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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

August 26, 1987

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Bradley at 1:45 p.m. in the Board Room of the Department of Water and Power.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Tom Bradley
Supervisor Ed Edelman
Supervisor Peter Schabarum
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
Donald Watson, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Helen Parker, Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Mendoza, Senior Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 12 were moved and seconded for approval. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Bradley indicated that Alan Jonas and Manny Perez were appointed to the Commission's Rail Construction Committee in 1984 and during the past three years have contributed greatly to the Commission's efforts to construct the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit line. On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Bradley presented a Resolution of Appreciation to each of them for their dedicated service to the Commission.

He also indicated that a memo was received from the LACTC Citizens Advisory Committee transmitting its positions on items on the August 26 agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of August 24. The committee's recommendation were as follows:

San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone

(This item is reported later in the report.)

Approval of SCRTD Capital Financial Plan for FY 1987
Through FY 1990

The FRC approved the staff recommendations with the changing of the word "request" to "require" in recommendations 3 and 4.

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

Amendment to LACTC Administrative Code Regarding Real Estate Acquisition.

The FRC approved the recommendation that the Commission adopt the ordinance proposed in the attached memorandum dated August 5, from Special Counsel, (Exhibit A) adding Subsection 12 of Article 6, Section D to the Commission's Administrative Code.

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

Selection of Film Maker for Rail Transit Film

The FRC approved the staff recommendation that a \$66,360 contract be awarded to JJH Productions, Inc., a woman-owned motion picture production company located in South Pasadena, California, to produce a 10-minute film and videotape. Fifty-percent of the cost of the project will be underwritten by contributions from private sector firms, contacted by the LACTC, that have indicated a willingness to help.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the FRC made the following appointments:

1. Appointed three members to the Elderly & Disabled Technical Advisory Council as recommended in the staff report.
2. Appointed the San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council to fill a vacancy on PAROS.

The FRC also heard reports on the following items:

1. SCRTD request to fund additional services required by the Pope's Visit
2. SCRTD Performance Action Plan - May report
3. LACTC Quarterly Financial Report

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

IRC meeting of August 26 was cancelled. The next IRC meeting is scheduled for September 9, 1987.

In accordance with the Brown Act, Mrs. Reed moved that an off-agenda item be considered by the Commission, seconded by Mr. King. The Brown Act stipulates that a governmental entity may determine, by a two-thirds vote, that the need for action on an item has occurred after the publication of the agenda. The motion was approved without objection.

The Commission considered SB 684, a measure introduced by Senator Alan Robbins (D-LA) to amend current law to: 1) delay the construction of the Los Angeles Metro Rail Project in the San Fernando Valley for two years; 2) establish a trust fund for the deposit of non-federal funds which would have been used for the construction of that project; and 3) impose a ten-year moratorium on the expenditure of funds for any at-grade or elevated rail projects in a specified area of the San Fernando Valley. The LACTC staff recommended that the Commission oppose SB 684. The CAC concurred with the staff recommendation.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of the staff recommendation, seconded by Mr. King. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated for the record that the Commission previously had taken action supporting placing into a trust fund non-federal funds earmarked for San Fernando Valley Metro Rail construction. The Commission action indicated that the funds could be put in trust for up to five years and that the monies could be expended for the construction of Metro Rail in the Valley any time within the five-year period.

Public testimony was received from Julie Fine, Chairperson of the Western Sector Transit Coalition, who indicated that organization's support for SB 684; and from Dave Miller, President of the United Chamber of Commerce of the San Fernando Valley, who indicated that organization's support for a two-year moratorium on the construction of Metro Rail in the Valley and grave reservations about the impact on the EIR of a ten-year moratorium on the study and construction of light rail in the Valley.

Mr. Woo indicated that the City of Los Angeles does not have an official position on SB 684, but that he had obtained the signatures of seven of the eight councilmembers in the Valley on a letter endorsing the concept of a trust fund for a minimum of two years. The letter, sent to Senator Robbins, does not address the ten-year moratorium issue.

Mrs. Mednick indicated that the Commission made a commitment to the San Fernando Valley to make sure that the EIR is a valid document. As SB 684 would impede the ability of the LACTC to follow through with that commitment, Mrs. Mednick urged the Commission to oppose the bill.

The motion to oppose SB 684 was approved, with one abstention (Mr. La Follette).

Mrs. Reed noted that AB 18 (Katz) the legislation reorganizing transportation agencies in Los Angeles County, was heard on the Senate floor on August 25. Senators Torres, Watson, Hart and Beverly spoke in opposition to several amendments introduced by Senator Robbins. An agreement was reached that the bill and any

additional amendments to it would be considered by the Senate Transportation Committee on August 27 at 8:30 a.m.

It was indicated that Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mr. Woo, and Mr. Michael Gage, Deputy Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, would attend the Senate Transportation Committee hearing on August 27.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of August 21 as follows:

Acquisition of Parcels AS006, AS107(1) and AS107(2)

The RCC asked for a closed session to consider acquisition of Parcels AS006, AS107(1) and AS107(2).

Quarterly Report on Schedule and Budget

The quarterly status report on the schedule and budget for the Long Beach and Century projects was summarized by Mrs. Bacharach.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of August 21 as follows:

Request for Participation in Minority Business Bonding Program

The RTC reviewed the proposed program with staff and representatives of both SCRTD and the City of Los Angeles. The RTC recommended that:

- o LACTC support the program in concept;
- o LACTC encourage the City of Los Angeles and SCRTD to proceed with the program at this time without LACTC's financial participation;
- o The program be designed between staffs so that LACTC may contribute to the program in the future; and
- o Staff both monitor the program and research possible LACTC involvement as it continues.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Bradley offered a substitute motion that LACTC contribute \$7.5 million to the proposed SCRTD Minority Bond Guarantee Program to be used to guarantee bonds and working capital loans for DBE and WBE subcontractors on the Metro Rail Project, the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project, and the Century-El Segundo Rail Transit Project. This contribution is made with the understanding that the Program will maximize availability of working capital loans to subcontractors. In contributing \$7.5 million, LACTC directs its staff to monitor administration of the Program by SCRTD and reserves the right to take over administration of the Program in the future if it is not satisfied with SCRTD's performance.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: King, Geoghegan, Szabo, Woo, Reed, Mednick, Bradley
No: Sanborn, La Follette, Bacharach, Grabinski

Substitute motion passed.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (continued)

San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone

A motion was made at the FRC meeting to approve the San Gabriel Valley transportation zone application. Motion passed on a vote of 3 in favor and 1 opposed.

Supervisor Schabarum summarized the SGV transportation zone application.

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

The following persons appeared before the Commission to comment on the SGV transportation zone application:

Rick Cole, City of Pasadena, not opposed but did not join the transportation zone application. Opposes inclusion of certain routes which serve Pasadena.
Judy Wright, Mayor, City of Claremont - support
Earl Clark, United Transportation Union - opposed
Lawrence Drasin, United Transportation Union - opposed
Douglas Shaw, Mid-Valley Manpower - support
Phillip McGuire, Laidlaw Transit - support
Ken Myers, Hudson General Aviation Services - support
Jim Seal, California Bus Assn. - support

Norm Lester (individual) - support
William K. Huling, Union Member of Laidlaw Transit - support
Jim Cushing-murray, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1222 and driver for Greyhound - support
R. O. Burlingame, Greyhound Linhes/Trailways - support
Timothy Collins, Transit Contractors - support
Neal Silver, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1277 - oppose
Bryan Allen (individual) - support
Robert Huddy, City of Pasadena - oppose
Enrique "Rick" Ortega, SCRTD Driver - oppose

Several of the Commissioners commented on the application, and stated their intention to vote for or against the SGV transportation zone application.

Mr. Bill Forsythe, consultant, presented his conclusion of the SGV transportation zone application study.

Mr. Sanborn withdrew his motion to approve the transportation zone application.

Mr. Sanborn moved that the Executive Director instruct staff to draw-up an amendment to the transportation zone guidelines to prohibit creation of a transportation zone within Los Angeles County with the exception of City of Los Angeles; seconded by Mr. La Follette. Motion failed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Commission Travel Request

Commissioners Bacharach, King, Reed, and Szabo have indicated an interest in attending the American Public Transit Association's annual conference on September 27 through October 1 in San Francisco. Commission's approval was requested.

Mr. La Follette moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Mednick. Without objection, motion was carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the SCRTD capital financial plan.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Mr. Richmond indicated that the meeting time for the Rail Construction and Rapid Transit Committees have been changed to begin at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on September 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:05 p.m., the Commission adjourned into a closed session under Government Code Section 54956.8 for purposes of consideration of acquisition of the following parcels:

Parcel No.

R01-R21-AS006
(located at 4417 Long Beach Avenue West, City of Long Beach)

Marva Washington Kelly

R01-R21-AS107(1)
(located at 419 West Washington Blvd., City of Long Beach)

Mobil Oil Corp.

R01-R21-AS107(2)
(located at 419 West Washington Blvd., City of Long Beach)

Fred Eid

The meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Attachment