax.

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported that the Committee recommends approval of a request from Long Beach to amend its 78-79 TIP to program the entire Downtown Transit Mall for \$14.1 million in the 78-79 TIP in order to expedite an UMTA grant. This will not affect any other project in the County.

Commissioner Tweedt reported the Committee recommends approval of a request from SCRTD to substitute FAI funding for FAU funding of \$506,000 for its West Los Angeles Transportation Center.

Commissioner Tweedt reported the Committee recommends approval of a staff recommendation for inclusion of Torrance Transportation operations and maintenance facilities in the FY 78-79 TIP for \$1.2 million. Acquire full acreage. Size of facility to be determined later.

Commissioner Tweedt reported the Committee recommends approval of a staff recommendation on the request from Culver City to shift designation of capital reserves, \$1.3 million, from Transportation Center project to the Bus Maintenance Yard project.

Commissioner Tweedt reported the Committee recommends approval of concept of the City of Los Angeles' 4.5 Dial-A-Ride program for funding of \$299 thousand. We deferred this item for further discussion with the Commission. Commissioner Russell said the question was whether boarding should be restricted to seniors and handicapped. Commissioner Tweedt said the staff report recommended funding at that level, and that City representatives at the Committee meeting requested the funding but said that they would like to limit it to the elderly and handicapped. Commissioner Russell concurred, and thanked the Commission and staff for its support on this particular program. Commissioner Tweedt said the Committee recommends approval of the funding and that boarding be limited to the elderly and handicapped.

Commissioner Tweedt reported that the Committee recommends approval of the City of Los Angeles' request to reprogram and carryover \$107 thousand in OWP funds to 79-80.

Commissioner Tweedt reported that the Committee recommends approval of a request from SCRTD for \$737 thousand in FY 79-80 OWP program funds, and defer for staff analysis and report back to the Commission RTD's request to carryover \$1 million in OWP funds from previous years.

Commissioner Tweedt presented a resolution of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to request that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors obtain the comments of the LACTC before placing any Transit Assessment District proposal on the ballot.

Commissioner Tweedt presented a resolution that the Commission reiterate its strong support for the earliest possible resolution of pending court case on I-105 so that engineering, land acquisition, relocation and construction of this much-needed transportation facility can proceed. Further, that this Commission urge the California Transportation Commission to allocate funds for this project as part of the State Transportation Improvement Program and that any efforts

to pursue alternative approaches to the use of funds for I-105 such as Interstate transfer, cease. This position should be emphatically communicated to the Governor and all other appropriate parties.

M/S/C to approve the recommendations and resolutions presented by the FRC.

Regarding the proposed ballot measure, Commissioner Russell asked why Commission comments should be presented to the Board of Supervisors when the Supervisors are members of the Commission themselves, and should there be one point of view from the Commission or individual points of view. Commissioner Cox said the intent of the resolution was that the Commission should take a position on this issue. Commissioner Russell asked if this measure is placed on the ballot, wouldn't it still come before the Commission as funding would be in our hands. The Executive Director said the funding would not be controlled by the Commission but by the Board of Supervisors because of the special assessment district that they would control and run. The Executive Director distributed a summary of the assessment district proposal received from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and said staff will be providing more detail on the assessment district. The Executive Director pointed out that included with the summary material is the charter amendment language, in particular the Gann initiative implications. Chairman Russ requested more detailed information on the impact if the Gann initiative has improved revenues into this charter amendment would have to be off-set by reduction in other county expenditures to the extent they exceed certain limitations. The Executive Director said staff will be following-up with County Counsel, Supervisor Ward's office and the Chief Administrative Officer and will provide the Commission with a comprehensive analysis.

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported the Paratransit Brokerage Study should be held over as staff wants to review some materials brought by Chairman Russ from Germany before making a final submittal of that issue.

Commissioner Cox said the Committee recommends that a taxicab study run concurrently with the paratransit study and that staff be directed to identify the issues that would be included in a taxicab study.

Commissioner Cox said the Committee also recommends that staff propose an appropriate framework for a project advisory committee to be made up of regulatory agencies, taxi companies, labor and others, and that the taxicab study would be completed before Phase II or before the paratransit study was undertaken.

Commissioner Cox reported the Committee recommends final approval of the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Cox reported the Committee recommends the Commission states its opinion to SCRTD and Santa Monica that their dispute on Wilshire Boulevard should be worked out before the implementation of the SCRTD West Los Angeles study.

M/S/C to approve the recommendations of the Service Coordination Committee.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported on the visit by UMTA Deputy Administrator Gary Gayton to Los Angeles last Thursday. The consensus was that the briefing on various aspects of L.A.'s transit program was positively presented as a unified and coordinated effort. Commissioner Geoghegan suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Gayton thanking him for visiting Los Angeles.

The Executive Director reported on the pending \$100 million grant to SCRTD and the \$10-\$15 million to the munies, consistent with the TIP we adopted at the last meeting. He had hoped an announcement approving that grant might have been made during Mr. Gayton's visit. Negotiations with UMTA on the equipment trust certificate portion of the RTD financing plan are in the "home stretch" and hopefully will be wrapped up in a month, at which time the order for the new buses can be placed.

The Executive Director reported on the TDA allocations. We have the money from SCAG for this year and SCAG has approved our request for next year. He expressed appreciation for the attitude of SCAG in processing these allocations.

The Executive Director reported that tomorrow and Friday, the California Transportation Commission will be meeting and reviewing the highway and other transportation proposals from Southern California. Staff will be reporting to the Commission on the CTC actions.

The Executive Director gave a follow-up on Union Station. He reported Caltrans has applied to Secretary Adams for some urban initiative money for the planning and subsequent purchase of Union Station. Staff will be following-up with Caltrans, City and County of Los Angeles, SCRTD, and other interested parties and come back to the Commission with some specifics as to the role for the Commission on the future of Union Station.

The Executive Director reported on the rideshare application for this area for about \$500 thousand of Federal funds. He expressed confidence that L.A. County would fair well in the several rideshare programs we have.

As for acquisition of Union Station by Caltrans, Chairman Russ felt the Commission should call to Caltrans' attention that the Commission should have been notified and involved in planning before Caltrans submitted to the Federal government on such a major issue. Chairman Russ questioned how they could apply for the money without coming through the Commission. The Executive Director said they have provided what might be called a letter of intent, as opposed to a formal application. He added that staff will be following-up as aggressively and diplomatically as we can.

Commissioner Remy indicated that he has received reports that the State CTC has expressed concern about the lack of timeliness in which they received information from Caltrans on matters before them. He suggested the Commission express its strong dissatisfaction with the lack of capability on the part of Caltrans in fulfilling its state responsibilities in supplying information in a timely manner. Staff was requested to report on the outcome of availability of information to the CTC at their June 28 and 29 meeting.

New Business

Commissioner Russell presented a motion regarding the use of bicycles.

M/S/C that the Technical Advisory Committee investigate the feasibility of improving the bicycle system quickly, as it is currently oriented as recreation rather than for transportation, and by low-capital means to serve the increased demand during the gasoline shortage. This investigation should include a review of such options as the designation of streets parallel to primary arterials as possible contingency bike routes; comments and cooperation of all cities in the County and the L.A. County Road Department should be solicited; with a report to be returned to the Commission by September 1, 1979.

Chairman Russ requested staff look into the matter of obtaining the right-of-way underneath the Edison Company high tension wires from Cerritos to the beach.

Commissioner Cox introduced a motion that the Commission invite the County and City of Los Angeles, the League of California Cities (Los Angeles Branch), and other interested agencies to join in a coordinated effort to work on the energy situation. It was so M/S/C.

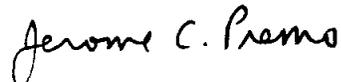
Next Meeting

After discussion, it was decided that the next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, and that the July 25 Commission agenda will consist of the Voorhees report issue and Supervisor Ward's ballot proposal on the special transit assessment district, as well as any emergency issues that may arise.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director

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