



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

MINUTES

November 14, 1979

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ at 3:12 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Edmond J. Russ
Councilman John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Eleanor Killeen, alternate for Supervisor Ward
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Councilwoman Jan Hall, alternate for Councilman Rubley
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

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Russ introduced Councilwoman Jan Hall from City of Long Beach, who is the alternate for Councilman Russell Rubley. He also introduced Mr. Ivan Hinderaker, member of the California Transportation Commission, and Mr. Norman Emerson, Region IX Representative of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.

Chairman Russ read and presented a resolution from the LACTC to Mr. D. J. Smith, who is leaving his position as consultant of the Assembly Transportation Committee to become District Manager of Public Affairs for Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Mr. Emerson handed out copies of a speech delivered by Secretary Goldschmidt before the Washington Press Club on November 8, 1979 on the windfall profits tax. Mr. Emerson thought that Secretary Goldschmidt's remarks would be relevant to the deliberations today on the Wilshire Corridor.

Mr. Hinderaker expressed his pleasure to be present at the Commission meeting.

Chairman Russ briefly explained AB 1429 and the adoption of the a route selection.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 24, 1979 were adopted by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt report on the committee's meetings of November 9 and November 14. The following were recommended for Commission's approval;

1. FY 1979-80 Highway TIP amendment to reconcile Los Angeles County TIP with State TIP;
2. FY 1979-80 Highway TIP amendment to include preliminary engineering activities;
3. Request from the Los Angeles County Road Department to release approximately \$1 million in FY 1979-80 Article 8 funds for streets and roads in Santa Clarita Valley. The recommendation was made consistent with the findings of the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing Board which consisted of Commissioner Cox; Shirley Irwin, Chairperson of the CAC; Larry Larson, Deputy to Supervisor Ward; and Mayor Lynda Cook, City of Palmdale;
4. Support for the position of the Secretary of Business and Transportation of using 1970 Census data in the allocation of the State Transit Assistance Fund under SB 620.

The four recommended items were adopted by unanimous consent.

The approval of a route for the Regional Core Rapid Transit Line was deferred to the later part of the meeting.

Administrative Committee

Commissioner Zimmerman reported on the committee's meeting of November 14. Actions taken by the Administrative Committee were as follows:

1. Selection of Media Consultant

At a previous Commission meeting, the Administrative Committee was authorized to select and hire a consultant

without further Commission action. Braun and Company was selected and the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with this firm in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period November 14 through June 30, 1980. Contract will contain a stipulation that Braun and Company will not represent the Commission on any occasion regarding any issues connected with emission control.

2. Norwalk Station

The committee received a request for the Citizens Advisory Committee to study the need and advisability of a new Commission approval and forwarding to the Citizens Advisory Committee for their study and recommendations.

Commissioner Remy suggested that the Technical Advisory Committee should also review this project, in addition to the Citizens Advisory Committee, including consideration of possible alternate station sites.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy indicated that there is no IRC report and that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for November 20, at 3:00 p.m., at Commission offices.

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for November 19, at 12 noon, at the Commission offices.

Commissioner Cox also suggested that the Commission send letters of thank you to members of the Citizens Advisory Committee who served on the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing Board and South Bay Study.

Executive Director's Report

A. California Transportation Commission issues

1. The allocation by the CTC of State Prop. 5 funds for the Downtown People Mover included a number of conditions. The Commission has requested changes in three of them, including one which requires the City to provide whatever additional future operating subsidies may be required from City funds.

County Counsel commented on this condition, indicating that a State condition on operating financing did not seem appropriate since only capital funds were being requested by the State and the State would not be a party of any request or approval of future operating funds.

The Executive Director indicated that the subject of the DPM funding conditions was on the CTC agenda for its November 15-16 meetings and hopefully would be resolved then.

B. Federal transit appropriations

Joint House-Senate action on DOT's fiscal year 1980 appropriation is expected soon.

C. \$10 million State "special transit needs" program

A letter dated November 5 from Director Gianturco of Caltrans was received, inviting this Commission to submit a proposal. This item was referred to the Technical Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation.

D. Other issues

1. Progress report on Joseph Leach: Mr. Leach will be undergoing another operation on Friday.
2. Introduced John Mosley who will be the Special Assistant to the Executive Director.
3. Thanked Mr. Ivan Hinderaker for attending the Commission meeting.

Route adoption for Wilshire Starter Line

The Executive Director briefly explained this project. It is the Finance Review Committee's recommendation to adopt the Fairfax Alignment. A summary of the staff presentation to the FRC was handed out to the Commissioners. (EXHIBIT B)

Commissioner Tweedt indicated that the Finance Review Committee discussed this matter for 1½ hours and voted in favor of the staff's recommendation on Alternative No. II, which is the Fairfax Alignment.

Chairman Russ asked if anyone in the audience requested to speak.

Commissioner Tweedt moved that the Finance Review Committee's recommendation approving staff's recommendation of Alternative No. II be adopted. Seconded by Commissioner Cox.

Chairman Russ asked for a brief explanation of why the La Brea Alignment was not favorable.

Mr. Rick Richmond of staff explained.

Commissioner Cox reported that prior to the Finance Review Committee's meeting on November 9, the committee members went on a helicopter ride to view the entire corridor of the Wilshire Line and the three alignments were covered in detail.

Mr. Pat Moser, from the audience, addressed the Commission. He stated that he favored Alternative No. II and asked the Commission to look into the possibility of having bus passes not only for senior citizens but also for the disabled citizens. This matter was referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for review and report back at the next Commission meeting.

The Commissioners discussed this project in great detail and commended staff for a good job in reporting to the Commissioners.

The Executive Director read an amended motion on the findings on Regional Core Rapid Transit Project which substituted the Finance Review Committee's motion. (EXHIBIT A)

Voting on the motion was done by a show of hands. Motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 1979, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments



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ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

LACTC MEETING
November 14, 1979

In presenting the report of the Finance Review Committee (FRC), Chairman Tweedt indicated that Shirley Irwin, Chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Committee, reported to the FRC that the Citizens Advisory Committee, after consideration of the LACTC staff report, recommended Commission approval of the Fairfax alignment, as recommended by staff.

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Chairman Russ indicated that Commission staff will investigate further so that the report will be complete for the Commissioners. The main idea of coming together, in addition to working jointly with SCRTD, is to make sure that the Commission members have an opportunity to give their input to the staff on what they want reported back upon at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Holen commented that 2½ years of work have gone into the Alternative Analysis Study which is the basis from which the public hearings were held and there are six volumes of transcripts with respect to the testimonies at the public hearings. He presided at all six of the public hearings and has read the transcripts. He strongly urged the Commission members that should they develop a view which differs from the final selection of the SCRTD Board, to carefully study the transcripts of the public hearings and review the Alternative Analysis report itself before coming to any final conclusions. He thinks that the Commissioners will find that that the final decision is well founded, both in terms of the technical analysis that was done by SCRTD staff and in terms of the testimony of the public.

Chairman Russ thanked the SCRTD Board members and representatives for their presentation on the Regional Core Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis Process.

Status Report on Commuter Rail

Mr. Robert Datel handed out 3 separate fact sheets: 1) the Oxnard-Los Angeles commuter project, 2) San Bernardino-Los Angeles commute rail demonstration project, and 3) the Union Station acquisition project.

Oxnard-Los Angeles Commuter Project: Hearings have been held with the State Public Utilities Commission and additional hearings will start again on November 27 in San Francisco. They are expected to last 7 to 10 days. The Executive Director of this Commission testified in favor of this service as did SCRTD and other governmental public agencies. This is a joint project with the County of Los Angeles; Caltrans feels very confident that the State Public Utilities Commission will make a favorable decision. If they do, the issues are to secure necessary funding and obtain necessary equipment.

San Bernardino-Los Angeles Commute Rail Demonstration Project: This project has not preceded as far as Oxnard-Los Angeles service yet. Caltrans is completing studies on this project. Caltrans is meeting with local planning agencies and foresees favorable support on this project. The main issue will be whether or not negotiations with the Santa Fe Railroad to operate on the service will be successful. Caltrans has not started negotiations yet

on that matter. Funding for both of these is available from SB 620. Caltrans is looking forward to this Commission's support on both of these projects.

Union Station: The Union Station project would be the State acquisition of the Union Station property for ultimate use as a transportation center. The status of this project is that Caltrans is preparing an appraisal for the Union Station property and working with the City of Los Angeles and CRA. They are appraising the property which is going to be needed for the Downtown People Mover project and the El Monte busway extension project. Caltrans feels that both of these properties should be acquired for use as a transportation center. Specific funding has not been identified for this acquisition.

Councilwoman Pat Russell indicated that the City of Los Angeles feels that the property should be acquired and has been looking at this property for the last 4 to 5 years in terms of land use and private development. The L.A. City Council has charged their staff to prepare a report on the City's position and the questions that need to be looked at.

There was some discussion of the subsidy per passenger requirement for the commuter rail service under study. Commissioner Cox asked if separate figures for inbound trips originating in Los Angeles County as opposed to inbound trips originating outside Los Angeles County could be calculated by Caltrans.

Executive Director's Report

- a) Department of Energy Special Rule No. 9: A copy of a letter from Chairman Russ to the Department of Energy praising their extension of Special Rule No. 9, which gives public transportation priority in the allocation of diesel fuel was included in the agenda.
- b) SCAG Airport Site Committee: A report by Commissioner Chris Reed on the Airport Work Program Committee has been referred to the Finance Review Committee for a presentation from SCAG.
- c) Special Committee to Monitor Consultant Study Efforts: Commissioner Cox suggested at an earlier meeting that a special committee be established to monitor all of this Commission's consultant study efforts. At the last meeting, it was concluded that the Service Coordination Committee might be more appropriate to monitor the transit coordination and service study that is currently out for proposals. We have two other request for proposals out currently--the Taxicab Study and the Paratransit Brokerage Study--and staff would appreciate it if these could also be brought before the Service Coordination Committee rather than establish a special