

# MINUTES



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 18, 1987

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reed, who was designated as Acting Chairperson for today's meeting, at 1:45 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Department of Water and Power.

### Members in attendance were:

Councilwoman Christine E. Reed  
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach  
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  
John La Follette, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Don Watson, Ex-Officio for State of California

### Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director  
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Barbara Norris, Senior Secretary  
Therese Hernandez, Secretary

### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF DON WATSON AND THE CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Presentations were made to Don Watson of Caltrans, Keith Gilbert of the Automobile Club of Southern California, Ron Lamb of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and Assistant Chief R. N. Noonan of the California Highway Patrol in appreciation for their service on the Streets and Highways Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

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

Public Participation Update and Notice of Preparation for the San Fernando Valley (E/W) Rail Transit Project Environmental Impact Report

The Commission's consultants have completed the initial engineering work for the San Fernando Valley rail transit project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The results of this work were presented to the community at four meetings in the San Fernando Valley. The results of these meetings are summarized in the first part of staff's memo.

The Commission is now at the point of formally entering the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to evaluate a San Fernando Valley rail transit project(s). This entails issuing a Notice of Preparation (NOP) that describes the alignments under study and impacts that the Commission believes may result from each of the alternatives. The second part of staff's memo briefly describes the alignments and lights the environmental issues that the EIR will focus upon.

Mr. Ben Darche of LACTC staff summarized the alignment alternatives and environmental issues involved in the EIR.

At the Committee's November 6 meeting, 25 persons appeared to offer comments on the process and results to date. The

Committee voted on motions to delete the Los Angeles River route from the EIR and to substitute for it a route connecting the Ventura Freeway route to the Burbank Branch route via Van Nuys Boulevard. Both motions failed on a three-to-two vote.

Since no changes were recommended in the scope of the EIR, previously approved by the Commission, this report was presented for information only.

The following persons appeared before the Commission:

1. Councilman Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles - Against all routes, particularly Coast Mainline; favors double-decking freeways.
2. Councilwoman Joy Picus, City of Los Angeles - Opposes River, Victory and Chandler Routes.
- 3.. Amy Lethbridge, Rep. for Senator Gary Hart - Supports study of all five routes. Urged consideration of environmental concerns.
4. Miriam Jaffee, Rep. for Senator Alan Robbins - Opposes routes with any local opposition.
5. Mike Sedell, Rep. for Congressman Elton Gallegly - Opposes Coast Mainline.
6. Gerald A. Silver, President of Homeowners of Encino and representing all Valley Transit Coalition - Urged EIR be stopped; wants citizens advisory commission.
7. Guy W. McCreary, Universal City - Supports light rail, the EIR process, the most cost-effective alternative.
8. Jack Roth, North Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area Committee - Supports completion of EIR on five routes.
9. Terri Asonovich, Tarzana Chamber of Commerce - Supports EIR process on all five routes.
10. John Schwitzner, North East Valley Homeowners Assn. - Supports continuation of all five routes through EIR.
11. Ben Bogartz, Northridge-Sepulveda Homeowners Assn. - Supports continuation of EIR with all five routes, prefers Chandler.
12. Stuart P. Bogartz, North Hollywood Oddfellows - Supports continuation of the EIR with all five routes, favors Burbank Branch.
13. Steve Shumski, North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce - Supports completion of EIR proposal and light rail
14. Mel Wilson, Pacoima and United Chambers of Commerce - Supports completion of EIR process on all five routes
15. Bob Freeman, Universal City and North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce - Supports continuation of EIR process on all five routes and need for light rail
16. Kurt Hunter, North Hollywood Residents Assn. - Stop EIR; wants rapid transit, not light rail.
17. John Kelly, Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce - Supports study and any of the five routes which relieves congestion.

18. Tom Paterson, Valley Village Homeowners Assn. - Stop EIR.
19. Tom Herman, Chairman of Eastern Sector Transit Coalition - Alternatives report is biased for Chandler Route.
20. Jerry Hays - Studio City Chamber of Commerce - Supports EIR completion.
21. Ruthann Ackrich - Sherman Oaks-Studio City Coalition - Opposes EIR as biased, wants EIR stopped.
22. Bonny Matheson, VICA - Supports continuation of EIR process on all five alternatives. Also supports mitigations. Oppose no project alternatives.
23. Dave Miller, United Chambers of Commerce - Supports continuation of EIR process on all five routes.
24. Ray Extract, Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce - Supports light rail in the Valley.
25. C. N. Wrightson, Rockwell International - Supports light rail in the Valley and the EIR process.
26. Phillip Diamond, Briarcliffe Townehomes Assn. - Opposes River Route. Distributed petition against River Route.
27. Bobbi Fiedler, Taxpayers & Residents Against the Coast Line (TRAC) - Opposes Coast Mainline. Stop EIR.
28. June McShane, Coalition against River Route - Opposes light rail, particularly the Flood Control Channel.
29. Jeanne Olwin, Texaco - Supports light rail, proceeding with the EIR on all five routes.
30. Alvin Margolin, Tarzana Property Owners Assn. - Opposes all routes; wants land use/transportation commission created.
31. Don Eitner, North Hollywood Cultural Center - Supports EIR process and balanced transportation plan.
32. Hebert W. Pencille, Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce - Supports EIR process.
33. Milena Miller, Reseda Community Assn. - Stop EIR; wants land use/transportation commission.
34. Julie Fine, Western Sector Transit Coalition - Stop EIR; study is biased. Wants citizens advisory committee.
35. Rabbi Leslie Alexander, Adat Ari El of North Hollywood - Opposes rapid transit which damages neighborhoods.
36. Bob Alcivar (individual) - Opposes Chandler/Burbank Route.
37. Ruth Alcivar (individual) - Opposes Burbank/Chandler Route.
38. Helen Margulies, ESTC - Stop EIR. No one will ride the Burbank/Chandler Route.
39. Marlene Bronson, Rep. for Councilman Yaroslavsky - Delete Burbank/Chandler Route. Report is biased against other routes. Add the north/south connector to EIR.
40. Jennifer Niman (individual) - Opposes Chandler/Burbank Route.
41. Stuart Wagner, ESTC - Stop EIR. Marcia Mednick has a conflict of interest.
42. Bob Silver, ESTC - Stop EIR.
43. Gary C. Weese (individual) - Concerned with impacts of three of the alternatives which come within 1-1/2 blocks of his home.

44. John Paliwoda, Western Sector Transit Coalition - Stop EIR; form land use/transportation commission.
45. Derek Williamson (individual) - Opposes light rail plans.
46. Clifton Rosett (individual) - Opposes light rail to Warner Center. Should be developing subway in the Valley.
47. Michael Elrod (individual) - Opposes all routes where property values will decline.
48. Barbara Romey, TRAC member - Opposes Coast Mainline Alternative. Questions who will ride it.
49. Sheldon Walter, Consultant, Los Angeles Rail Transit (Non-Existent) - Supports rail transit.
50. Robert Bonner, Reseda Community Assn. - Stop EIR. Opposes light rail.
51. Julius Borah (individual and neighbors) - Eliminate Burbank/Chandler Route Alternative. Marcia Mednick should abstain.
52. Mark Doubet (self, family & neighbors) - Opposes Coast Mainline for safety reasons.
53. Stephen Witkin, Western Sector Transit Coalition - Stop the EIR. System will not be supported; not a rapid transit line.
54. David Bruck (individual) - Opposes Coast Mainline.
55. Richard L. Rosett, President, Valley Cities Jewish Community Center - Stop EIR. Staff is biased and still is biasing the study.
56. Joseph S. Conzevoy (individual) - Do something to make area more valuable, not less. Protect the minority.
57. Helen Wu, TRAC (Northridge) - Opposes EIR process, Coastline.
58. Jerry Blaz, Western Sector Transit Coalition - Stop EIR. Local people don't trust the process.
59. Sanford Paris (individual) - Complete EIR with all routes. Supports light rail for the Valley.
60. Greg Roberts (individual) - Complained that materials weren't available at the meeting. Hence, no comment.
61. Steven Scheinkman, TRAC member - Opposes Coast Mainline
62. Tony Sandifer, Western Transit Coalition - Stop EIR; establish land use/transportation commission.
63. Edna Doyle (individual) - Let the public vote on a route. Opposes light rail.
64. Bryan Allen (individual) - The EIR is not productive now. If it is to proceed, suggests adding a hybrid alternative using Flood Control Channel and Ventura Blvd.
65. Jerry Shubb (individual) - Stop EIR; doesn't address need.

Mrs. Bacharach moved that the Commission postpone the EIR and request local-elected officials to recommend a course of action to the Commission which may have a better chance of achieving consensus than we are currently experiencing. Mrs.

Reed seconded the motion. Much discussion followed on the timeframe for the recommendation. Commissioners Szabo, Remy and Mednick expressed concern that such a process not result in the Valley being passed by for consideration as the next route for construction. Staff was directed to report back to the Commission at its December 2 meeting with a report on the time constraints and other specific means for carrying out the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Sanborn, King, Geoghegan, Szabo, La Follette,  
Bacharach, Remy, Reed

No: Mednick

Motion was carried.

Metro Rail Engineering in the San Fernando Valley

The RCC held over this item pending receipt of a work plan from SCRTD to support its request for funding.

#### FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of November 16 as follows:

Section 9 Fund Trade with Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The FRC approved the staff recommendations authorizing the Executive Director to: 1) trade \$2.0 million in Proposition A Discretionary funds for \$3.5 million UMTA Section 9 Capital funds with Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and 2) negotiate additional exchanges not to exceed \$5 million over the next four years, subject to LACTC approval.

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

SB 759 Finding - SCRTD FY 1987 Progress to Reduce Operator Absenteeism

The FRC approved the staff recommendation that the LACTC make a finding that the SCRTD made reasonable efforts in FY 1987 to implement Performance Audit recommendations, including reduction of operator absenteeism.

Mr. Sanborn moved approval, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone - Revised Application

The FRC delayed action on this item until the next meeting and directed staff to notify the six cities who were dropped from the original zone application.

Compton Transit Center Local Return Project Budget Amendment

The FRC approved the City of Compton's request for a budget increase of \$539,970, from the previously-approved amount of \$1,530,000 to \$2,069,970.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Lynwood Transit Center Local Return Project

The FRC approved the City of Lynwood's request for Local Return funding in the amount of \$570,000 for their Transit Center project.

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

Final Approval: Bus Service Continuation Project Application and "13(c)" Agreement

The FRC approved the recommendation authorizing the Executive Director to execute: 1) a revised UMTA grant application deleting the County's portion of the Bus Service Continuation Project; 2) a funding agreement with the County to replace the Federal funds with L.A. County and LACTC local funds; and 3) "13(c)" agreements with ATU and UTU providing certain protections for SCRTD employees.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval for the recommendation which was seconded by Mr. King. Some discussion followed. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Fund Recall, Extension, and Allocation Actions

The FRC recommended that the Commission approve the following actions pertaining to previous-year allocations:

1. Approve one-year extensions, until December 31, 1988, for the following allocations of bikeway capital funds:

Project	Agency	Allocation
West Los Angeles Veloway EIR	County of Los Angeles	\$ 65,000
Rinaldi Street	City of Los Angeles	112,000
Forest Lawn Drive	City of Los Angeles	228,027
Rolling Hills Road	City of Rolling Hills Estates	166,320
Laguna Dominguez (Phase 2)	County of Los Angeles	380,000
Las Virgenes	County of Los Angeles	50,000
60th Street West	County of Los Angeles	200,000
Walnut Creek	City of West Covina	75,000
Total		\$1,336,347

2. Approve the following actions regarding bikeway maintenance and construction funds:

- o Recall \$20,341 plus interest for funds allocated to the City of Los Angeles for Ballona Creek and West L.A. (Phase III) bikeway maintenance. These funds were not expended within one-year of payment.
- o Recall \$58,309 of excess funds allocated to the County of Los Angeles for three completed capital projects: San Gabriel River, L.A. River and Laguna Dominguez (Phase I) bikeways.

The Committee also recommended that the Commission approve the following actions related to allocation of FY 1987-88 funds:

1. Allocate \$2,111,058 of TDA Article 3 funds to local agencies on the basis of their population. Under State law, funds needed by cities this year will be released; the remaining funds will be held in reserve for the cities until they are ready to expend the funds.
2. Allocate \$205,500 to Regional Bikeway maintenance projects, according to the following breakdown:

Projects	Agency	Allocation
South Bay	County of Los Angeles	\$ 40,000
Sepulveda Basin	City of Los Angeles	48,500
Ballona Creek	City of Los Angeles	8,500
San Gabriel River	County of Los Angeles	40,000
LARIO	County of Los Angeles	45,000
West Los Angeles	City of Los Angeles	6,500
Rio Hondo	County of Los Angeles	17,000
Total		\$205,500



3. Allocate \$1,341,823 to Regional Bikeway capital projects, as follows, contingent upon each sponsoring agency entering into a maintenance agreement for the project:

Project	Agency	Allocation
Coyote Creek	County of Los Angeles	\$ 253,821
Phase II Master Plan (Victoria Park/Avalon/Main)	City of Carson	27,802
Laguna Dominguez (Phase III)	County of Los Angeles	160,000
LARIO	County of Los Angeles	800,000
Palos Verdes Drive North (Sunnyfield/Crenshaw)	City of Rolling Hills Estates	85,200
West Los Angeles Veloway	County of Los Angeles	15,000
Total		\$1,341,823

4. Stipulate that FY 1985-86 and FY 1986-87 allocations to Coyote Creek Bikeway will have the same expenditure deadline as this year's Coyote Creek allocation (December 1989, with a possible one-year extension). The County was unable to phase the project and, therefore, it could not make significant progress until the total allocation was completed.

The Committee also asked staff to come back at a future date to discuss possible revision of the Bicycle Maintenance Policy.

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

#### Classification and Compensation Survey

The FRC approved the staff recommendation that a classification and compensation study of existing positions be performed.

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

The Committee heard reports on the following information items:

1. Strategy to Resolve UMTA Section 16(b)(2) Problems
2. SCRTD FY 1988 Budget Impact Due to Late Submittal of Short-Range Transit Plan
3. Regional Bikeway Program Status

The following item was held over to the next FRC meeting:

1. 1988 LACTC Legislative Agenda - Preliminary Draft

#### RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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

Amendment to Scope of the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project to Include the Mealy Street Freight Rail Diversion (MC-5)

After extensive discussion, the RCC voted three to two (with one abstention) to recommend that the Commission amend the Rail Transit Program Plan to include the budget presented for MC-5 as part of the Long Beach-Los Angeles project, subject to execution by the City of Compton of the agreement presented with the agenda. The funding for MC-5 is to be split \$57 million through the project budget and \$10 million by the City of Compton, based on current estimates. The Committee recommended the subject agreement be authorized for execution by the Executive Director.

Furthermore, the RCC recommended that the Commission adopt the resolution proposed to:

- o Reaffirm its certification of the adequacy and completeness of the Final Environmental Impact Report (including approving specific mitigation measures);
- o Adopt the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; and
- o Authorize the filing of a Notice of Determination.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the recommendations which was seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mr. Bryan Allen (public comment) commented that he supports the Committee's recommendation.

Some discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Sanborn, King, Geoghegan, Szabo, Bacharach, Remy,  
Reed

No: Mednick

Abstain: La Follette

Motion was carried.

Award Contract C415 - Firestone Bridge

The RCC recommended that the Commission take the following actions:

- o Declare the apparent low bidder, Kasler Corporation, non-responsive due to failure to: (1) submit the required technical narrative and schedule, and (2) meet DBE/WBE goals or submit acceptable "good faith efforts" with bid.
- o Authorize the Executive Director to award the contract to Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Firestone Bridge Contract No. R01-T01-C415.

The contract awarded will consist of lump sum and unit prices for a total estimated contract price of \$8,951,132. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$893,868 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and extra work.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the recommendation which was seconded.

Mr. Bryan Allen (public comment) asked for clarifications of those two actions.

Mr. Patrick J. McDermott and Mr. E. R. Ferguson of Kasler Corporation appeared before the Commission to protest the award of the contract to Morrison-Knudsen.

Hearing no objection to Mrs. Bacharach's motion to award the contract to Morrison-Knudsen, the motion was carried.

Closed Session: Real Estate Matters

The RCC requested a closed session to consider acquisition of parcels: AS087 - McCoy and AS073 - Kurtzman. (This item was held over to the next meeting.)

## STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mednick reported on the S&HC's meeting of November 18, as follows:

Application to California Energy Commission for "Smart" Corridor Funding

The S&HC approved the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to apply for California Energy Commission's Energy Technologies Advancement Program grant for the "Smart" Corridor, whereas stating that traffic congestion wastes energy.

Mrs. Mednick moved approval of the recommendation which was seconded. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Proposed South Coast Air Quality Management District Regulation 15

The S&HC recommended that the Commission adopt the following position regarding the South Coast Air Quality Management District's proposed Regulation 15:

1. Support the concept of Regulation 15, contingent upon the District's modifying the regulation to provide requirements on a graduated scale based on work site size.
2. The regulation should be phased-in based on geographic location and experience with existing ordinances.
3. The ordinance should be workable and implementable.

Mrs. Mednick moved approval of the Committee's recommendation which was seconded.

Concerns raised in the discussion:

1. Initial application of the ordinance to a large group of small firms could create a backlash that could set back ridesharing efforts for several years (e.g., "Diamond Lane fiasco").
2. Is there administrative capacity to effectively review and monitor up to 8000 plans?
3. Can smaller firms actually develop effective rideshare program?

4. How will overlap/conflicts between AQMD and local TSM ordinance be handled?
5. Regulation should start with larger firms and be applied to smaller firms incrementally only after practicality is proved.
6. One hundred (100) employees may be too low a threshold.

Mr. Remy offered an amendment to include in Mrs. Mednick's motion that the LACTC urge the AQMD to modify the Regulation in accordance with these recommendations and to advise the AQMD that in its present form, the proposed Regulation is not consistent with these principles.

A voice vote was taken on Mrs. Mednick's motion. All those present voted in favor of the recommendations with the exception of Mr. Geoghegan who voted "no."

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. MOU Agreement with Southern California Air Quality Management District: Mr. Richmond executed the MOU agreement which requires AQMD to collect data on employer vanpools and carpools. The LACTC will file this data with UMTA, resulting in additional funds for Los Angeles to be used for air quality related to transit projects.
- B. "Transitways" Brochure by the American Public Transit Association (APTA) was distributed to the Commissioners. Sharon Neely of LACTC staff participated in the preparation of the brochure.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheldon Walter commented on rail transit.

Greg Roberts commented on his difficulty to obtain documents from LACTC staff.

Ed Sotelo, on behalf of the mayor and the council members of the City of Compton, extended the City's appreciation and thanked the Commissioners and LACTC staff for working with the City on the MC-5 project.

Bryan Allen commented on AQMD Regulation 15.

Steve Witkin thanked Commission for their forbearance, patience and actions this afternoon. Supported development of an LACTC demonstration to develop a long-haul bus transit program using Super Buses as in Orange County and Golden Gate Transit.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Rail Construction and Rapid Transit Committee meetings will be held on November 30.


The notice was received and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The items on real estate matters, to be discussed in closed session, were deferred to the next Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

  
RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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Attachment