

MINUTES



LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 403 West 8th St., Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90014 (213) 626-0370

January 14, 1987

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dana at 1:40 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Department of Water and Power.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Deane Dana
Mayor Tom Bradley
Councilwoman Christine Reed
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Edd Tuttle
Councilman Michael Woo
Marcia Mednick
Blake Sanborn, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Roy Donley, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich
Donald Watson, Ex-Officio, for State of California

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Don Brown, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 17, 1986 were moved and seconded for approval. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Dana welcomed Councilman Michael Woo to the Commission.

Mr. Dana indicated that he has personally become much closer to the transportation issues and planning needs for the County of Los Angeles. He plans to continue addressing these issues. This year, major accomplishments have been made in transportation in this county: Metro Rail, Long Beach-Los Angeles light rail, the Century Freeway rail line; and the streets and highways plan.

Mr. Dana indicated that he plans to follow through with the C.A.O. report that is studying a new structure for transportation institutions in Los Angeles County. The report will be released on January 26, and will be brought before the Board of Supervisors on January 27.

He also commented on a Los Angeles Times news article quoting Assemblyman Katz and Senator Robbins, who called for a totally elected board for the RTD.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Dana asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Geoghegan nominated Supervisor Hahn.

Mrs. Reed moved that the Commission unanimously elect Supervisor Hahn, which was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, Supervisor Hahn was elected Vice Chairmn and will become LACTC Chairman in 1988.

REMARKS OF NEW OFFICERS

Mayor Bradley thanked the Commissioners for selecting him as chairman. He remarked that he looks forward to planning and implementing, during this coming year, some of the programs that the Commission now has on board, in order that future Commissioners will be able to meet the challenges they will face.

Mayor Bradley stated that one of his top priorities is to look at the consolidation of the LACTC light rail and the RTD Metro under one construction agency. He proposed that the Commission select a consultant who would make a very quick study of that issue, with a report back to the Commission in order that the members may make a judgment and take a position on such a consolidation.

He also outlined the following priorities for the coming year:

- The completion of a far-reaching 10-year highway development plan designed to plan for the future of highway mobility;
- An intensive lobbying effort to secure re-authorization of the Federal Highway Act and continued funding of Metro Rail;

- Continued progress on the construction of the Long Beach-Los Angeles light rail; and
- Enhanced planning on light rail projects along the Century Freeway, in the San Fernando Valley and in East Los Angeles.

He also indicated that citizen input into transportation planning must be increased in Los Angeles County, and that he would like to boost the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee into a more active one.

He is looking forward to working with the Commission members on these goals and hopes to resolve quickly any questions with regard to the proposal for a study by a consultant. He requested that staff prepare an outline of how the Commission might obtain an outside consultant's review of the issue of consolidating rapid transit construction under one agency.

He praised the leadership of outgoing chairman Deane Dana and, on behalf of the Commission, presented him with a replica of the series of bonds that the Commission issued this past summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of January 7, 1987. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Prop. A 40% Discretionary Fund Guidelines Revision

- o Approved the recommendation contained in the staff report with the following change:
 - That the unused carryover policy of the transit operator grant program remain unchanged (continue to be two years) as recommended by the Bus Operations Subcommittee.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Renewal of Transit Formula Allocation Procedure by FY 1988 and FY 1989

- o Approved the recommended changes shown on Attachment I (attached). The State law requires these procedures to be reviewed biennially. While staff will perform a review at the end of two years, major changes are not anticipated at the next renewal.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Redondo Beach Galleria Transit Terminal Security Local Return Project

- o Approved the City of Redondo Beach's request for funding in the amount of \$177,433 for security at the Galleria Transit Terminal contingent upon completion of the terminal.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Senior Accountant Salary Scale

- o Approved the staff recommendation to increase the pay scale for Senior Accountant from its current range (\$24,770 - \$33,948) to the next higher salary range of \$31,019 to \$41,656 per annum.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mr. Sanborn also reported, as an information item, that preliminary copies of the San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone application had been received by the County of Los Angeles and they were distributed to the FRC members. The committee will hear a presentation by the Zone consultant at their January 26 meeting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No committee meeting was held, but Mrs. Reed reported on several IRC items as follows:

IRC Legislative Task Force Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the IRC Legislative Task Force is scheduled for January 16, 12:00 noon, at the Commission offices.

State Legislation

The following three bills were noted as future items of consideration for the IRC:

AB 18, introduced by Assemblyman Katz, would place a \$1.5 billion general obligation transportation bond on the June 7, 1988 direct primary election ballot. The proceeds from the sale of bonds would fund capital costs of non-interstate highways, transit guideways and local public streets.

SB 140, a bill introduced by Senator Wadie Deddeh, would place a \$1.8 billion transportation revenue bond measure on the June 7, 1988 ballot in an effort to increase funds for state highways and mass transit guideways.

AB 142, a measure also introduced by Senator Deddeh, would authorize any county board of supervisors to create a local transportation authority to impose a sales tax of up to one percent for local transit, highway, or road programs. Counties, such as Los Angeles, which already have a local transportation sales tax, would be limited to a total tax of one percent.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of January 9, 1987. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

Award Contracts: C550 - Yard Access Road and C425 - L.A. River Bridge

The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award, as described in the staff report, the following contracts for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project:

C550 - Vehicle Access Road to: P.K.B. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,487,373.

C425 - L.A. River Bridge to: C.C. Meyers, Inc. in the amount of \$2,384,254.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Transportation Occupations Program

The RCC recommended that the Commission approve the continuation of the Transportation Occupations Program (T.O.P.) subject to finalization of details described in staff's report and authorize extension of the current personal services contract for a full-time program coordinator through September, 1988. The estimated cost of \$119,200 is included in the Program Plan budget. The committee has asked for a report on the cost of providing a stipend to students during training; furthermore, the committee will be considering the extent of LACTC's continuing commitment once the program is turned over to the school districts of Compton, Long Beach, and Los Angeles.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Environmental Actions

A. Filing of Notice of Exemption for Firestone Bridge

The Commission was asked to authorize the Executive Director to file a Notice of Exemption with the appropriate agencies for the demolition and reconstruction of this bridge for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. Tuttle.

Mr. Bryan Allen (public comment) commented that he does not support the committee's recommendation and suggested that this item be returned to the committee to look at the option of raising the bridge instead of demolishing it. He also indicated that he believed that the State Historical Resources Commission had voted to classify this bridge as a point of historical interest.

Some discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed requested that more information be brought back to the Commission at the next meeting.

With the understanding that the Notice of Exemption will be filed and that the RCC will report back with more information at the next meeting, all those present were in favor of the motion. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

B. Filing of Notice of Determination for Light Rail Subway Entrances at the Roosevelt Building

The RCC recommended that the Commission approve the Negative Declaration which states that, with the inclusion of mitigation measures, there is no substantial evidence that the subway entrances will have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The committee also recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to file a Notice of Determination with the appropriate agencies.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

The following information items were reported by Mrs. Bacharach.

1. Jobs

To date, 165 jobs have been created on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. Staff will be monitoring the number of jobs being created and reports will be made to the Commission as an information item.

2. San Fernando Valley EIR

The RCC recommended that the Rapid Transit Committee and Commission authorize study of full-grade separation and technology options as part of the EIR. The RTC has received this recommendation for consideration in definition of alternatives and scope of the EIR.

3. School Safety Program

Mrs. Bacharach reported that she had attended the inauguration of the in-school safety program. Participants in the program to teach safety around construction sites are the Compton, Long Beach, and Los Angeles Unified Districts. Various school materials for the students were shown to the Commissioners by Mrs. Bacharach.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of January 9, 1987, as follows:

Adoption of Updated CEQA Guidelines

The RTC recommended that the Commission approve the proposed resolution adopting the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as the Commission's guidelines and incorporating by reference any future revisions by the state.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

San Fernando Valley EIR

Staff presented an interim report on the process of evaluating options for definition of alternatives to be studied in the environmental impact report. At its next meeting on January 23, the RTC will consider making recommendations for the EIR alternatives.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mednick reported that no meeting was held. Staff is currently preparing a cohesive draft and compiling all of the chapters for review at their meeting on January 28.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. APTA Legislative Conference

Copies of notification of the APTA Legislative Conference were distributed to the members. The conference is scheduled for March 8-10 in Washington, D.C. Also attached to the announcement was a questionnaire, for those who plan to attend the conference, so that staff can arrange meetings with members of the California delegation or other members of the Congress during the conference. Interested members were asked to notify staff as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on the need for coordination among transit operators for bus service, and his opposition of the RTD being placed under the County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the progress of the alternatives for the San Fernando Valley light rail line and the El Segundo Extension study procedures and results.

Mr. Sheldon Walter commented that the Commission should not wait until September to plan the groundbreaking ceremony for the Metro Rail section in the San Fernando Valley.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice of meetings was received and filed.

Chairman Bradley announced that the Commission Committee assignments will be made at the next meeting. The members were asked to convey their interest in a particular committee or change in committee participation to the Executive Director. He will take into consideration the Commissioner's interest in making the committee assignments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:43 p.m., the Commission adjourned into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with Counsel on the case of LACTC vs. City of Compton.

The Commission meeting was reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

Mrs. Bacharach moved, seconded by Mrs. Reed, that the Commission authorize Special Counsel to set the action filed by the LACTC against City of Compton for a hearing and to carry it to a successful conclusion. All present were in favor of the motion. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachment