



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

MINUTES

December 12, 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
Wendell Cox
Robert Reeves, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Eleanor Killeen, alternate for Supervisor Ward
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Burke
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley

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 there is a need for clarification in the minutes (page 1) that the findings of the Hearing Board was there are unmet transit needs in Santa Clarita Valley which could be reasonably met. On page 2, the minutes indicated that the Service Coordination Committee will send to various organizations, etc. advertisements that have to do with the Productivity Committee. He clarified that task will be done by staff and not by the SCC. Also, he would like reflected in the minutes that the Commission directed the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to monitor State legislation that is being considered on the subject of transit labor.

Minutes of November 28, 1979, as corrected, were approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Russ announced the Department of Transportation approved a total of \$149 million in federal funding for the replacement of maintenance facilities construction and other transit improvements in Los Angeles County which is the 1300 buses (1200 buses for SCRTD and 100 for the other transit operators).

He also mentioned that he had received a letter from Assemblyman Ingalls reiterating his intent to introduce legislation which would significantly affect the transportation institutional structure in Los Angeles County.

Committee Reports

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Mr. Tim Egan of Commission staff reported on the committee's meeting today at 11 a.m. and summarized their actions.

Federal Legislation

Windfall Profits Tax: The committee received a staff update on this issue. Senator Magunson's amendment is to eliminate all "trust funds" from the windfall profits tax proposal. Anticipated revenue from the Senate version has increased from \$138 billion to \$165 billion.

Congressman James Corman will be a member of the conference committee that will resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions.

Department of Transportation's Proposed Transit Authorization Budget for 1980: Possible trouble area is under Tier II (EXHIBIT A) because so many areas nationwide, including Los Angeles, have not made full use of available funds allocated from the 1978 Act. This matter could impact the level of funding for Tier II when considered in the 1980 authorization. Consideration is being given to trying to include additional years' authorizations beyond the proposed 5 years. This would allow Congress to receive an indication of transit needs beyond 5 years.

State Legislation

SB 654 (Foran): Motion was passed by unanimous consent to support in principle SB 654 with amendments. Staff was directed to work with Caltrans and Senator Foran on amendments that would insure adequate local participation in the development of Union Station and the surrounding area. Staff is to report back on their progress.

SB 84 (Foran): No position. Author is dropping this bill. Assemblyman Ingalls will be introducing a similar bill next year.

ACA 37 (Mountjoy): This bill has been referred back to IRC for further review and report back at the next Commission meeting.

AB 1964 (Ivers): This is a reintroduction of Ivers' bill of last year (AB 306) on Route 7. IRC took no action until Commissioner Zimmerman's committee on Route 7 meets and makes recommendations. The Route 7 Committee is scheduled to meet sometime next week.

AB 1943 (Brown) Motion was unanimously approved to oppose this bill.

State Windfall Profits Tax: This issue has been tabled. The committee will review this item after measure has qualified for the June ballot.

Service Coordination Committee (SCC)

Commissioner Wendell Cox reported as an information item that the committee will be meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, to hear the proposals of three consultants with respect to the transit service and coordination program which is mandated by AB 103. The three consultants are Peat, Marwick and Mitchell; ATE Management and Service Co./Smith and Howard Associates; and Simpson and Curtin Co./Dave Consulting Systems.

A regular SCC meeting is also scheduled on Monday, December 17 starting at 10:00 a.m.

The SCC recommends the selection of the consultant team led by Carter, Goble, Roberts, Incorporated of Columbia, South Carolina; who has subcontracting with them ATE Management and Services and A. R. Roark and Associates, for the completion of the Paratransit Brokerage Study. Motion was made for Commission's approval of the committee's selection. Selection of the consultant team was approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Cox introduced Mr. Frank Roberts of Carter, Goble, and Roberts.

Finance Review Committee (FRC)

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of and the joint meeting with Intergovernmental Relations Committee of today.

Information items:

Supervisor Ward's Motion: Discussed in detail the motion introduced by Commissioner Killeen on the Sunset Coast Line Assessment District. This will be studied by staff as was originally discussed in a motion in August.

TDA/SB 620/Section 5 Allocation Procedure and TDA Entry Criteria: The committee had a lengthy discussion on this item. A recommendation on this issue will be made at the next Commission meeting.

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding on Guideway Project Development: The committee joined with the Intergovernmental Relations Committee in the discussion of this item. There was a motion that the joint committees passed which directed staff to make modifications to the proposed memorandum. This motion did not require Commission's approval. The FRC will be reporting again on this item at the next Commission meeting.

Action item:

FY 1979-80 Transit TIP Amendments for Montebello and Culver City: This item is to supplement higher costs for the purchase of buses for Montebello -\$79,680 (10 buses) and Culver City - \$50,400 (4 buses plus service equipment).

Chairman Russ indicated that this Commission should express our concern to Secretary Goldschmidt regarding the problems we are having on delay in delivery of buses by U.S. manufacturers.

Hearing on objections, motion was passed by unanimous consent to approve the requests of Montebello and Culver City.

Information items concerning Caltrans:

(1) Commissioner Cox reported to the FRC that Caltrans had sought to undermine the position of the Orange County Transportation Commission by trying to negotiate with several Orange County cities on special projects in an effort to get OCTC to accept Caltrans' version of the STIP.

(2) Commissioner Cox would like to praise Caltrans for an agreement they have reached with Amtrak for maintaining service in the Fresno area by reducing train crew sizes.

Regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, Chairman Russ asked the Commission members if they had additional recommendations to staff for further addition to the MOU. Hearing no comments, staff is to make modifications to the MOU as directed by the joint committees.

Staff Briefing on Highway Financing

In introducing the report, the Executive Director indicated that staff is not asking for an action by the Commission. He indicated staff has been working for several months on the issue of highway financing and the two areas in particular are: (1) putting together a highway TIP for Los Angeles County as required by AB 402; and (2) follow-up on the findings of our Ad-Hoc Task Force on Highways.

A summary presentation plus Chapter 1 ("Introduction and Summary") of the report on problems associated with highway funding and programming in Los Angeles County was handed out to the Commissioners. The report is divided into three parts: Part I - Funding Problems, Part II - AB 402 Decision Process Problems, and Part III - Possible Solutions: Funding and Process Options. The full report will be available on Thursday or Friday. It will be discussed at the TAC Highways and Freeways Subcommittee on Monday and at the full TAC on Tuesday.

Presentation was made by Linda Pendlebury and Don Camph.

Staff's report was referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Commissioner Remy asked for the Commission's guidance on what items the IRC should take up.

The Executive Director indicated that there is a workshop on possible changes to the AB 402 process in Sacramento on December 21 sponsored by the California Transportation Commission. Any guidance on policy positions of the Commission on AB 402 issues would be useful for the staff in participating in that workshop.

Executive Director's Report

- A. Department of Energy is holding a hearing in Washington tomorrow on the matter of continuing permanent basis priority for public transit. Mr. Irving Smith, Commission's legislative representative, will give a short testimony on behalf of this Commission.
- B. Letter from Assemblyman Ingalls - Staff will prepare a reply to his communication.
- C. Progress Caltrans has achieved in train crew reductions is required under SB 620. Senator Mills is on the National Amtrak Board. Suggest a letter to Senator Mills from Chairman Russ be sent, expressing our appreciation of his leadership.

- D. Staff will be reviewing with the Administrative Committee at 9:00 a.m., Monday, the proposed letter which will solicit legal assistance to the Commission. Asked for Commission's thought as to whether they would like staff to report back through the Administrative Committee, to the full Commission for concurrence, or if the Administrative Committee can make the decision itself as to how it wants to proceed.

It was approved that the Administrative Committee will make a recommendation to the full Commission at its next meeting on December 19, 1979.

- E. Other items

Applauded the clerical staff for a great job in typing up reports. Hopefully, staff will continue to be able to do the work as we grind out the full report on highway financing so that staff and committees can review the several action items that will be on the Finance Review Committee's agenda next week.

Also, the South Bay report is completed for distribution. Initial discussion on it will be held at the Service Coordination Committee meeting on Monday.

Chairman Russ, on behalf of the Commission, commended the entire staff for the work they have done.

New Business

Park-and-Ride Lot in Long Beach: Commissioner Rubley gave an updated report on the Caltrans park-and-ride lot in Long Beach. There was a meeting held on December 7 with representatives from Caltrans, SCRTD, and City of Long Beach. City of Long Beach offered some alternatives which Caltrans is now reviewing. Another meeting is scheduled for December 20.

91/11 Project: Commissioner Zimmerman inquired about a progress on the 91/11 project. A report will be made at the next Commission meeting.

CTC Hearings on the Regional Core Rapid Transit Line: Chairman Russ will make a presentation at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, and Supervisor Edelman will make a presentation on Friday, December 14, before the California Transportation Commission.

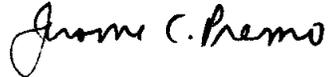
Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be on December 19, 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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Executive Director

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