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January 28, 1987

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

Members in attendance were:

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
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Dana
Roy Donley, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary Elyse Kusunoki, Senior Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 14, 1987 were moved and seconded for approval. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- 1. The Commission's committee assignments were distributed to the members present.
- 2. Appointed Blake Sanborn and Ray Remy to serve on the SCRTD/LACTC Liaison Committee.
- 3. Asked staff to prepare for Commission's consideration an amendment to the Administrative Code which would establish terms of office for the citizen appointments to the Rail Construction Committee.

PRESENTATION OF 1986 APTA GOVERNMENT AGENCY TRANSIT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mr. Larry Jackson, President of the American Public Transit Association ang General Manager of the Long Beach bus system, presented Chairman Bradley with a plaque for which the Commission was awarded for an outstanding effort in support of public transit in Los Angeles County.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of January 26, 1987, as follows:

Status Report on FY 1986-87 Proposition A Local Return Lapsing Funds

o Approved the recommendation contained in the staff report with the recommendation that the letter to cities with potentially lapsing funds be revised to indicate FAU fund trade priorities and the intent to recirculate the Local Return Program Guidelines for comment.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the committee received the following information items:

- 1. A presentation by the County of Los Angeles' consultant for the San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone proposal and an update from staff concerning the SCRTD issues with the zone proposal.
- 2. The FY 1986-87 LACTC Quarterly Financial Report.
- 3. A status report on the SCRTD Performance Action Plan. Staff will report back at the next meeting with more specific comments about LACTC's role in the Plan.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of January 28, 1987. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

LACTC Legislative Strategy Task Force Recommendations

The IRC considered the following recommendations on the LACTC Legislative Strategy Task Force relating to transportation decision-making in Los Angeles County.

- 1. Approval of the January 21 memo outlining the task force recommendations on six key points as the basis of testimony for the Assembly Transportation Committee February 11 hearing. The memo would also serve as the Commission's initial response to the legislation and the CAO report on this issue.
- 2. In response to a proposal by Chairman Bradley, direct staff to recommend a consultant to review the concept of consolidating rapid transit construction in a single agency.
- 3. Direct staff to meeting with appropriate representatives of SCAG and SCRTD to apprise them of the Commission's initial response. Staff would also be directed to present the Commission's response to the LACTC's Bus Operations Subcommittee.

The IRC amended the Task Force recommendations by deleting point one of the six points on transportation issues from the testimony and amending the bus section of point six.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Szabo moved that Commission on the Task Force recommendations be postponed until after the Board of Supervisors assess the CAO report, but before the February 11 Assembly Transportation Committee hearing, which was seconded by Mr. King. Motion was defeated by 8 to 3.

Mr. Tuttle moved that a Commissioner or Alternate present the Commission's views at the next Board of Supervisors' meeting, seconded by Mr. Sanborn. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

The Commission voted on each of the recommendations as follows:

1. Oppose combining LACTC and SCRTD into a single agency

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of point one, seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion was approved with one abstention (Mr. Donley).and one no (Mr. King).

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2. Oppose the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors assuming the existing functions of LACTC and SCRTD

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of point two, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. All present voted in favor of the motion with two abstentions (Donley and Szabo).

3. Oppose the direct election of the SCRTD Board and/or LACTC

Discussion followed.

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

4. Consider requiring more direct involvement by the principals in transportation decision-making

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of point four and its incorporation into point three, seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

5. Consider combining the LACTC and SCRTD rail construction functions in a single agency

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of point five, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

- Consider the following amendments to current law to fine tune existing institutional arrangements
 - o Rail Amend Section 130254 of the Public Utilities Code so that the Commission has the authority to designate the County's transit guideway operator.

Mr. Tuttle moved for approval of part one of point six, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Discussion followed.

Motion was approved, 9 to 2.

Bus - Expand LACTC authority to conduct random financial and management audits of transit operators, and the authority to require implementation of appropriate corrective action for any deficiencies found, in order to receive continued funding.

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Mr. Tuttle moved for approval of part two of point six as amended by IRC, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of the IRC recommendation to engage a consultant to study the possible consolidation of LACTC and SCRTD rail construction functions at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, seconded by Mr. Sanborn. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the IRC recommendation directing staff to meet with the appropriate representatives of SCAG and SCRTD and the LACTC's Bus Operations Subcommittee to apprise them of the Commission's actions, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

LACTC Opinion Survey

Staff presented an update on the LACTC opinion survey on transportation issues in Los Angeles County.

Mr. King moved to table further action on the LACTC opinion survey, which was seconded. All those present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Szabo, who opposed.

State Legislation

Action on AB 84 (Lancaster/Leonard) was held over until the February 11 IRC meeting.

Congressional and State Legislative Schedules

It was noted that tentative legislative schedules for Congress and the State Legislature were provided in the IRC agenda and as a handout.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of January 23, 1987, as follows:

Professional Services Contracts for FY 1986-87

The RCC recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute amendments on the following contracts through June 30, 1987:

- o Deloitte/Kellogg Joint Venture for an amount of \$1,212,266 bringing the total contract amount to \$2,452,266;
- o Transit Insurance Administrators for an amount of \$546,948 bringing the total contract amount to \$991,248;
- DeLeuw, Cather & Company for an amount of \$560,000 bringing the total contract amount to \$2,172,085;

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- o Richards, Watson & Gershon for an amount not to exceed \$550,000 for general legal services and for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for litigation and defense services; and
- o Kadison, Pfaelzer, Woodard, Quinn & Rossi for an amount of \$20,000 for environmental legal services and an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for environmental litigation defense.

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

Contract P820 - Concrete Ties

The RCC recommended that the Commission reject all bids received for Contract R01-T-8-P820 - Contract Ties. The staff will proceed to re-advertise this contract and recommend award of a contract next month.

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

Mrs. Bacharach also reported on the following information items:

Quarterly Report on Schedule and Budget

The committee reviewed and discussed the quarterly progress reports for the Long Beach-Los Angeles and Century rail transit projects.

Firestone Bridge

At the last meeting, the Commission asked the RCC to report on its consideration of the replacement of the Firestone Bridge by the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail project. The replacement bridge is necessitated by four needs:

- o The need of the rail project for two tracks over Firestone Blvd.;
- o The need of Southern Pacific for a stronger two-track structure, for which they are willing to share the cost;
- The need of Caltrans for a longer-span bridge to allow widening of Firestone, a state highway; and
- o The need to meet current Public Utilities Code standards for vertical clearance under the bridge.

The existing bridge is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places but has been designated a point of local historical interest by the state. This status is based on its being the only four-track Pacific Electric bridge still in railroad service.

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The Commission asked staff to document the bridge by taking pictures and continue with the committee's recommendation which was approved at the last meeting.

Light Rail Procurement

In late February, the RCC will be recommending the short list of proposers to be invited to submit bids. The committee has asked staff to define details of means to allow bids to be submitted in either dollars or certain foreign currencies. The objective would be to insulate against exchange rate variability. A presentation will be made to the Commission in February.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of January 23, 1987 as follows:

Alternatives to be Studied in San Fernando Valley Environmental Impact Report

The RTC heard testimony from the public on the selection of alternatives for the San Fernando Valley EIR and called for a special meeting to receive additional testimony and take action at 7:30 p.m. on February 2 at Birmingham High School in the San Fernando Valley. The committee will make a recommendation at that meeting.

Consultant to Prepare San Fernando Valley Environmental Impact Report

The RTC has interviewed consultants proposing to provide Environmental Impact Report services in the San Fernando Valley. The committee will have a recommendation for selection at the next meeting.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mednick reported on the S&HC meeting of January 28, 1987 as follows:

Review of "On the Road to the Year 200" Final Draft

The S&HC reviewed the draft and made a number of minor changes to the wording of the Executive Summary, Streets, Freeways, and Finance chapters of the plan. Staff will proceed to take these sections into producting. Staff will proceed to take these sections into production. Staff will return at the committee's February 25 meeting with revisions to the Prologue, Spectator Slowing section, and Financial recommendations. The committee will then review these changes, and also comment on the following sections:

- o Finance Chapter Matrix;
- o Action Plan chapter;
- o Individual freeway descriptions; and,
- o Appendix.

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

The committee also listened to Commuter Computer's radio advertisements from its September 1986 campaign.

BRIEFING ON SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRANSPORTATION ZONE APPLICATION

Mr. Mike Lewis, Chief Deputy to Supervisor Schabarum, summarized the proposal of the transportation zone application. A slide presentation was made by Tom Jenkins of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas. Questions were asked by the Commissioners regarding the proposal. The Commission will take action on this proposal at the May 13 meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Appointment of TDA Article 8 Hearing Board

The FY 1987-89 Hearing Board for all three Article 8 hearings is recommended to consist of:

- 1. Marcia Mednick, an at-large member of LACTC, appointed by the Chairman;
- 2. Supervisor Antonovich or his designee:
- 3. Supervisor Dana or his designee;
- 4. A representative appointed by SCAG:
- 5. Mimi Felmar, a member of the LACTC Citizens Advisory Committee, selected by the CAC.

Commission's approval was requested.

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

2. APTA Legislative Conference

Commissioners were asked to notify staff if they are interested in attending the Conference on March 8-10 in Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sheldon Walter commented on the Metro Rail for the San Fernando Valley and the Highway 101 extra lane project by Caltrans.

Mr. Greg Roberts commented about bus service in Los Angeles County and SCRTD operations.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented about the IRC opinion survey and his opposition to the demolition of the Firestone Bridge.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Streets and Highways Committee's next meeting will be February 25 instead of the 11th.

The notice was received and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:05 p.m., the Commission adjourned into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8 - Real Property Transaction.

Meeting was reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

Mrs. Bacharach moved to adopt the resolution making a finding of public use and authorization of the Executive Director to proceed with the acquisition of property of the State of California (R-01-R21-AS083 and AS084), which was seconded by Mra. Reed. All those present, voted in favor of the motion. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Executive Director

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