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MINUTES

September 12, 1979

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

Members in attendance were:

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

Announcement

Chairman Russ announced that Joe Leach of Commission staff has been hospitalized. The Executive Director reported on Mr. Leach's condition and indicated that he is at the Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance. Commissioner Remy obtained a "get well" card and asked the Commissioners to sign it.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Russ reported that he and Commission staff went to Sacramento with regard to AB 1429 and met with Senator Roberti and persons from Assemblyman Ingalls' office, along with representatives from SCRTD. (This matter will be discussed later in the meeting.)

Chairman Russ introduced Ms. Lillian Liburdi, who is the Acting Deputy Administrator for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and also Associate Administrator for Policy and Budget of UMTA, Stuart Eurman, Director of Planning for UMTA's San Francisco Regional Office, and Frank Enty of UMTA's Management Office.

The Executive Director indicated that this is an opportune time to meet Lillian Liburdi and discuss, as part of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee's report, consideration of the Administration's Windfall Profits Tax proposal and how Los Angeles might fit into the Administration's plans for continued transit funding.

Commissioner Remy indicated that the Windfall Profits Tax was one of the items discussed at the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting of August 29, 1979. He indicated that the committee's position was basically to support the windfall profits tax proposal and also to support the transit trust fund concept, but to express some concern about the amount of money that is in the Administration's proposal.

Ms. Liburdi thanked the Commissioners for inviting her to the meeting and explained the windfall profits tax proposal the Administration has made.

Chairman Russ expressed pleasure with the Administration's increase in mass transportation funding. He also indicated that he has written a letter to Secretary Goldschmidt and invited the Secretary to Los Angeles for a visit.

Commissioner Remy asked Ms. Liburdi about how the Downtown People Mover project and Wilshire Starter Line project interface. Ms. Liburdi indicated that UMTA made a commitment in 1976 to the people mover as a demonstration activity under the capital program. UMTA does not see the project as a conflict to the Wilshire Starter Line proposal.

She indicated that she was impressed with the tour of the Wilshire corridor and is looking forward to the tour of the Downtown People Mover corridor this afternoon.

Chairman Russ introduced Colonel Gwynn Teague of the Army Corps of Engineers who made a presentation on the activities affecting transportation in Los Angeles County.

Colonel Teague's slide presentation showed the Corps activities in the field of transportation in Los Angeles County, such as the major study underway for the San Pedro Bay ports area, investigation on the feasibility of using the county's network of flood control channels for some form of mass transport, and the bike trails program.

Colonel Teague also indicated that Congress in 1976 authorized the Corps to undertake a study of the overall transportation needs and the problems in San Pedro Bay and are at the first milestone of that study with the completion of the reconnaissance report, a copy of which was left with the Commission. Staff will follow up with the Corps on these matters and will keep the Commission apprised of any important developments.

### Committee Reports

#### Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the FRC's meeting of September 5.

1. The recommendations for Commission's approval are as follows:
  - a. TDA Article 8 claim of \$158,000 for the North County (Lancaster and Palmdale) area. This is for limited service in the Antelope Valley.
  - b. TIP amendment to correct an error in listing the type of funding from Primary to Urban, for ramps on Route 91 in City of Bellflower (\$996,000).
  - c. TIP amendment to include the Venice Transit Center in the amount of \$2,760,000, which will come from three funding sources (UMTA Section 3, SB 1879 funds, and City of Los Angeles).
2. FRC recommends that the portion of the motion passed by the Commission at its last meeting, directing staff to study transit improvements beyond the 4-part program, be modified to direct staff to report on the planning efforts which lead to the 4-part program as the basis for determination by the Commission whether additional transit planning, and associated financing studies are needed. The FRC also recommends that the Commission acquire outside legal opinion on the legal aspects of assessment district financing.
3. Commissioner Zimmerman's motion that a committee of industrial personnel be formed to evaluate the catenary transit system proposal: The FRC recommends that the Chairman, if he sees fit, delegate Commissioner Zimmerman authority to act to form such a committee, provided that it be at no cost to the Commission.

4. Commissioner Killeen's motion that the Commission study the impact of significant increases in gasoline prices and/or gasoline shortages on the economy in Los Angeles County: The committee recommends that the Commission not undertake a study since the Chief Administrative Officer's office of Los Angeles County is doing the same study.
5. Information item:
  - a. California Transportation Commission (CTC) resolution of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) appeals: Two major LACTC appeals, the increase in State funding by \$1.67 million for Route 2 and the study of Route 47, were approved.
  - b. CTC's action in approving \$2.9 million in State Prop. 5 funds for the Downtown People Mover had a number of conditions. The FRC thought it would be inappropriate to offer comments until the City of Los Angeles had been consulted to develop a possible unified position. Since the position from the City has not been received, the FRC recommends that comments for this item be held over.
  - c. Status of Freeway Transit: Caltrans briefed the committee on the status of environmental studies on freeway transit in the Harbor and Santa Ana Freeway corridors. The committee directed staff to work with Caltrans to try to shorten the anticipated 26-32 month duration of the studies.

Commissioner Tweedt moved approval of the committee's recommendations with the exception of items 3, 4, and 5b.

Commissioner Remy expressed concern that the State Transportation Commission's action on the Downtown People Mover was an infringement on the legislative authorities of this Commission.

After much discussion, it was moved that the FRC report, as amended, be approved as it stands and that the DPM issue be discussed as a separate item. With no objections, this motion was passed by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Killeen indicated that she had contacted the CAO's office to find out what the purposes of their study on the gasoline shortage price increase in the county. She was told that the county was not doing such a study but that the County Energy Commission was considering doing a study. So she recommended that this matter be referred back to the FRC for further review.

Commissioner Tweedt reported that he had received an extensive report from Commission staff that a proposal almost identical to Commissioner Killeen's was introduced to the County Board of Supervisors and that the county was doing such a study. He recommended that the Executive Director check with the CAO's office.

The Executive Director indicated that he would follow up with Commissioner Killeen and various individuals in the County to clarify the status of this activity.

Chairman Russ also suggested that if it turns out that this was under misapprehension, the FRC should reconsider the matter.

#### Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting of August 29.

#### Windfall Profits Tax/Transit Trust Fund

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting with Ms. Liburdi. The committee's recommendation is to support the Windfall Profits Tax as contained in the Howard proposal, which is likely to provide more funds for public transportation. In addition, the Howard proposal would provide the funding that would be necessary to move forward with the Wilshire Starter Line.

The committee recommends that this Commission support the Windfall Profits Tax with trust fund concept and support the Howard proposal as it is related to the amount of funding that would go to public transportation within the Windfall Profits Tax.

Commission's action on the Windfall Profits Tax was divided into two separate motions. First motion was made in support of the Windfall Profits Tax as a general concept. This motion was made by Commissioner Remy, separate from the IRC, that this Commission support legislation relative to a Windfall Profits Tax. Seconded by Commissioner Russell. Vote was done by show of hands: 6 - yes, 3 - no. Motion was carried.

The second motion also by Commissioner Remy, and consistent with the committee's position, is to support the Howard proposal, which provides a greater share of those funds to be gained from a Windfall Profits Tax to public transportation. Seconded by Commissioner Killeen. Seeing no objections, motion was carried by unanimous consent.

#### State Legislation

AB 103: Bill is before the governor for signature.

AB 1429: Bill has passed the Senate, with amendments, by a 27 to 1 vote and has now been referred to the Assembly for concurrence in amendments. Chairman Russ and staff met with Senator Roberti and representatives of SCRTD in Sacramento. A memo from the Executive Director indicating the current status of the bill was handed out to the Commissioners at the meeting. Commissioner Remy highlighted the key elements of AB 1429 which are important to this Commission. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to support the legislation. The committee did not consider this bill with its present amendments so there was no committee's recommendation relative to the measure.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schabarum that this Commission support AB 1429; seconded by Commissioner Szabo. Voicing no objections, motion was passed by unanimous consent.

A second motion made by Supervisor Schabarum directed staff to identify resources on a contractual basis that could be in the form of individuals (SCAG, SCRTD, or others) who have the background and knowledge to put together in a timely fashion that which would be necessary for this Commission to do what is going to be mandated and report back to the Commission in two weeks. Seconded by Commissioner Szabo. Voicing no objections, motion passed by unanimous consent.

AB 86: Bill is before the Governor for signature.

AB 120: Bill is before the Governor for signature.

ACR 36: This is a two-year constitutional resolution regarding I-105 project.

Union Station: Staff is preparing an analysis of Caltrans' report on Union Station and recommends that the Commission not take a formal position on SB 654 until additional information is received.

#### Administrative Committee

On behalf of Commissioner Cox, the Executive Director briefly reported on the committee's meeting of August 29. The committee's actions/recommendations are attached as EXHIBIT A. The Executive Director suggested that the Commission approve Items I, II, III, and V, exclusive of IV for further discussion later. It was moved and seconded to approve Items I, II, III, and V. Motion was carried by unanimous consent.

Item IV. Citizens Advisory Committee Procedures: The Executive Director indicated that a question was raised as to what Item IV-4 meant and on the specific wording to avoid any misunderstanding. The Administrative Committee recommended approval of all of the items listed under procedures; and subsequent to the committee meeting, one question was raised as to the exact interpretation of the first sentence of Item IV-4. Shirley Irwin, Chairperson of the CAC, indicated that the feeling in the CAC committee is that the Citizens Advisory Committee should have authority to decide if an issue is worthy of their study to bring to the attention of the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Killeen that a sentence be added to Item IV-4, which states: "Commission-assigned studies to receive top priority." Seconded by Commissioner Pat Russell. With no objections, motion was carried by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reeves to approve Item IV; seconded by Commissioner Killeen. With no objections, Item IV was adopted by unanimous consent.

#### Service Coordination Committee

On behalf of Commissioner Cox, the Executive Director reported on the committee's meeting of August 13 and indicated that the only action item relates to the proposed SCAG-Commission's Memorandum of Understanding on Transit Coordination. The committee recommends approval of the MOU which relates to grant negotiations and relations between and among the Commission, transit operators in Los Angeles County, and SCAG. A motion was made by Commissioner Reeves to approve the MOU on transit coordination; seconded by Commissioner Killeen. Motion was passed by unanimous consent.

The other principal information items the SCC is working on are the taxicab study, transit productivity committee, and information on the senior citizen I.D. card.

#### Executive Director's Report

Citizens Advisory Committee Newsletter: CAC's annual dinner is on September 20, 1979, 7:00 p.m., at the Hollywood/Burbank Airport's Corlac Room/Executive Dining Room. The newsletter gives information on this affair. The Executive Director invited the Commissioners and CAC members to attend.

Also, additional copies of the CAC newsletter are available upon request.

Groundbreaking Dedication for 91/11: The dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 1. Staff will be getting information out to all parties.

Request from Commuter Computer: Request was received for additional funding for various activities handled by Commuter Computer. This \$47,000 request for additional funding for this month period, which would be added to the funding the Commission has already allocated, makes the total commitment to \$75,000. This matter has not been reviewed by the Finance Review Committee.

Mr. Art Schreiber of Commuter Computer briefly reported on Commuter Computer's increased services because of the SCRTD strike. They had prepared a transportation emergency information key for employers.

Due to the time and several unfinished business, it was suggested that this Commission hold a Special Commission meeting on Monday, September 17. At this meeting, the Commission will consider the Downtown People Mover, Commuter Computer's request, Commission priorities, and AB 1429. It was agreed to adjourn this meeting until 12 noon on Monday, September 17, at the Commission offices.

Chairman Russ assured Mr. Schreiber that Commuter Computer's request will be discussed at the Special Commission meeting.

#### Union Station

The Executive Director has indicated that staff has completed its analysis on the Union Station. Staff would like to discuss its reactions further with Caltrans. Staff's recommendation is that the Commission work closely in coordinating the consideration of financing plans along with Caltrans as it relates to the future of Union Station.

Commission Russell stated that she would like the City of Los Angeles have an opportunity for input before any decision is made on the Union Station.

#### Jitney Service

Commissioner Remy reported that the City Council of Los Angeles has authorized the start of a jitney service to provide some relief during the SCRTD strike periods. He understands this service is being initiated tonight and will be a short-term service during the course of the strike in various parts of the City where there is heavy transit travel.

## Bill introduced by Assemblyman Ivers

The Executive Director reported that the Governor vetoed the bill by Assemblyman Ivers that would have made Route 7 eligible for primary funding. He read the text of the veto to the Commissioners. The Assemblyman is asking the Governor what the veto means. Staff is working with Assemblyman Ivers and has been assured by the Assemblyman that he will share immediately with staff any reply he receives from the Governor's office.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Monday, September 17, at 12 noon, at the Commission offices--311 South Spring Street, Suite 1206, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment