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MINUTES

October 10, 1979

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ at 3:02 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Edmond J. Russ
Councilman Russell Rubley
Councilman John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Burke
Eleanor Killeen, alternate for Supervisor Ward
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
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 September 5, 1979 and September 17 were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman briefly remarked on AB 1429 and the obligations of this Commission. He indicated that it is imperative to have the entire Commission involved in reviewing the route selection and carrying out the obligations set forth to this Commission by the Legislature. A special meeting will be scheduled for the Commissioners to review the route selection and staff reports in order to fulfill the obligations with the Legislature. This item will be discussed further under the Intergovernmental Relations Committee's report.

Committee Reports

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting which was held this morning. Most of the items discussed were informational. The committee discussed AB 1429 which will be reported later on under the Finance Review Committee's report. The committee received a report on the various actions that the Legislature took. He indicated that it is very encouraging the number of bills that this Commission supported and took an active role upon that were passed and signed into law. Two other items discussed at the committee's meeting were:

National Rideshare Program: The Executive Director and Mark Pisano, Executive Director of SCAG, sent a letter to Congressman Glenn Anderson concerning the National Rideshare Program, expressing very strong support for the program but offering some specific suggestions in terms of the direction and orientation of that program. The original proposal that was submitted by the State of California to Congressman Anderson had a very strong state role. The comments by Messrs. Pisano and Premo that were forwarded to the Congressman suggested any federal legislation that offered ridesharing financial support and encouragement should encompass the types of programs we are doing in Los Angeles. The IRC unanimously recommends that this Commission endorse the statements that Messrs. Pisano and Premo had forwarded to Congressman Anderson and that this Commission pursue the concepts in those comments in dealing with the Congress on legislation dealing with national ridesharing.

M/S/C that this Commission endorse those comments and then pursue the program in the coming year.

Federal Legislation: Commissioner Remy introduced Mr. Irving Smith who is the Commission's Washington representative. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation for attending his first Commission meeting. He briefly reported on what was discussed at the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting and focused his attention on the Windfall Profits Tax. He handed out copies of his report to the Commissioners, which contained information on the appropriations situation, as well as regulatory and general matters on current transit matters that have occurred over the past thirty days. There is before the Senate Finance Committee a bill to establish a Windfall Profits Tax. This bill has passed the House and the Senate Finance Committee did pass the portion of the bill which deals with a 60% tax level for Windfall Profits. The Administration and Congressman Howard have each submitted a bill to the Congress for consideration. He referred to his report on the highlights of the summary on the Windfall Profits Tax and summary of the two funding proposals.

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of this afternoon. The committee has five recommendations for Commission's approval and two items for information.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. 1979-80 TIP amendment for SCRTD Diamond Bar/Walnut Valley SB 1879 project (\$1,440,00 UMTA Section 3; \$360,000 State).
2. Transfer of \$1.6 million in Santa Monica capital reserve funds from people mover reserve to maintenance facility expansion.
3. Commission support for the completion of Route 118, the Simi Valley Freeway, either through letter or testimony at the October 25, 1979 public hearing on a supplement to the Environmental Impact Report.
4. Commission support for the State Highway FAU funding policies being proposed to the California Transportation Commission by county transportation commissions and planning agencies as an alternative to those being proposed by Caltrans.
5. The FRC concurs with the Service Coordination Committee's recommendations on the release of RFP's for the Transit Coordination and Service Program and the Taxicab Study. Further details on this matter will be covered by Commissioner Cox under the Service Coordination Committee report.

M/S/C - The FRC's recommendations were adopted by unanimous consent.

Information items:

1. The committee was advised that the California Transportation Commission deferred a decision on modifications to the conditions it imposed on State Proposition 5 funding for the Downtown People Mover. The committee interpreted their not taking any action as a favorable sign.
2. The Finance Review Committee will meet on October 22, at 12 noon, at the LACTC conference room, to hear from SCRTD a presentation on the alternative routes for the Wilshire Starter Line. The committee extended an invitation to the full Commission to hear the presentation. Chairman Russ indicated that this is a special meeting.

Sky Shuttle Proposal (Catenary Systems)

Commissioner Cox indicated that, at the last Commission meeting, he asked that the Commission withhold approval of this item from FRC's recommendation which was Commissioner Zimmerman's request to go ahead with a committee on the Sky Shuttle proposal. Since then, he had discussions with Commissioner Zimmerman and it is Commissioner Zimmerman's feeling that the same interest would be served if, in the process of the next 4 to 5 month study of rapid transit alternatives for extension of the 4-Part Program, staff would include an analysis of catenary-type transit systems rather than setting up an external special committee. Commissioner Zimmerman indicated that this suggestion would meet his desire. His goal is simply to have a study of this technology made and if handled in this fashion, it would be accomplished much faster than what he has been doing and he is not anxious to form a committee outside of this Commission. Chairman Russ asked the Executive Director if staff understands the recommendation. The Executive Director indicated that the first order of business under this 6-month study is to review what has been evaluated to date. Staff wants to find a way to report back to this Commission on some kind of a continuing basis rather than pop something on the Commission six months from now. Staff's principal concentration at this moment is in meeting the November 2 deadline and in turn the November 14 deadline that was imposed upon this Commission under AB 1429, that is the route selection on Wilshire. Then the staff will be working on the countywide analysis. As part of the countywide analysis, staff would like to do status report and review, meet with members of the Commission and, hopefully, keep staff on course as it is carried out. When staff reviews the various proposals for rapid transit, they will include the sky shuttle proposal and report back to the full Commission by mid-February.

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported that the Service Coordination Committee has spent the last couple of weeks reviewing the RFP's with staff and making some minor changes. The Transit Coordination and Service Program RFP, which is recommended for Commission's approval, is attached to the SCC's agenda. A revised edition that was just finished typing today changes from the one attached to the agenda.

In addition to that, the Taxicab Study RFP is also attached to the agenda.

The Service Coordination Committee recommends approval of the two Request for Proposals.

M/S/C - Unanimously approve the Request for Proposals for the Transit Coordination and Service Program and the Taxicab Study.

The committee has discussed before the interest, and the Commission has confirmed this, in designating a Monitoring Committee for the Transit Coordination and Service Program.

The committee's meeting for October 15 has been canceled until November.

Chairman Russ stated that it is the order, with no objections, that the Service Coordination Committee be the Monitoring Committee for the 103 integration.

Administrative Committee

Commissioner Zimmerman reported on the committee's meeting of 12:00 noon today. He moved that the full Commission go into Executive Session to consider the status of the Programming and Fiscal Analysis Director.

While the use of the conference room was being looked into for Executive Session, the next item was discussed.

Commission Legal Counsel: It is the Administrative Committee's recommendation at this meeting just held and two meetings before, that:

- 1) recommend that the services of the legal counsel at the regular routine Commission meetings be eliminated; that counsel would be asked to attend only those meetings that which it is anticipated that legal questions will be raised; and
- 2) this Commission would continue services of the County Counsel through June 30 with the exception of the above stipulation; and
- 3) retain private legal counsel to provide supplementary services where there may be a conflict of interest or where County counsel is otherwise unable to provide the legal assistance. The Executive Director would be authorized to solicit proposals from local legal firms and select three for Administrative Committee's review. The Administrative Committee will make a recommendation to the Commission for the final contract and it would not be anticipated that the private legal services will exceed \$20,000 during the current fiscal year; and so moved.

Chairman Russ moved that Item 1 be removed for a separate discussion. Hearing no objections, motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved that Item 1 be open for discussion. After much discussion, the Executive Director was asked to call the roll for a vote. The motion is to eliminate the services of legal counsel on a regular basis at routine Commission meetings.

Mr. Tweedt - no
Mr. Reeves - no
Mr. Geoghegan - no
Mr. Szabo - no
Mrs. Killeen - no
Mr. Rubley - no
Mr. Zimmerman - no
Mr. Cox - aye
Chairman Russ - no

Motion was opposed by 8 to 1 vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to an Executive session.

Meeting reconvened at 3:45 p.m. to continue the Administration Committee's recommendations.

Commissioner Zimmerman indicated that it is the recommendation of the committee that the Commission extend to Joe Leach an extended sick leave and full salary for 105 days and that the Executive Director will report back to the Commission in 60 days for a final determination. Seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Hearing no objections, motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Authorization for Acting Programming and Fiscal Analysis Director to sign checks in the absence of the Executive Director: Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Fy 1979-80 First Quarter Budget Status Report: Budget status report was included as an information item. No questions were raised by the Commissioners.

Contract for Public Information Assistance: The committee's recommendation is to circulate the Request for Proposal; interview candidates; and select, negotiate and execute a contract for public information and press services not to exceed \$25,000. Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioners' comments on American Public Transit Association Conference in New York City

Chairman Russ indicated that his written report on the conference will be sent to all Commissioners in about a week.

Commissioners Killeen, Cox, and Geoghegan and the Executive Director reported on the conference.

Commissioner Geoghegan asked if it is possible for this Commission to nominate members from LACTC to the APTA Board of Directors. Chairman Russ asked staff to check into this matter with APTA.

Executive Director's Report

- A. SCRTD Strike Status: Mechanics vote tomorrow. Staff will provide the Commissioners, through the Finance Review Committee, with a full report on the fiscal implications of the strike.
- B. Status of pending and proposed Federal Legislation: The report which Mr. Irving Smith handed out to the Commissioners at this meeting will be provided on a continuing monthly basis. The report will be sent to the Commissioners through the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Mr. Smith will continue to look for opportunities for members of this Commission to testify before committees of the Congress.
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee Annual Dinner: The dinner had a very good gathering. Jeanne Spinner, Public Affairs Officer, was commended for her great job in arranging the affair. Shirley Irwin, Chairperson of CAC, received an award presented by Chairman Russ.
- C. Other Issues:
 1. Progress report on Joe Leach's condition: Mr. Leach has been hospitalized for 6 weeks, and, hopefully, he will be released by the end of this week. He has expressed his appreciation for the thoughtful expressions of concern that have been extended.
 2. Update report on Commuter Rail: At the next meeting, Robert Datel will give a status report on Commuter Rail.
 3. Introduced Linda Pendlebury who has joined the staff and will handle highway routes.

4. Special meeting of the Commission will be held tomorrow from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. with Secretary Goldschmidt, Acting UMTA Administrator Ted Lutz, and others. Mr. Marvin Holen, President of SCRTD's Board of Directors, and Supervisor Ed Jones of Ventura County, who is President of SCAG, have been invited to the Commission meeting.

Regarding the SCRTD Strike, Commissioner Tweedt moved that this Commission should commend Supervisor Edelman, Mayor Bradley, Supervisor Hahn, and Commissioner Geoghegan for their leadership during the strike. Seconded by Commissioner Killeen. Motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Russ will extend congratulations to them.

New Business

ATE Study Public Hearing: Chairman Russ has received a request from the San Pedro Chamber of Community Development and Commerce to have a public meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the ATE Study in their area. He has asked staff to schedule a public meeting in San Pedro.

Century Freeway: The Executive Director indicated that Secretary Goldschmidt will be joining with Secretary Landrieu in a ceremony observing the lifting of the injunction on the Century Freeway.

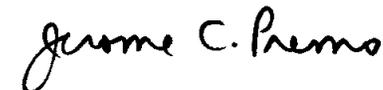
Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director

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