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MINUTES

December 19, 1979

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ at 3:10 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Edmond J. Russ
 Councilman John Zimmerman
 Wendell Cox
 Peter Tweedt, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
 Eleanor Killeen, alternate to Supervisor Ward
 Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
 Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
 Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
 Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate to Councilman Ferraro
 Councilwoman Chris Reed, alternate to Mayor Russ
 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

At this time with 50 of our Americans in Iran and with the problems that we are having with the oil countries, it seems to me it might be a time for our President to consider going on gasoline rationing and everybody tightening up the gasoline situation and saying that we're not going to import any more oil from any of these Arab countries and make up the difference here in our own country by gas rationing. It seems to me that it would be worthwhile for us to consider in our committees whether we would like to recommend such a thing to the President and maybe if we would initiate some strong move here in our Commission, it might be adopted throughout the country. It would be a chance for us, it seems to me, to get off the balance of payment problem and stop being slaves to the oil countries. We might also avoid the depression or recession in this country. It will probably cost 25 percent of our gasoline for each one of us.

Committee Reports

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting and indicated that the committee had two items to recommend to the Commission.

With most of the members now present, Chairman Russ decided to have the public hearing.

Public Hearing on Adoption of Formula for Distributing State and Federal Transit Funds

Chairman Russ opened the public hearing on the adoption of formula for distributing State and Federal funds as required by AB 103.

The Executive Director made brief introductory comments about this item. He indicated that AB 103 was passed by the last session of the Legislature and requires the Commission to adopt by at least 8 affirmative votes the formula for the allocation of TDA and the State and Federal transit subsidy funds. Staff has worked nearly two years with our transit operators in Los Angeles County on formulas relating to options on allocating funds both capital and operating. We have worked through Bus Operations Subcommittee and Technical Advisory Committee to reach an agreement on a formula. The Finance Review Committee met earlier today and made some minor modifications: essentially clarifications of formula that was previously reviewed by the FRC and agreed to by TAC. Staff has previously provided the Commissioners with a copy of the language of the formula package itself.

Chairman Russ asked if anyone in the audience wished to testify on this matter. Hearing no response to testify, the Chairman closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing and move on to the adoption of both the TDA entry criteria and the allocation formula package.

The Executive Director explained that the formula itself relates to TDA, Section 5 federal operating funds, and SB 620 funds. Staff's recommendations are supported by TAC, and the FRC took an action today on this particular item. The Chairman asked Mr. Tweedt to summarize the recommendation of the Finance Review Committee for the adoption of this formula.

Commissioner Tweedt reported that the FRC met today and there was also a public hearing. Copies of the document were sent to the Commission members and alternates today. The Finance Review Committee's recommendation is to adopt the formula with the certain specific changes. These changes, as well as the specific text of the staff

recommendation, were distributed to the Commissioners at the meeting. Following a discussion of the actions of the FRC, the motion to adopt the entry criteria and allocation formula package, as recommended by the staff and modified by FRC, was adopted by the following vote of the nine members present:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>
Mr. Tweedt	None
Mr. Remy	
Mr. Reeves	
Mr. Geoghegan	
Mrs. Killeen	
Mr. Zimmerman	
Mr. Cox	
Mrs. Russell	
Chairman Russ	

SCRTD \$5.2 million supplemental funding request

This item was held over until the next Commission meeting.

Draft Memorandum of Understanding on Transit Guideway Projects

This item will be discussed later in the meeting.

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported on the committee's meeting of December 17 and indicated that the committee agreed with staff's recommendation to select three consultants for interviews for the taxicab study. The firms are: Dave Consulting and Booz, Allen, Hamilton; DeLeuw Cather and Company; Multisystems, Inc. The committee will be holding interviews of those consultants at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 7, 1980.

With respect to the South Bay Study, the committee recommends that action be deferred at this time. There were three major issues: (1) institutional recommendation; (2) various maintenance facilities--rearranging commitments and plans of the cities of Gardena, Torrance and SCRTD with respect to maintenance facilities they wish to build or improve; and (3) various service improvement recommendations. The committee has asked that the various agencies involved get together and try to resolve differences and come up with a package that is in the best interest of the public. He was informed today that a couple of the agencies had already begun to talk about the issues.

Commissioner Cox asked that letters be sent to the South Bay cities, under the Chairman's signature, informing them of the committee's recommendation and advising the interested parties of the action the Commission has taken.

Chairman Russ asked the Executive Director to prepare such letters with the documents attached.

Commissioner Cox also reported that on December 17, the committee was in session from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The afternoon was devoted to interviewing three consultants bidding on the transit service and coordination program. The SCC recommends for Commission's approval the firm of Simpson and Curtin Company.

M/S/C - approved the recommendations of the Service Coordination Committee.

The next meeting of the SCC will be January 14, 1980 at LACTC offices.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy indicated that the minutes of December 18 are currently on its way here and would prefer to hold off until the minutes are actually here. He had a question based on the Chairman's opening statement. He was wondering if there is some mechanism by which we may at least take a look at the Chairman's suggestion.

Chairman Russ indicated that he thinks what he said should be referred to the Finance Review Committee. He also indicated that he thinks that the Carter Administration should know that they have the support of the people.

Commissioner Remy reported that the committee met on December 18 and the following items were discussed.

Federal Legislation (information item)

Windfall Profits Tax: The committee received an update on the progress of the proposed bill. It passed the Senate on Monday, December 17. The funding level is \$178 billion. The bill now goes to a joint House/Senate Conference Committee.

State Legislation

ACA 37 (Mountjoy): This was a hold-over from the previous Commission meeting. This bill would: (1) require gas tax funds to be encumbered within 5 years of receipt by the State, and (2) exempt gas tax expenditures from the Gann Initiative. Committee recommends support.

Energy Report: Report was distributed at the previous Commission meeting and at that time, several recommendations were made to Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

(1) Emergency Transportation Fund - Support concept. Staff will develop additional details for future committee consideration. Staff will review carefully as to the methods by which and emergency transportation fund would be funded and whether they would be deletions from presently authorized funding programs.

(2) Rideshare Legislation - (The idea of a national rideshare proposal has already been supported by the Commission.) Recommend to direct staff to work with other transportation planning and implementing agencies in L. A. County in developing legislative initiatives in this area. Specific proposals will be considered for recommendations to the full Commission before the meeting in January. This will allow our positions to be considered by the National Task Force on Ridesharing at their meeting in Los Angeles in February. Staff will transmit to Congressman Anderson the specific goals relative to ridesharing and will work with the Congressman in the development of appropriate legislation to carry out this program.

(3) Transportation Energy Contingency Planning - Work with the Energy Commission, other appropriate State agencies and the Legislature to assure that there be an adequate transportation energy contingency planning program and one which fully encompasses an appropriate role for local entities in this effort. Work also will be done to assure that local government is fully involved both in the planning process as well as in its ultimate implementation.

Highway Financing: Committee recommends that the Commission send notice to the California Transportation Commission and to the Administration objecting to any actions taken by Caltrans which have unilaterally modified the specific policy positions taken by both the County Transportation Commission and the State Transportation Commission relative to highway financing. Specific objections were raised with regard to the Route 2 program in the proposed STIP. Other actions and examples should be treated on the same basis.

(1) Preliminary Engineering - Committee recommends that P.E. for major projects be included in the AB 402 process.

(2) Local Control of Project Implementation - Committee recommends that staff monitor project slippage through formal amendment procedure to the STIP (Route 2 is an example). Providing this be done with existing staff resources.

(3) Shelf Lists - Committee recommends a 25% shelf list for local FAU projects.

For state highways, a shelf list could be adopted each year by the California Transportation Commission along with the STIP and could be used to:

- Direct Caltrans to begin preliminary engineering and environmental work on projects beyond the 5-year STIP period.
- Substitute shelf projects for programmed projects that cannot be constructed as scheduled in the STIP.
- Respond to unanticipated increases in revenues especially from federal sources.

Fund Estimates: Staff will develop further information as to how the fund estimates are made and present specific alternatives to the present methods. Such alternatives should cover how existing fund estimates are proposed and adopted including the feasibility of their implementation and how those fund estimates affect L. A. County.

Program Categories Outside the 402 Process; Committee recommends that Caltrans be required to report on their expenditure of rehabilitation funds by district and county as a part of the AB 402 process.

Administrative Committee

Commissioner Zimmerman reported on the Administrative Committee's meeting of December 17. The committee's report and recommendations are attached as EXHIBIT A.

Concerning the Commission's legal assistance, Commissioner Remy indicated that he had no problem with the Executive Director contracting, but asked if it is the assumption that this Commission would approve the legal action for which we are contracting for. He thinks the Executive Director can consummate a contract with a firm to do a certain piece of work, that is one thing. He thinks the Commission should be aware of what legal action we are asking something to be done for. He is concerned that we are not giving away the authorization here to engage a legal firm to do a piece of legal work that this Commission might not have given the policy direction.

The Executive Director indicated that he thinks it would be incumbent upon us to indicate to the Commission the intent to proceed in a certain subject area before we would enter into such contracts.

It was moved and seconded to include it as part of the committee's recommendation. Motion was carried.

By a separate motion, it was moved and seconded that the Executive Director be authorized to select a firm or attorney to represent this Commission on the assessment matters that is pending before this Commission. Motion was carried by unanimous consent.

Chairman Russ welcomed back Joe Leach to the Commission staff who had been out on an extended sick leave.

Chairman Russ mentioned again that this Commission needs to reevaluate our Commission goals and possibly place more emphasis on monitoring so staff can follow up on these things.

Memorandum of Understanding on Guideway Project Development

A revised version of the MOU was distributed to the Commissioners.

The recommended action of the FRC is to send this draft MOU to agencies with a cover letter and seek from them their recommendations. The recommendation was moved and seconded.

Considerable discussion ensued concerning the draft MOU. Commissioners Russell, Cox Remy and Reed expressed the view that it tended to involve the Commission too deeply in guideway project development. Chairman Russ disagreed, indicating that both AB 1246 and AB 1429, as well as the Commission's actions in support of guideway projects, require the Commission to participate in the decision-making on those projects.

After much discussion, a substitute motion was moved and seconded to table this item until the next regular Commission meeting. Roll call vote:

<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Noes</u>
Mr. Reeves	Mr. Tweedt
Mrs. Killeen	Mr. Remy
Mr. Zimmerman	Mrs. Russell
	Mr. Cox
	Mr. Geoghegan
	Chairman Russ

A second substitute motion was moved and seconded to authorize the distribution of this document as a staff document to the various interested parties and designate a time certain for responses from the policy boards that this document has been circulated to. This motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Director indicated that staff will prepare a letter from the Chairm to the authors of AB 1429, indicating what we are doing and indicate a general timetable for our response to the Legislature by mid-February.

Executive Director's Report

- A. The energy report has been distributed to many people and we have invited comments. Secretary Goldschmidt is beginning to make reference to it in his speeches.
- B. We will be reviewing the San Bernardino/Los Angeles Commuter Rail report which Caltrans has just completed and will be reporting back to you through the Finance Review Committee.
- C. Adoption of the Formula: The formula will guide in the next three years the allocation of about \$540 million of transit subsidy money. It is a combination of 2-to-2½ years of negotiations and discussions. Commended Joe Misner for his work.

Commissioner Robert Geoghegan commended Chairman Russ, on behalf of Supervisor Edelman and himself, for a job well done as Chairman of the Commission for the past year.

Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 1980, 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, 111 North Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment