



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

MINUTES

July 11, 1979

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ at 3:07 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Edmond J. Russ  
Councilman Russell Rubley  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Councilman John Ferraro  
Wendell Cox  
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn  
Eleanor Killeen, alternate for Supervisor Ward  
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Burke  
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley  
Robert Datel, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Joseph P. Leach, Acting Executive Director  
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Mr. Leach indicated that he had received word from Supervisor Burke's office today announcing the appointment of Barna Szabo as the alternate for Supervisor Burke.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 27, 1979 were approved with the following corrections: (1) on page 6, third paragraph - Commissioner Russell should be changed to show it was Commissioner Killeen who asked the questions; and (2) Commissioner Wendell Cox was omitted from the attendance list.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Russ reported that he appeared before the public hearing on the Draft Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Impact Statement on Transit Improvements for the Los Angeles Regional Core (EXHIBIT A). He asked Mr. Leach to distribute copies of his remarks to the Commissioners. His presentation was in support of Alternative No. 2 in the SCRTD's recommendation as far as the rapid transit on Wilshire Boulevard is concerned. The presentation was well received and it seemed that everyone who spoke was in support of the general proposition.

A written report on his trip to attend the Workshop in Germany was also distributed to the Commissioners.

He further mentioned the Los Angeles Times editorial which indicated that the State has dropped its opposition to I-105 Freeway.

Presentation by Supervisor Ward on his Assessment District Proposal

Chairman Russ introduced Supervisor Ward who made a presentation of his proposal to create a countywide assessment district for the purpose of funding transit. Chairman Russ indicated that the meeting of July 25 will be set aside for a full discussion of the Supervisor's proposal. A prepared transcript of Ward's presentation will be sent to all individuals who receive the Commission minutes.

Century Freeway (I-105)

Chairman Russ asked Mr. Leach on status of the Century Freeway project. Mr. Leach reported on some activities reported from cities to the Commission staff last week on contacts they had received from representatives of the Business and Transportation Agency regarding last minute reconsiderations of the Century Freeway. These discussions have been rejected by the local officials and, according to the latest word that he has received from the newspaper accounts, the Administration is going ahead with the I-105 improvements. They are ceasing any further alternative negotiations on the project.

Committee ReportsFinance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of this afternoon. The following recommendations were made for Commission's approval:

1. California Transportation Commission's actions on LACTC's highway/guideway regional TIP: The CTC met and took action which, in some respects, cut our TIP. We have a proposal to make because the CTC is planning to have a second meeting where they will consider appeals from local governments on items which might be amended into the statewide program. The committee recommends the following:

- . Route 2 (Santa Monica Blvd.) - Request that the CTC restore \$2.3 million the funding for the easterly La Cienega to Arden segment, and request that Caltrans support the LACTC's appeal and/or the use of SB 620 (abandoned railroad R/W) funds or regional (Caltrans) FAU funds for Route 2.
- . Route 5 (Knott Avenue Interchange) - Request that the State Commission restore \$1.7 million requested for this joint Los Angeles/Orange County project.
- . Route 47 (Terminal Island Freeway) - Request that the State Commission expedite its study by incorporating the current work of the Los Angeles/Long Beach/Caltrans studies that are going on and also request that this study be completed before January 1, 1980.
- . Route 7 (Long Beach Freeway) - Request that the State Commission add to its study list the southern Alhambra segment and that a site visit by the State Commission be arranged and that the study be completed before January 1, 1980.

M/S/C - adopted by unanimous consent.

2. Funding for the Paratransit Brokerage Study: Funding of \$150,000 for 18 months - Element I of the study is to be completed within 6 months.

M/S/C - approved by unanimous consent.

3. UMTA's proposed Short Range Transit Planning: The UMTA regional people are proposing some extensive requirements on our transit operators. Specifically, they are after a series of reports that would not only go into what decisions had been based on, but what alternatives might also have been considered. The operators consider this an excessive reporting system and were quite concerned. The FRC was concerned not only for that reason, but because it seems to encroach on prerogatives of this Commission and so the FRC recommends authorizing the Executive Director to put together a program to express

our concerns as strong as possible to UMTA at the Washington level to try to head off this program. Chairman Russ indicated that, if necessary, the Executive Director will make a trip to Washington to meet with UMTA people and also bring local elected officials to Washington with him to assist him.

M/S/C - approved by unanimous consent.

4. Unmet Transit Needs for Catalina and Antelope Valley: The unmet transit needs for the cities of Avalon, Palmdale and Lancaster were reported on by the Hearing Board appointed by Chairman Russ. Findings revealed no unmet transit needs in Avalon or Antelope Valley existed that could be reasonably met and recommend release of Article 8 funds to the cities of Avalon, Palmdale and Lancaster. Additional hearings are scheduled for Santa Clarita Valley (Valencia).

M/S/C - approved by unanimous consent.

5. Resolution for I-105: This resolution pertains to an article in the Los Angeles Times relative to I-105 which Chairman Russ mentioned earlier in his remarks. The resolution is addressed to the Governor and states as follows:

"That the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission takes cognizance of the Administration's stated position in the July 11 Los Angeles Times pertaining its efforts to shift funds from I-105 or to work against the early freeway completion. I-105 is a top priority on the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission's TIP. In view of the impact of I-105 to the people of Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission would appreciate receiving copies of all future correspondence initiated by the Administration regarding I-105 and be included in any future meetings with local or federal officials concerning I-105 before the Administration contacts any other governmental agencies or the media."

Commissioner Remy requested that the resolution be amended to "...any correspondence which would indicate a deviation from the announced policy position in supporting the construction of I-105."

M/S/C - adopted, as amended, by unanimous consent.

6. Air Resources Board: The committee recommends that the Commission request the ARB to use the State Commission's TIP, rather than Caltrans, as the base-line for air pollution standards; and request the State Commission and Caltrans to concur in the LACTC's request.

M/S/C - adopted by unanimous consent.

7. SCRTD's Service Deployment Policy: Commissioner Cox indicated that SCRTD is considering a service deployment policy which their memo indicates will cause them to more efficiently utilize the resources, buses, etc. throughout their system and will result in significant overcrowding relief, if it is adopted. The committee's action was to commend SCRTD on the concept of utilization of the service deployment policy.

M/S/C - adopted by unanimous consent

8. Projects that were cut from the State TIP regarding soundwalls on Route 5: Commissioner Zimmerman indicated he thought these soundwalls were included in the funds that were recovered from the \$66 million shortfall. Mr. Leach indicated that the soundwalls were not approved for AB 3020 (\$66 million shortfall) funds, but that LACTC had included them in the TIP under the AB 402 process. It was this that the State Commission cut. The FRC will review and recommend revision, if necessary, of the soundwall criteria and present them to the Commission for consideration.

#### Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy had no report from the committee except, as an information item, on the status of legislation which is attached as EXHIBIT B.

#### Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported that, at the last meeting, the Commission withheld one action item from the committee report because of the consideration which was being given reviewing the funding level for the Paratransit Brokerage Study. However, when the Commission made the final approval on the SCC of that study, the following stipulations were recommended:

1. That the area of the RFP requires an estimate of the cost for countywide door-to-door system for the elderly and handicapped. For this portion of the RFP, the target population should be limited to the transportationally handicapped.

2. Work on Element II (and subsequent elements) of the project should not proceed until the results of the taxicab study, which we've now approved, have been received.
3. The Commission Chairman designate a committee (standing or special) to oversee the project and work closely with the consultant. The role of this committee would be similar to that of the Special Bus/Rail Study Committee which oversaw the Voorhees project, under the chairmanship of Commissioner Zimmerman.

Chairman Russ asked when and what time frame would this committee be formed? Commissioner Cox indicated that this should be coordinated with the selection of the consultant.

M/S/C - adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Cox announced that SCC meeting scheduled for July 16 has been canceled because there are no action items on the agenda. The next meeting is set for August 13, at 1:00 p.m., at the LACTC Conference Room.

Chairman Russ mentioned that any member who is interested in serving on the special committee, should see him after the Commission meeting.

#### Executive Director's Report

Mr. Leach indicated that he had no items to report.

#### Other Reports

Commissioner Geoghegan reported that yesterday Supervisor Edelman received a great compliment from the President. He was requested to attend the Camp David summit to discuss matters of energy and inflation. One of the items he will discuss with the President will be additional transit funding for Los Angeles County and the federal commitment for fixed rail system.

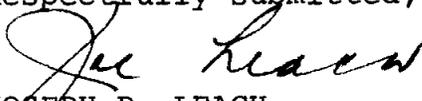
#### Notice of Meetings

Notice was included in the agenda packet.

91/11 meeting: Scheduled for July 19, at 3:00 p.m., at Gardena City Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 1979, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JOSEPH P. LEACH  
Acting Executive Director