

# MINUTES



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

June 10, 1987

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Bradley at 1:35 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 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  
John La Follette, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich  
Councilman Ray Grabinski, alternate for Councilman Tuttle

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director  
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Mimi Gamez, Secretary

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 27 were corrected as follows: Under reorganization legislation (page 4), item 2, "Reiterate the Commission's opposition to . . . ." and under Contract C560 (page 7), Mr. La Follette opposed the committee's recommendation. Hearing no further objections, the minutes were approved as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Bradley appointed the following persons to the Transition Committee for Reorganization:

- Councilwoman Christine E. Reed, Chair
- Supervisor Deane Dana
- Councilman Michael Woo
- Jan Hall, President of RTD Board

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LACTC FY 1987-88 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Richmond indicated that, in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Administrative Code, copies of the proposed budget were distributed to the members for their review at the April 22 meeting. Under the provisions of the Commission's enabling legislation, the LACTC is required to conduct a public hearing prior to the adoption of the budget. A notice of the public hearing was advertised approximately 30 days ago. After today's hearing, the proposed budget will go before the Finance Review Committee for action and then to the Commission for adoption at its June 24 meeting.

Chairman Bradley opened the public hearing.

Public comment was made by Greg Roberts on the budget.

Hearing no additional comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of June 8, 1987, as follows:

Appeal of Staff Eligibility Determination: Public Inebriate Program

A motion to reverse the staff determination and uphold the appeal filed by the City of Los Angeles failed on a vote of 1 in favor and 3 opposed. The FRC directed staff to work with the City in an effort to consolidate the proposal within the existing community transit program serving the San Fernando Valley.

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

Mrs. Mednick clarified that the recommendation includes the fact that staff will be working with the various agencies that are involved to see how this program could be integrated.

Mr. Geoghegan asked for the basis of the City's appeal to the original denial by the Commission for funding of this program.

Mr. Sanborn explained that there was not adequate existing service available for the particulars needed for this program. The attitude of staff and that of the FRC was that it was more of a social program than it really related to a transportation issue in that it was narrowly defined as service to a small segment of the project.

Mr. Geoghegan indicated that he opposed the recommendation but supports the program.

Miss Gloria Clark with the City of Los Angeles, Community Development Department, appeared before the Commission and requested that this item be held over and that no action be taken at this time until the City has had the opportunity to work with Valtrans.

Some discussion followed.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Woo to remove this item from the calendar and direct staff to work with the various agencies on this program, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan. Vote was by show of hands: yes - 6, no - 4.

Substitute motion was carried.

Authorization for Bridge Funding on Bus Service Continuation Project Lines and Line 685

The FRC approved the staff recommendation to provide "bridge" funding to continue service on RTD's discontinued lines for six months.

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

FY 1988-90 Short-Range Transit Plan

The FRC approved the following recommendations with the clarification that La Mirada's replacement vans and Santa Monica Bus Lines' bus benches will be funded in FY 1988:

1. Approve the certifications and findings;
2. Approve FY 1988 operating subsidies for transit operators with the stipulation that allocations for the SCRTP be set aside until submission of an SRTP and LACTC certifications can be made;
3. Approve the three-year capital program with the stipulation that only FY 1988 projects have funding approval;
4. Approve, for inclusion in the FY 1988-90 TIP, the Long Beach-Los Angeles and Century-El Segundo Light Rail financial plans;

5. Approve the list of follow-up issues to be addressed by transit operators in next year's SRTP.

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

UMTA 504 Accessible Service Plan - Redondo Beach

The FRC approved the recommendation that Commission staff has found that Redondo Beach has included all the necessary elements of the Accessible Service Plan required by the UMTA 504 Regulation.

Mr. Sanborn moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Without objection, motion was carried.

SCRTD's Request for Waiver of LACTC Policy on Local Return Fund Trades

The FRC approved the staff recommendation to deny the SCRTD request. The Committee's action was based on two principal concerns:

1. The SCRTD proposal would result in a net reduction of \$30 million available for transit purposes in L.A. County next year.
2. The SCRTD proposal is a one-time, stop-gap measure, and does not address the SCRTD's continuing budget problems.

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

Chairman Bradley asked for a brief description of what is being requested by SCRTD.

Mr. Sanborn explained that the SCRTD is proposing a \$30 million farebox trade with the 25% local allocation of Prop. A funds with participating cities in the amount of \$40 million. The Committee felt that this represents a true loss of \$30 million for transit purposes in Los Angeles County and violates the intent of the Proposition A as it was initially proposed.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Woo offered a substitute motion that this item be taken off the calendar and held over, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan.

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on this item.

Vote was by show of hands on the substitute motion: yes - 5, no - 6. Substitute motion failed.

The original motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Mrs. Reed offered a follow-up motion on the \$3.9 million offer to instruct staff to continue to work with RTD staff to follow up on the Mayor's offer, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

#### Social Service Coordination Program Year-End Report

The FRC received the report and directed that issues regarding the appropriate LACTC level of effort in social service transportation be addressed separately from issues related to reorganization. No action is necessary at this time.

#### Group Vision Care Plan

The FRC approved the recommendation of the addition of a group vision care plan to the current employees' benefit package at a cost not to exceed \$14,000 per fiscal year. Funds have been included in the proposed FY 1987-88 budget for the LACTC.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the Committee heard a report on the proposed FY 1987-88 LACTC budget.

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the June 10 IRC meeting as follows:

#### State Legislation

AB 667, introduced by Assemblyman Katz, would allow local entities to adopt ordinances to help prevent gridlock in urban areas. The IRC recommended the Commission support AB 667 as it is consistent with the LACTC highway plan, "On the Road to the Year 2000."

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

AB 668 is a measure introduced by Assemblyman Katz to tighten licensing requirements for bus drivers and require all transit operators to participate in a notification process on drivers' driving records. The IRC expressed concerns regarding the implementation of the bill's provisions. The IRC recommended a monitor position on AB 668 and directed staff to contact the author regarding the committee's concerns. The IRC will reconsider the measure at its next meeting.

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

The IRC reviewed a package of state transportation financing proposals as an information item. The Committee directed staff to present the item to the LACTC Streets and Highways Committee for comment and recommendations.

AB 84, authored by Assemblyman Lancaster, was reconsidered by the IRC. On February 11, the Commission adopted a monitor position on the original version of the bill, which would have required a 10-Year STIP. The amended bill now would require Caltrans to prepare project study reports on all future development work, to provide a "shelf" list of projects and to expedite programming into the STIP as funds become available. The IRC also considered two OCTC amendments to the measure which would: 1) allow local entities to prepare the project study reports on the regional future development list in cooperation with and for review and approval by Caltrans, and 2) permit local entities to prepare, in cooperation with Caltrans, the project studies on locally funded projects. The Committee recommended a support position on AB 84 with the OCTC amendments.

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

#### Federal Legislation

An update on progress with the federal transportation budget was provided, at the IRC meeting which indicated that congressional conferees have not yet reached agreement on a FY 1988 budget package. It was further noted that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation was scheduled to markup a FY 1988 appropriations bill on June 11.

#### Reorganization Legislation

The IRC reviewed recent developments on AB 18 (Katz) and SB 2 (Robbins), legislation to reorganize transportation agencies in Los Angeles County. Several amendments to SB 2 were noted. A remaining issue of concern to the LACTC with SB 2 is the effective date of the legislation. In addition, the IRC recommended that the author and policy committee members be contacted regarding the LACTC's proposed amendments on bonded indebtedness and the application of SCRTD labor protection measures, and to reiterate the Commission's opposition to including legislators as members of the Los Angeles County transportation authority.

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

It was also noted that Assemblyman Katz was prepared to submit an amendment to AB 18 which would delete the provision requiring the new authority to create a transit operating subsidiary board of directors with representation similar to the current SCRTD board. Possible amendments to AB 1697, his transition bill, were also reviewed.

Remaining issues to be addressed by the LACTC on AB 18 and AB 1697 include: 1) the extension of the effective date and/or transition process, and 2) the provision requiring specific action goals.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of June 5 as follows:

Systems Equipment, Policy on Domestic Content

The RCC recommended that the Commission establish domestic content percentages for the following contracts:

H812 - Overhead Catenary System	50%
H325 - Signals	50%
H836 - Safety & Security	50%

The RCC held over establishing a percentage for Contract H840 - Fare Collection.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the RCC recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Without objection, motion was carried.

Update on Long Beach Loop Proposal

The RCC recommended that the Commission approve the proposed elements of a supplemental agreement to the master cooperative agreement with the City of Long Beach. Furthermore, the Committee recommended authorization for Southern California Rail Consultants to incur costs up to \$50,000 to perform work necessary for conceptual engineering and environmental clearance of the requested loop modifications.

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

As an information item, Mrs. Bacharach reported that a report on the School Safety Program was received by the Committee. To date, seven schools have received presentations from staff. Thank you notes have been received from the students and will be displayed in the LACTC offices.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 1987.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 1987.

STAFF BRIEFING ON LACTC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This item was held over to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTA. Commissioner Travel Request

Commissioners Bacharach, Reed, and Szabo have expressed an interest in attending the Independent Cities Association Conference on July 9-12, 1987 in San Diego.

Commission approval was requested.

Mr. King moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Without objection, the above travel request was approved.

B. Follow-up of Suggestion Made at May 27 Meeting:

A suggestion was made at the last meeting that the Commission look into the notion of book-entry registration of our bonds in the future as a cost-saving measure. A memo from the Commission's financial advisor is available to any interested person.

C. Metro Rail Cost Reduction Panel

Mr. Richmond indicated that the LACTC's funding agreement with the SCRTD on Metro Rail called for the establishment of a Cost Reduction Panel consisting of representatives from the Commission, the City of Los Angeles, and the SCRTD. The purpose of the Panel is to recommend means of reducing the cost of Metro Rail in the event that contract awards are exceeding the budget by 10% or more. The Commission suggested that the Panel should not wait for overruns to be experienced before meeting and, therefore, an initial meeting took place on June 2.

Mr. Szabo is the Commission's representative and he summarized the results of the initial meeting. The good news is that Metro Rail is running under budget for the major construction contracts awarded to date. The Panel discussed the desirability of insuring that the budget for the project can be structured so that the overruns experienced thus far can be allocated to a contingency line item so that they may be used for possible overruns on other elements of the project; however, this will require UMTA approval. The Panel reviewed the quarterly budget and schedule and status report for the project and will receive these quarterly reports in the future. The Panel will also be monitoring the bidding on upcoming contracts. If significant overruns are experienced, they will meet to review potential corrective actions. The Panel plans to meet again late this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sheldon Walter suggested announcing at the scheduled community meetings the groundbreaking ceremony planned for the Metro Rail in San Fernando Valley and also suggested names for the special guest list.

Rear Admiral Robert Garrick made a statement for the Southern California Transportation Action Committee in support of AB 2626, a bill to require that three percent of a public transit operator's service be competitively bid each year and that all new or restructured service be competitively bid.

Mr. Greg Roberts commented that the SCRTD should be responsible for the bus service in Los Angeles County and not by the private operators.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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