

MINUTES



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

March 11, 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 Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Christine E. Reed
Councilman Edd Tuttle
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
Marie White, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of February 25, 1987 was held over to the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Bradley appointed Commissioner Reed to represent this Commission at a meeting of all commissions in the SCAG area as required by our enabling legislation AB 1246.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of March 9, 1987 as follows:

Results of UCLA Public Policy Program Assessment of Local Return Issues

This item was discussed at the meeting; however, the Committee decided to hold action on this item until issues of agency restructuring have been resolved.

Bus Service Continuation Project: Adoption of Resolution

The FRC approved the staff recommendation to adopt the Resolution authorizing staff to file an UMTA Section 6 Technical Assistance Grant Application for the evaluation of the Bus Service Continuation Project.

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

SCRTD Division 6 Replacement Funding Agreement

The FRC approved the following recommendations:

1. Approve the Agreement between SCRTD, LACTC, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the document on behalf of the LACTC;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to release grant and loan funds to the SCRTD, at the appropriate time, in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the proposed Agreement; and
3. Authorize staff to incorporate this project into the FY 1986-87 TIP.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Ms. Therese Thavirat of Little Main Committee, representing approximately 150 residents living in the area surrounding the SCRTD Division 6 facility, appeared before the Commission. The residents have requested Commission approval of the relocation of SCRTD's Division 6 maintenance facility.

Discussion followed.

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Transit Formula Allocation Procedure -- Commerce Transit Lines

The FRC approved the following recommendations:

1. Allocate an additional \$94,000 to Commerce Transit Lines from FY 1987 Prop. A TPM unearned bonus funds.
2. Calculate Commerce Transit's FY 1988 and FY 1989 transit subsidy allocation with the understanding that funding will be allocated from the Prop. A Discretionary TPM unearned bonus funds, if available.

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

Restructuring of Paratransit Operations Subcommittee Membership

The FRC approved the following recommendations from the PAROS Executive Committee with the following changes:

1. A decision on including a full-sized private-for-profit operator on Commission subcommittee was held over pending action by the Technical Advisory Committee on March 13, 1987.
2. The City of Los Angeles, Department of Aging, was shifted to an Ex-Officio status on the Paratransit Operations Subcommittee.
3. The County of Los Angeles, Department of Community and Senior Citizens Services, was shifted to an Ex-Officio status of PAROS.

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

LACTC Commitment to Implement Air Quality Projects

The FRC confirmed the following LACTC's commitment to:

1. Continue construction to the Los Angeles-Long Beach transit project with the expectation that it will be operational by 1990;
2. Include funds in the L.A. County SRTP/TIP for a 30-bus methanol fuel demonstration project (previously approved by the LACTC);
3. Continue funding support for Commuter Computer based on the 1984 funding level, adjusted for inflation (TIP funding already approved by the LACTC through 1991 exceeds the level).

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

LACTC FY 1986-87 Operating Budget Mid-Year Adjustments

The FRC approved the following recommendations:

1. Amend the FY 1986-87 LACTC operating budget by adopting the line item adjustment listed on Attachment 1;
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Mr. Sanborn moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that she had no objection to the new positions added but offered an amended motion to refer back to the Finance Review Committee the organization chart and reporting relationships in the Transit Development Division because the information is incomplete, which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, the amended motion was carried.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval of the main motion as amended, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, the amended motion was carried.

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the Committee discussed the following information items:

1. Proposition A 40% Discretionary Fund -- FY 1986 Transit Operator Subsidy Program Closeout
2. Commissioner Presentation to the Paratransit Operations Subcommittee

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of March 11, 1987, as follows:

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Mrs. Reed moved approval of the IRC recommendation, seconded by Mr. Tuttle.

Mr. Greg Roberts (public comment) spoke in opposition to eliminating the LACTC and merging with RTD. He also commented on the use of existing railroad right-of-way in the San Fernando Valley for the Commission's rail transit project.

Discussion followed.

Motion was carried with one objection (Mr. Donley).

State Legislation

AB 312, a measure introduced by Assemblyman Tom McClintock (R-Ventura), would remove current restrictions placed on the expenditure of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. The IRC recommended that the Commission oppose AB 312 due to the bill's potentially negative impact on funding for transit and paratransit programs in Los Angeles County.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the IRC recommendation, seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 374, a bill introduced by Assemblyman Tom McClintock (R-Ventura), would require the approval of a county board of supervisors on new and existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes located in that county. The IRC recommended that the Commission oppose this measure because its provisions could prove contrary to the approved Air Quality Management Plan for the county.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the IRC recommendation, seconded by Mr. King. Without objection, motion was carried.

AB 457, a Commission-sponsored bill introduced by Assemblywoman Gwen Moore, was presented to the IRC as an information item. The measure would authorize state funding for the Smart Corridor Demonstration Project, a major element of the LACTC Highway Plan.

AB 18 (Katz) and SB 2 (Robbins), two bills to reorganize transportation agencies in Los Angeles County, were reviewed by the IRC and held over for further consideration.

Federal Legislation

The IRC heard an oral report on the status of H.R. 2, legislation to reauthorize the federal highway and transit programs. It is anticipated that a conference report on the legislation will be brought to the floors of the House and the Senate within the next two weeks. The committee will bring the Commission up to date on this issue at the March 25 meeting.

The IRC also heard an oral report on the recent APTA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Legislative Matrix

The Legislative Matrix was included in the IRC agenda as an information item.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of March 6, 1987, as follows:

Award Contracts: C119 - Utility Relocation and C822 - Concrete Ties

The RCC recommended the Commission award Contract C119 to the lowest responsible/responsive bidder: Valverde Construction, Inc. at a bid price of \$1,099,627.

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

On Contract C822, the Committee recommended the Commission declare the apparent low bidder, Monier Concrete Railroad Ties, Inc., to be non-responsive and award the contract to the lowest responsible/responsive bidder: Case-Pomeroy Joint Venture at a bid price of \$11,249,500.

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

General Engineering and Construction Management Consultant Contracts

The RCC recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the following contract amendments:

1. Amendment No. 3 to the Southern California Rail Consultants' contract to include the 1986-87 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$38,000,000;
2. Amendment No. 2 to the Transit Construction Management's contract to include the 1986-87 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$6,800,000.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. King. Motion was carried with one abstention (Mrs. Reed).

Closed Session: Acquisition of Parcels AS102 - Strauss Family Trust and AS069 - USA/Department of Air Force

The RCC recommended that this real estate matter be discussed in a closed session.

Mrs. Bacharach also reported on the following information items:

1. In continuing discussion of the scope of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, the RCC heard staff reports about fencing, landscaping, and the central control facility.
2. A meeting with the Long Beach merchants and residents have been arranged by Long Beach Councilmen Tuttle, Grabinski, and Smith for Monday, March 16, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach. This is the first meeting of a series of meetings planned with Long Beach residents to keep them apprised during construction of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. The Commissioners were invited to attend the meeting.
3. The LACTC received a favorable ruling by the Superior Court having to do with the Commission's petition for a writ of mandate to order the City of Compton to issue construction permits. The Commission will be proceeding with the work with the City of Compton.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of March 6, as follows:

San Fernando Valley Rail Transit Project: EIR Budget and Contract with Gruen Associates for EIR Services

The RTC recommended authorization of \$1,600,000 for the total environmental impact report effort and further recommended that staff execute a contract with Gruen Associates in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000. At the end of four months of work, this contract amount will be reconsidered based on the initial assessment of the requirements of the environmental process. A goal of twenty-five (25%) of the contract value was established for DBE/WBE subcontractors.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the RTC's recommendation, seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Sheldon Walter (public comment) offered suggestions for planning a groundbreaking ceremony for the Metro Rail in San Fernando Valley.

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

The following information items were reported by Mrs. Bacharach:

1. The Committee discussed the community process for both the San Fernando Valley and Lincoln Heights. There will be two public hearings for the Lincoln Heights route refinement study: March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Chinatown and March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Heights. On April 8, the RTC will be holding a public meeting to formally accept public testimony in the Lincoln Heights area and encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on bus stops for express buses on the freeways. He also suggested placing the Commission's public meeting notices on buses.

Mr. Bryan Allen suggested holding additional public meetings in Huntington Park and South Pasadena for the Lincoln Heights route refinement study and a possible alternative route to serve Little Tokyo.

Mr. Sheldon Walter read to the Commission an article which he had submitted in the Public Forum section of the Daily News on how to pay for roads.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:37 p.m., the Commission adjourned to an Executive Session for real estate transactions pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 for two parcels located at 261 and 263 East Willow Street (Strauss Family Trust) and a parcel located at intersection of Long Beach and San Diego Freeways (U.S.A./Department of Air Force) and for personnel matter.

At 3:00 p.m., the Commission reconvened and adjourned.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachments