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MINUTES

November 28, 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  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Councilman John Ferraro  
Wendell Cox  
Peter Tweedt, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Eleanor Killeen, alternate to Supervisor Ward  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Burke  
Ray Remy, alternate to 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

Commissioner Cox indicated that the minutes should reflect the findings of the Hearing Board that there is a need for unmet transit service in the Santa Clarita Valley. Commissioner Zimmerman indicated that he would like the minutes recorded to show his affirmative vote on the alternative route did not indicate that he is in favor of the Wilshire Subway.

Minutes were approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Russ reported that he had just returned from the National League of Cities Conference. He indicated that the representatives of the Administration attending the conference seemed very aware of and sensitive to the needs of the Nation's urban areas.

## Committee Reports

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported on the committee's meeting of November 19. A memo on the recommendations made at that meeting was handed out to the Commissioners. The recommendations are as follows:

## 1. SB 759 - Productivity Committee

Recommend approval of establishment of a Productivity Committee composed of twelve members which includes:

- (a) 3 members representing transit management;
- (b) 3 members representing transit labor organizations;  
and
- (c) 6 members representing the public in general with  
with emphasis on transit needs.

Chairman Russ will appoint Commissioners and CAC members to a task force who will review applications from the public and nominate candidates for membership to the Productivity Committee. The candidates would then be submitted to the full Commission for ratification. The Service Coordination Committee will send out to various organizations, arbitrations, large area newspapers, etc. as well as place some signs up on buses, to advertise for applications.

## 2. Paratransit Brokerage Study

For information, the committee has selected four consulting firms for interviews on Wednesday, December 5, 1979, at 2:30 p.m. These firms are:

- (a) Multisystems, Inc./Castaneda and Berg Associates;
- (b) Barton Aschman Associates, Inc./Applied Ridesharing Technologies, Inc.;
- (c) Carter-Goble-Roberts, Inc. with ATE Management and Service Co., Inc./A.L. Roark & Associates, Inc.;
- (d) Systan, Inc.

A recommendation will be made to the full Commission at the next meeting on December 12, 1979.

## 3. UMTA 16(b)(2) Capital Assistance Program

The committee recommends approval for the division of administrative responsibilities of this program with Caltrans. Caltrans will be responsible for the day-to-day administrative functions of sending out notices, for

reviewing and insuring that the forms are properly completed, and for grading the grant applications. The Commission will make the decision on which applications are approved and are transmitted by Caltrans District 07 to Sacramento for inclusion on the State list.

In response to Chairman Russ' inquiry, Commissioner Cox briefly reported on the status of the ATE South Bay study and public workshops. Four public workshops were held at various locations. Assessments will be made independently by CKT consultants, our Citizens Advisory Committee and Commission staff as to the representativeness of the input received. The reports will be transmitted to the Commission at its meeting on December 12, 1979. A substantive review will be made by the SCC at its meeting on December 17, 1979 and findings will be reported to the full Commission.

M/S/C - Adopted the Service Coordination Committee's recommendations by unanimous consent.

#### Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of November 28 at 12 noon. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

1. Approval of the FY 79-80 Transit TIP Amendment to incorporate the first year of Caltrans' Park-and-Ride Lot Program with a condition that a public hearing be held on the proposed lot site in the City of Long Beach.
2. Approval of LACTC's position on the acquisition of Union Station which supports the State acquisition on the understanding that a role for local governments for future use and development of the facility and the development of an acquisition financing plan be assured.

The committee also recommends the expeditious acquisition of Union Station.

3. Approval of a pilot taxipool demonstration program to involve the single taxi operator in restricted geographic area for a limited duration at a cost to the Commission not to exceed \$10,000.
4. Request that the Chairman ask staff members of the California Transportation Commission to meet with the LACTC to discuss the State Commission's study on Route 30 and to get LACTC's input.

5. Request that Chairman Russ send a letter to the California Transportation Commission, thanking them for their disposition of the SB 620 funding program, using the guidelines based on the 1970 census.

Chairman Russ indicated that he will send a letter to the California Transportation Commission.

Chairman Russ asked about the Union Station, about the possibility of trying to link the negotiations over acquisition of the facility with a willingness by the railroads to operate commuter service.

Commissioner Tweedt indicated that this was not discussed at the FRC meeting.

Mr. Datel indicated that he did not think this was advisable because in both cases, the desired outcome was more in the interest of local and State governments than the railroads and thus, one should not be conditioned on the other.

Commissioner Tweedt indicated that Commissioner Rubley would like to amend the FRC's recommendation of item No. 1. The FRC called for a public hearing and asked that the two staffs (Caltrans and City of Long Beach) meet. Commissioner Rubley amended the recommendation that the public hearing not be held for the proposed site in Long Beach until the staffs of the City of Long Beach and Caltrans get together. Hopefully, the two agencies will reach a mutually acceptable position which will make a public hearing unnecessary.

Commissioner Rubley clarified his amendment by reading a letter from the City of Long Beach.

Commissioner Tweedt recommended that the Commission approve the FRC's recommendations with the exception of item No. 1 (park-and-ride lot site in Long Beach) and consider it at the next FRC meeting.

M/S/C - Approved the FRC recommendations by unanimous consent.

#### Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting of November 20, 1979. Actions taken by the committee are as follows:

1. Federal Legislation - Transit

Recommend that the Commission support efforts in Congress to obtain increased funding for Tier II transit funding level through the supplemental appropriations bill. The

original authorization was for \$250 million but the appropriation level is \$165 million, which results in an approximate \$10-\$15 million reduction in Section 5 transit funds for Los Angeles County.

2. Federal Legislation - Windfall Profits Tax

In light of Senate efforts to repeal the establishment of a trust fund for transit from the proposed windfall profits tax revenue, the IRC recommends that the Commission express its concern to California's U.S. Senators that high priority be given to using a significant portion of windfall profits for energy conservation and public transit. As action needs to be taken in this item immediately, staff is authorized to consult with Chairman Russ regarding sending our position via telegram.

3. Southwest Rail Corridor

Congressional hearings on this item will be held in San Diego in mid-December. This proposal would support rail travel between San Diego and Oxnard through designation of this route as the Southwest Rail Corridor and subsequent added financial support. The proposed corridor would extend the present San Diego to Los Angeles route to Oxnard via the San Fernando Valley.

The committee recommends that the Chairman or Executive Director send a letter to Congressman Van Deerlin expressing our interest in this proposal but also indicating concern regarding the source of funding, amount of subsidy required, and potential funding conflict with rail program for Los Angeles County.

4. AB 1429 Implementation

This item will be discussed as a separate agenda item.

AB 1429 Implementation

The Executive Director briefly reported on the LACTC's role in fixed guideway development and the options for LACTC's involvement. (The materials used in the presentation are attached as EXHIBIT A.)

Commissioner Remy indicated that the IRC did not take any action and the IRC felt that the full Commission should make a decision. The FRC will review this item also.

It was requested that staff prepare a draft Memorandum of Understanding for review by the FRC and IRC and make a recommendation to the full Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Szabo that the Commission limit options to Options B and C, those outlining a more formal Commission role (Option B) and project Board of Control (Option C).

This item has been referred to the IRC and FRC for a joint meeting on December 12 at 12 noon. Materials will be sent to all Commissioners. Chairman Russ urged that staff be sure that materials be received by members and alternates one week before the full Commission meeting.

M/S/C - Approved the IRC's recommendations by unanimous consent.

#### Staff Presentation on Transportation Energy Conservation

Donald Camph of Commission staff gave the presentation. Copies of the energy report, prepared by staff, was handed out to the Commissioners.

Don Camph indicated that the main point was that energy conservation in the transportation sector could act to increase, not decrease, consumer mobility and choice, as well as economic growth. The impacts to the local economy of current levels of gasoline consumption were discussed.

The Commission unanimously approved Commissioner Remy's motion that the Commission adopt staff's recommendation of setting, as a 3-to-5 year goal, a minimum 10% reduction in gasoline consumption used for transportation in Los Angeles County, and that legislative recommendations be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Commissioner Szabo expressed concern that too much staff resources might be spent, with little effect, in trying to implement strategies such as parking management and altered work schedules. It was agreed that such efforts should be left primarily to other governmental units in the county plus the private sector.

#### Executive Director's Report

##### A. AB 1429 Update

Memo by Executive Director dated November 26 was handed out to the Commissioners. UMTA has approved SCRTD's public hearing process.

##### B. Issues that FRC will be working on at their December 12 meeting

1. RTD's request for \$5.2 million in addition funding for operations;
2. Major report on highway financing in preparation for Transportation Improvement Program deliberations;

3. South Bay Study issues;
4. Request by RTD for \$250,000 for a rapid transit management information system study.

C. Commission's scheduled December 26 meeting

It was decided that the Commission meetings for December would be scheduled for December 12 and December 19, 1979.

D. Finance Options for Union Station

Staff is working with interested State and local agencies in developing a financing plan for the acquisition of Union Station.

New Business

1. Motion by Supervisor Ward (EXHIBIT B)

Supervisor Ward's motion on the LACTC's endorsement of the concept of a \$300 million annual assessment district and to place the issue before the voters in the forthcoming June election was introduced by Commissioner Killeen on behalf of the Supervisor.

Motion was made and seconded to refer Supervisor Ward's motion to the appropriate committee; this was voted on by voice vote: 6 - yea and 2 - nay.

Chairman Russ assigned review of Supervisor Ward's motion to the Finance Review Committee.

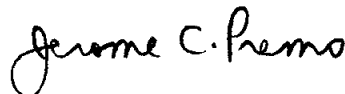
Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 12, 1979, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



JEROME C. PREMO  
Executive Director

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Attachments