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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 11, 1987

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Bradley at 1:55 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Department of Water and Power.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Tom Bradley
Supervisor Ed Edelman
Councilwoman Christine E. Reed
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Michael Woo
Marcia Mednick
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Roy Donley, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Councilman Ray Grabinski, alternate to Councilman Tuttle
Donald Watson, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Wilma Cadorna, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 28, 1987 were moved and seconded for approval. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mayor Bradley reported that he had attended and testified before the Assembly Transportation Committee's hearing this morning which is being held at the State Office building. Copies of his testimony were distributed to the members present.

Due to the large attendance of residents from the San Fernando Valley to speak on the selection of route alternatives for the light rail EIR for the Valley, the Chair asked that this item be moved to the beginning of the committee reports. He also gave instructions on the procedure for the public to speak to the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meetings of February 2 and 6, as follows:

Route Alternatives to be Studied in the San Fernando Valley Environmental Impact Report

Mrs. Bacharach gave the background on the item and a slide presentation was made showing the eight route options.

Mrs. Bacharach reported that after hearing five hours of public testimony on January 23 and February 2, the Rapid Transit Committee considered each candidate route alternative for inclusion in the San Fernando Valley EIR. With four members present, the Committee voted as follows:

<u>ROUTE ALTERNATIVE</u>	<u>SHOULD THE ROUTE BE INCLUDED IN THE EIR?</u>	
	<u>Staff Rec.</u>	<u>Committee Votes</u>
o Southern Pacific Main Line	Yes	Yes - 4 No - 0
o Sherman Way	No	Yes - 0 No - 4
o Victory Boulevard	Yes	Yes - 4 No - 0
o Burbank Branch, Railroad Right-of-Way	Yes	Yes - 2 No - 2
o Burbank Branch, Oxnard Variation	Yes	Yes - 0 No - 4
o L.A. River Flood Control Channel	No	Yes - 2 No - 2
o Ventura Freeway Aerial	No	Yes - 2 No - 2
o Ventura Boulevard Aerial	No	Yes - 0 No - 4

The Committee requested that the Commission vote on inclusion of route alternatives one-by-one.

The following persons appeared before the Commission to testify:

Miriam Jaffe (represented Senator Alan Robbins)
Heather Dalmont (represented Councilman Joel Wachs)
Jason Schary (Sunnyslope Avenue Homeowners)
Stuart P. Bogartz (North Hollywood Oddfellows Lodge)
Tom Herman (ESTC)
Guy W. McCreary (FAIR)
Larry Blumenstein (Emak Hebrew Academy)
Steven Frank (Adat Ari El)
Dr. Seymour Feuerstein (Eastern Sector Transit Coalition and
Chandler Neighborhood Watch Homeowners Assn.)
Abe Sopher (Shaarey Zedek)
Curt Hunter (North Hollywood Residents Assn.)
Larry Fine (West Valley Coalition)
Bea Nicholas (Chandler Neighborhood Watch and Homeowners)
Isidor Steinhart (Valley Cities Jewish Community Center)
Fred Sanborn (North Hollywood-Universal City Chamber of Commerce)
Helen Margolies
Robert Kahn
Gilbert Friedlander
Allan Nadohl
Bob Silver
David Denny
Wm. Bill McCann
Stuart Wagner
Naomi Klok
Morris Marsh
Loren Naiman
David A. Riback
Julius Borah
Sheldon H. Walter
Clifton Rosett
John de Grosse
Lisa Yago
Barry Quinn
Rita Weiss
Rabbi Alan Kalinsky (Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations
of America (UOJCA))
Dr. G. Memmert
Lewis Eagle
Jack C. Pryor
Greg Roberts
Mr. Sandifer
Pat Moser
Bryan Allen

Mrs. Bacharach moved to approve the RTC's unanimous recommendations to include the Southern Pacific Main Line, Victory, and exclude Sherman Way, the Oxnard Variation, and Ventura Boulevard Aerial, which was seconded by Mr. Donley. All those present unanimously voted in favor of the motion. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Edelman moved that the Commission delete the Chandler/Burbank Branch Right-of-Way, which was seconded by Mr. Donley.

Much discussion followed.

Mrs. Bacharach spoke to include the Burbank Branch in the EIR because it is an existing right-of-way.

Mr. Grabinski and Mr. Szabo spoke in favor of including the Chandler/Burbank Branch in the EIR.

Mr. Woo indicated that he would support Mr. Edelman's motion.

A roll call vote was taken on Mr. Edelman's motion:

Yes: King, Edelman, Donley, Woo

No: Sanborn, Szabo, Bacharach, Reed, Grabinski, Mednick, Bradley

Motion failed 4 - 7.

Mrs. Bacharach moved to include the Burbank Branch, Railroad Right-of-Way in the EIR, which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. By voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Bacharach moved to delete the L.A. River Flood Control Channel in the EIR, which was seconded by Mrs. Reed.

A roll call vote was taken on Mrs. Bacharach's motion:

Yes: Bacharach, Reed

No: Sanborn, King, Edelman, Szabo, Donley, Woo, Grabinski, Mednick, Bradley

Motion failed 2 - 9.

Mrs. Bacharach moved to remove the Ventura Freeway Aerial from the EIR, which was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Sanborn, Szabo, Bacharach, Reed, Mednick

No: King, Edelman, Donley, Woo, Grabinski, Bradley

Motion failed 5 - 6.

Mr. Edelman made a motion to include the L.A. River Flood Control Channel and the Ventura Freeway Aerial in the EIR, which was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: King, Edelman, Szabo, Donley, Woo, Grabinski, Mednick, Bradley

No: Sanborn, Bacharach, Reed

Motion passed 8 - 3.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of February 9, 1987, as follows:

SCRTD Performance Action Plan

The FRC approved the recommendation to transmit comments contained in the staff report to the County Board of Supervisors. Staff was directed to prepare a cover letter which stresses:

1. Existing LACTC performance monitoring of the SCRTD;
2. That the LACTC is already funding ongoing monitoring of SCRTD Performance Audit implementation which covers seven points in the RTD's Fourteen Point Plan and will consider funding to also monitor the remaining seven points as requested by RTD;
3. That implementation of the Plan does not necessarily mean improved District performance;
4. That LACTC monitoring of Plan implementation will probably consist of: a) an evaluation of the extent to which management actions in the Plan are likely to cause the desired performance; b) a pre-audit survey to confirm that SCRTD data collection is sufficient to audit Plan implementation; and c) an identification of appropriate monitoring frequency for each element of the Plan (e.g., monthly, quarterly, six-month).

It was also noted that the RTD Board approved last week the implementation of the Plan to the extent that it can be funded from existing District resources.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval of the committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Reed. By voice vote, motion was carried with one dissenting vote (Geoghegan).

Mr. Geoghegan asked that Commission staff communicate these findings to the RTD Board.

Mr. Sanborn indicated that staff will comply with Mr. Geoghegan's request.

FY 1987 Mid-Year Reallocation of LACTC Transit Subsidies

The FRC approved the following recommendations:

- o Approve the reallocation of FY 1986 funding balances as shown on Attachment A (Exhibit 1);
- o Approve the the allocation of \$500,067 in FY 1984 Section 9 funds for the SCRTD in exchange for a like amount of FY 1987 SCRTD TDA funds for Santa Monica;
- o Approve the TDA allocation of an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000 to the Santa Monica TDA Rail Reserve Account, pending confirmation by the Los Angeles County Auditor of FY 1986 audited interest earnings;
- o Authorize staff to administratively amend FY 1987 TDA claim forms and Prop. A Discretionary Grant MOUs to implement the subsidy allocations specified above.

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

Transit Performance Measurement (TPM) Program - FY 1988 Allocations

The FRC approved the following recommendations:

1. Approve the FY 1987-88 Prop. A Transit Performance Measure Program bonus amounts shown in the attached chart (Exhibit 2);
2. Do not approve Arcadia's cost-per-hour increase waiver request for the reasons shown on Attachment E (Exhibit 3).

They also directed staff to make certain clarifications in the staff report.

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

Transit Formula Allocation Procedure - Commerce Transit Lines

This item was held over to the next meeting.

Adoption of Subregional Paratransit Performance Standards

The FRC approved the recommendation of Option 1 (Exhibit 4 attached) as the performance measure and productivity standards proposed for application beginning in FY 1987-88.

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

Terms of Office for Citizen Members of Rail Construction Committee

The FRC approved the recommendation that the Commission amend Ordinance Article 3, Section 1, Subsection 1(d) of its Administrative Code to read:

"This Committee (Rail Construction Committee) shall be composed of five Commissioners, at least three of whom are members of the Rapid Transit Committee, plus four citizens appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Commission for a term of no more than four years. Citizen members may be reappointed only one time...(remainder of subsection is unchanged)."

The FRC also approved the following recommendation: That current members be polled to see if they wish to remain on the Committee. Members wishing to remain on the Committee will draw lots to determine two members whose initial terms expire on January 31, 1989, and two whose initial terms expire January 31, 1991.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the FRC received reports on the following information items:

1. SCRTD Performance Audit Progress Report on Absenteeism.
2. Transit Funding Estimates for FY 1988 through 1991.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of February 11 as follows:

State Legislation

SB 2, a bill introduced by Senator Alan Robbins, would transfer the current authority of the LACTC and the SCRTD to a newly-created Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) with a seven-member board of directors. The IRC recommended that the amended version of SB 2 be referred to the Commission's Task Force on Legislative Strategy for review and that the Task Force recommend to the IRC a Commission position on the measure. It was further recommended that the Commission forward its current position on issues relating to the institutional structure of Los Angeles County transportation agencies to the Senate Committee on Transportation on February 17.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of the committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

SB 142, a measure introduced by Senator Wadie Deddeh (D-Chula Vista) would provide authorization for local transportation authorities to impose, with voter approval, a sales tax of up to one percent for transportation. Due to potential problems with some of the administrative language of the bill, IRC recommended that staff be directed to work with the author to simplify the requirements associated with implementation of the measure's provisions.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 84, by Assemblyman William Lancaster (R-Covina), would create a 10-Year State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Currently, the STIP is a 5-year program. Due to pending amendments to AB 84 which would significantly change the measure, IRC recommended that the Commission adopt a monitor position on the bill.

Chairman Bradley moved for common consent of the IRC recommendation. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Federal LegislationFederal Transportation Reauthorization Legislation

It was noted that the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives recently approved S. 187 and H.R. 2 respectively, legislation to reauthorize the federal highway and transit programs. A matrix comparing the two measures was provided in the agenda. IRC will report back to the Commission on the progress of a congressional conference committee which will reconcile the differences between the Senate and House legislation, scheduled to convene after February 18.

FHWA Proposed Regulations

IRC recommended approval of a letter to the Federal Highway Administration supporting the amendment of current regulations regarding the longitudinal use of the nation's freeway right-of-way. The proposed rule would permit the telecommunications industry access to the right-of-way for the laying of fiberoptic cables under specified conditions. The LACTC letter recommends further conditions which would result in a direct benefit to motorists at no public cost.

Mr. Donley submitted and read a letter opposing the FHWA's proposed regulation.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. King. The motion was carried with one dissenting vote (Donley).

Consultant Services for Rail Construction Consolidation Study

The Executive Director recommended the selection of Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall to conduct a study on the consolidation of rail construction programs in Los Angeles County, not to exceed a cost of \$15,000.

Mrs. Bacharach moved to approve the staff recommendation, seconded by Mr. King. Without objection, motion was carried with one abstention (Reed).

Legislative Update

It was noted that the January LACTC Legislative Update was included as an information item.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE (continued)

Mrs. Bacharach continued her report of the RTC meeting of February 6 as follows:

Continued Route Refinement Study of the Lincoln Heights Segment of the Pasadena Corridor

The RTC recommended that the Commission authorize staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for engineering and environmental assessment services for continued route refinement studies of multiple alignment alternatives for the Lincoln Heights segment of the Pasadena Corridor. Alternative alignments will be selected in March.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Bryan Allen (public comment) commented on staff's recommendations on the alternative alignments.

Hearing no objection to the committee's recommendation, motion was carried.

Consultant to Prepare San Fernando Valley EIR

On January 23, 1987, the RTC interviewed four teams of consultants submitting qualifications for preparation of the San Fernando Valley Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The leaders of the teams were:

- o Bechtel Civil
- o Tudor Engineering
- o Gruen Associates
- o Engineering-Science

The committee was split on a recommendation with two votes for the Bechtel Civil team and two votes for the Gruen Associates team.

Mrs. Bacharach moved to award the contract to Gruen Associates, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mr. Geoghegan moved to request a staff recommendation, seconded by Mr. Donley.

Discussion followed.'

A voice vote was taken on Mr. Geoghegan's substitute motion. There were yes - 2 and no - 9. Substitute motion failed.

A voice vote was taken on Mrs. Bacharach's motion. Vote was yes - 9, no - 2. Motion was carried.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of February 6 as follows:

Contracts C215 - Washington to Myrrh and C225 - Myrrh to L.A. River

By 6-2 vote, the RCC approved staff's recommendation to reject all bids for these contracts. If the Commission concurs, staff will re-advertise in early April and recommend award shortly after receiving new bids.

Mrs. Bacharach moved to approve the above recommendation, seconded by Mrs Reed.

Mr. King offered a substitute motion that this matter be referred back to the committee for further discussion, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mr. Richmond summarized staff's position on the three alternative courses of action:

1. Award now and proceed;
2. Award now and delay start until changes are negotiated; and
3. Reject all bids and rebid the contracts.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Bacharach spoke against holding the recommendation for two weeks and urged the Commission to make a decision today.

Mr. Michael Kantor of Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg & Phillips, appeared before the Commission and handed out a letter requesting that this matter be referred back to the Rail Construction Committee for further study or accept alternative #2.

Mr. Keith Endersby of Morrison-Knudsen Co. also appeared before the Commission and requested that the Commission recommend that the bids be rejected and re-advertised for rebid.

Mr. Jack Fleming of Wickwire, Gavin & Gibbs, attorneys for Morrison-Knudsen Co., also appeared before the Commission and recommended that the contracts be rejected and rebid.

Much discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on Mr. King's substitute motion to defer this item to two weeks:

Yes: Sanborn, King, Geoghegan, Szabo, Donley, Woo, Grabinski, Mednick, Bradley

No: Bacharach, Reed

Substitute motion was carried.

At 5:30 p.m., Mrs. Reed was asked to chair the meeting.

Policy on Public Disclosure of Bid/Proposal Documents

The RCC recommended that the Commission establish a policy that public disclosure of bid or proposal documents be made at the time that a formal staff recommendation for award or other action is prepared and set on the agenda of the Commission.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. King.

Much discussion followed.

By an unanimous voice vote, the motion was carried. The resolution (No. 13) is attached (Exhibit 5).

Contract P830 - Special Trackwork

By 5-3 vote, the RCC approved staff's recommendation to award this contract to Cogifer in the amount of \$3,049,106.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of this award which was seconded.

A public comment was made to re-advertise the bid.

Mrs. Bacharach explained the committee's recommendation.

By voice vote, the vote was unanimous to approve the committee's recommendation.

Cooperative Agreement

The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute the cooperative agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company and begin to issue work orders for necessary activities including design work, which should be done by LACTC-controlled forces to the maximum extent possible.

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

Authorization to Grant Easements

The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to grant new utility easements for the relocation of the following:

<u>LACTC Code</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Utility Company</u>
A000001	LB-LA R/W at 22nd Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000002	LB-LA R/W at 24th Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000003	LB-LA R/W at 27th Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000004	LB-LA R/W at 47th Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000005	LB-LA R/W at Martin Luther King Blvd.	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000006	LB-LA R/W at 43rd Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000007	LB-LA R/W at 50th Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000008	LB-LA R/W at 52nd Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000009	LB-LA R/W at Slauson Avenue	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000010	LB-LA R/W at 92nd Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000011	LB-LA R/W at 103rd Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000012	LB-LA R/W at 111th Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.

A000013	LB-LA R/W at Imperial Highway	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000014	LB-LA R/W at 108th Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000015	LB-LA R/W at 109th Street	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000016	LB-LA R/W at 1070 S. Manville St.	Dominguez Water Corp.
A000017	LB-LA R/W at 175 S. Santa Fe	Dominguez Water Corp.
A000018	LB-LA R/W at Del Amo Blvd.	Dominguez Water Corp.
A000019	LB-LA R/W at Victoria Street	Dominguez Water Corp.
A000020	LB-LA R/W at Century Blvd.	City of L.A., Water Dept.
A000021	LB-LA Main Yard	So. California Gas Co.
A000022	LB-LA R/W at Greenleaf	City of Compton, Water
A000023	LB-LA R/W at Stanley	City of Compton, Water
A000024	LB-LA R/W at Manville Street	City of Compton, Water
A000025	LB-LA R/W at Oris Street	Sativa Water District
A000026	LB-LA R/W at Stockwell Street	Sativa Water District
A000027	LB-LA R/W at 118th Street	County of L.A., Water Dept.
A000028	LB-LA R/W at 119th Street	County of L.A., Water Dept.
A000029	LB-LA R/W at 124th Street	County of L.A., Water Dept.
A000030	LB-LA R/W at 124th Street	County of L.A., Water Dept.
A000031	LB-LA R/W at El Segundo W.	County of L.A., Water Dept.
A000032	LB-LA R/W at El Segundo E.	County of L.A., Water Dept.
A000033	LB-LA R/W at 130th Street	County of L.A., Water Dept.

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

Closed Session

The RCC went into a closed session regarding the acquisition of Parcels AS01, AS02, AS03, AS04, AS06, AS07, AS08, AS48-1, AS48-2, and AS51. The committee recommended that the Commission hold a closed session to discuss the above parcels.

As an information item, Mrs. Bacharach reported that the committee received a presentation from the United Auto Workers on assembly of light rail vehicles.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned into an executive session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding real property transaction for the following parcels located along Long Beach Avenue West and Vernon Avenue in the City of Los Angeles:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Owner</u>
R01-R21-AS01	Adelman
R01-R21-AS02	Sanchez and Lopez
R01-R21-AS03/AS04	Collier
R01-R21-AS06	Kelly
R01-R21-AS07	Thompson and Robinson
R01-R21-AS08	Davis
R01-R21-AS48-1	Adelman
R01-R21-AS48-2	Removal of outdoor advertising sign

At 6:05 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Mrs. Reed indicated that concerning the real property acquisitions, no action is necessary to be taken at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachments