



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

MINUTES

October 24, 1979

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ at 3:05 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

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

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Acting Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

An addendum was added to reflect an item which was inadvertently omitted from the minutes of October 10. Also, Commissioner Cox reported that under the Service Coordination Committee's report, where the Chairman designated the SCC as the Monitoring Committee for the 103 integration, that it be corrected to indicate for the Transit Service Coordination Program to include the consultants' study.

M/S/C - Minutes of October 10 were approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Russ expressed his pleasure at having Mr. Marvin Holen, President of the Board of Directors of SCRTD, and Mr. Jack Gilstrap, General Manager of SCRTD, attend the Commission meeting today. He indicated that members of SCRTD's Rapid Transit Committee were also invited to attend. He also commented that the main purpose of this meeting is in relation to AB 1429 and the responsibilities that the State Legislature placed on this Commission. The intent, as set forth by the Legislature, in AB 1429 is that the LACTC take a more active role in mass transit guideway development. In order to do all of the things mentioned in the law, a schedule has been established which will be brought up later by the Acting Executive Director. Staff is working closely with SCRTD so that staff can take advantage of all the work which SCRTD has done already and not try to duplicate the work.

The Chairman mentioned that the Executive Director's mother is ill, was operated on early this week but she is doing better than expected and is hopeful for a full recovery.

Proposed Consent Item: Approval of Downtown People Mover Application

The Acting Executive Director explained that the Commission received a request from the City of Los Angeles for approval of a planning grant application in the amount of \$548,000 in federal planning funds to continue the evaluation study of the Downtown People Mover (DPM) project. UMTA has expressed an interest in funding 100% of the cost of this planning work which will collect data on downtown transportation demand and socio-economic characteristics for use in a before/after study of the DPM. The funds will also be used to continue negotiations on joint development agreements around station sites. The federal funding being offered for this study would be in addition to the region's normal allocation of planning funds.

Commission has received a request from Mr. Stan Hart to speak on this item.

Mr. Stanley Hart, who represents the Coalition for Rapid Transit which includes the Citizens for League of California, the NAACP, the Sierra Club, other similar groups, spoke in opposition to this project for a number of reasons.

Chairman Russ thanked Mr. Hart for bringing these matters to the attention of the Commission.

Chairman Russ asked Commissioners if they wanted this matter removed from the consent calendar. Hearing no request to remove this issue from the consent calendar, it remained on consent and was approved by unanimous consent.

AB 1429

The Acting Executive Director indicated that the responsibilities of the Commission under AB 1429 can be basically divided into two areas. One relates to the pending Wilshire Starter Line project which basically is a requirement already in the Commission's enabling legislation AB 1246 but is reemphasized in AB 1429--the approval of a route. The schedule that staff presented at the last Commission meeting calls for a staff report, a draft version will be available on November 2, which will be circulated to Commission members for comment. The report will then go before the Finance Review Committee for initial review on November 9, and hopefully back to the Finance Review Committee for approval on November 14, and to the full Commission for approval on November 14.

The second responsibility identified in the legislation is the report to the Legislature on progress made in expanding the role of this Commission in matters relating to the development of fixed guideway transit projects. Staff's intent is to concentrate on this aspect of the bill after we have completed the more immediate duty of the Wilshire route selection and staff would hope that sometime shortly after November 14, staff would come with the preliminary report to the Commission on how it would propose to respond to this requirement. In connection with that part of the bill, there is a hearing scheduled for November 29 of the Assembly Transportation Committee on the subject of rapid transit in Los Angeles and the expectation is that Commission would offer some preliminary conclusions on how we would intend to comply with the intent expressed in AB 1429.

Mr. Richmond introduced Mr. Richard Gallagher, Chief Engineer and Manager of the Rapid Transit Department at SCRTD.

Mr. Gallagher made a presentation on the Wilshire Starter Line and the process which they went through in developing their preferred alternative. This alternative was selected by SCRTD Board of Directors on September 20, 1979. Copies of the Executive Summary of the Alternative Analysis/Environmental Impact Analysis by SCRTD were passed out to the Commissioners.

The Commission members asked many questions which were answered by Mr. Gallagher and his staff.

Chairman Russ introduced Councilman Will Simendinger, City of La Mirada, who is the alternate for Councilman John Zimmerman.

committee. Staff requests concurrence from the Commissioners. These Request for Proposals have been referred to the Service Coordination Committee.

- d) LACTC's Annual Report: Copies of the annual report were distributed to all Commission members and alternates.

Transit Service Coordination

Commissioner Cox indicated that some substantial progress has been reported by SCRTD, Montebello and Santa Monica in trying to make some agreements and move in the directions that our earlier studies of transit coordination have recommended.

Citizens Group in San Fernando Valley

Commissioner Cox made a request of the Commission. There is a group of citizens in the San Fernando Valley who have put a great deal of effort into a plan for improvement of the Ventura Freeway corridor. This group would like the opportunity to make a brief presentation to the Finance Review Committee to try to encourage us to consider their proposal when this Commission considers other highway matters in the next TIP process.

Chairman Russ indicated that this matter will be referred to the Finance Review Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Killeen

Commissioner Killeen moved that the SCRTD present to the LACTC, along with its next budget request, a detailed description of the steps that has taken or will take to correct the internal difficulties uncovered in the recent strike negotiations. Seconded by Commissioner Reeves.

After considerable discussion, Chairman Russ referred this motion to County Counsel for research and return with an opinion as to whether the Commission has jurisdiction over the subject areas covered in the motion at the next Commission meeting. In addition, Commissioner Killeen indicated that she would return at a later meeting with a more definitive motion.

Announcement

The Acting Executive Director announced that D. J. Smith will be leaving his job as principal consultant to the Assembly Transportation Committee to become the District Manager for Bethlehem Steel. He will be starting his new job in late November and will remain in Sacramento. Staff has asked D. J. to attend the Commission meeting on November 14 when we will be discussing the route selection and AB 1429.

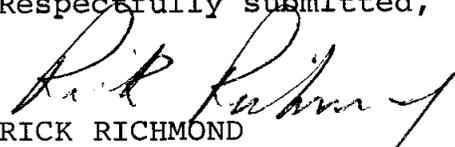
Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 1979, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, 111 North Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND
Acting Executive Director

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