

# MINUTES



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

December 16, 1987

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Bradley at 1:38 p.m. in the Board Room of the Department of Water and Power.

### Members in attendance were:

Mayor Tom Bradley  
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach  
Councilman Michael Woo  
Marcia Mednick  
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
John La Follette, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
Councilman Grabinski, alternate to Councilman Tuttle

### Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director  
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Kate Beaudet, Secretary

### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mayor Bradley announced that a Joint SCRTD/LACTC Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 8. He also indicated that a letter of resignation was received from Supervisor Hahn as Vice Chairman for the Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of December 2 were moved and seconded for approval. Page 12 was revised to reflect the actual votes on the San Gabriel Transportation Zone Application: Ayes - Sanborn, King, Ireland, Silver, Croyts, Reed, Grabinski, Mednick; and Nays - Geoghegan, Bradley. The minutes were approved as amended.

**ELECTION OF NEW VICE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. King nominated Supervisor Schabarum for the office of Vice Chairman for the Commission. Hearing no other nomination, Supervisor Schabarum was elected. The Vice Chairman must be a member of the Board of Supervisors and will automatically take the chair in January 1988.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Sanborn reported that the following item were discussed at the joint meeting of the LACTC's Finance Review Committee and SCRTD's Advance Planning Committee which met on December 11:

1. LACTC methodology for allocating funds to transit operators, including a preliminary projection of funding expected to be available in FY 1989;
2. SCRTD's capital and operating budget for FY 1988; and,
3. SCRTD's capital and operating budget projections for FY 1989.

While no actions were taken, the discussions were beneficial in furthering understanding of the issues.

In addition, the Finance Review Committee heard information reports on the following items:

1. SMART Corridor Update; and,
2. LACTC FY 19867-87 Annual Audit Report Summary

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC meeting of December 16 as follows:

1988 LACTC Legislative Agenda

Statement on Reorganization Legislation

The IRC recommended that the Commission approve a statement indicating that Los Angeles County's elected officials are

actively involved in consolidating activities of public transportation agencies and making the agencies more accountable, and resolving that the State Legislature should provide its assistance upon the request of the locally elected officials. If approved by the SCRTD, a joint letter from the Commission and SCRTD incorporating the statement would be sent to key legislators.

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

#### 1988 State and Federal Legislative Programs

Highlights of the proposed legislative program for 1988 were reviewed and those items which are joint goals of the Commission and SCRTD were noted. Comments from Commission committees were distributed. IRC recommended that two revisions be adopted. First, the item regarding distribution of UMTA Section 16(b)(2) funds should be revised to read that the Commission will monitor, encourage and participate in efforts to modify the program. Second, proposed language explaining the financial impacts of the transportation bonding measure should be incorporated.

IRC further recommended that the Commission request Senator Beverly to set SB 1068 for hearing in January to meet Senate deadlines. At its next meeting, the Commission will consider what course of action to take on the bill, including the possibility of having the bill dropped.

Comments on the legislative program were received from Bryan Allen and Sheldon Walter. Staff will report back on Mr. Allen's recommendation that the Commission seek enabling legislation allowing the Commission to seek an indexed increase to the gas tax to raise additional transportation revenues locally.

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

#### Federal

##### HR 3399

IRC recommended that the Commission support HR 3399 (alternative fuels) if the proposed amendments are incorporated. While the mandated alternative-fuel bus provision was deleted on the House floor, Commission concerns relative to this section are still relevant since separate legislation on this point may be introduced next year.

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

#### LACTC Air Quality Statement

Transportation-related air quality issues were referenced and a policy statement will be brought back to the Commission in January for adoption. It was noted that the Commission's recommendations on the SCAQMD Regulation XV (Ridesharing) were presented to the District at its December 11 meeting.

#### Local

##### Status of SAFE

Twenty-eight cities have endorsed the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) and several more are scheduled to take action in December. A majority of cities in the county containing a majority of the county's population, and the county board of supervisors must support the program for it to be established. If the City of Los Angeles endorses it at its December 18 meeting, approval of 15 more cities and the county board of supervisors will be needed.

#### RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of December 11, 1987, as follows:

##### Award Contract H840 - Fare Collection

This competitively-negotiated procurement covers fare collection equipment for the Long Beach-Los Angeles project with options for Metro Rail MOS-1 and MOS-2 and the Century-El Segundo project. The LACTC is the lead agency in joint procurement with SCRTD.

The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to GFI-General Farebox in a lump sum amount of \$4,008,010 for the Fare Collection Equipment, R01-T07-H840. A 15% contract reserve fund of \$601,190 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and/or extra work. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protests timely-filled.

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

##### Award Contract H0880 - Wheel Truing Equipment

The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to Simmons Machine Tool Corporation

in a lump sum amount of \$778,600 for the Wheel Truing Equipment, R01-T02-H0880. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$77,400 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and/or extra work. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protests timely-filed.

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

Award Contract H0885 - LRV Wash Equipment

The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to Sherman Supersonic Industries Corporation in a lump sum amount of \$457,700 for the LRV Wash Equipment, R01-T07-H0885. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$45,300 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and/or extra work. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protests timely-filed.

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

Award Contract H832 - Cable Transmission System

This is a competitively-negotiated procurement. The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to PAC TEL, in a lump sum amount of \$6,783,098.44 for the Cable Transmission System, R01-T07-H832. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$678,310 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and/or extra work. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protests timely-filled.

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

Reject All Bids - Contract C140 LACBD

The RCC received only two bids on a large contract for the construction of the Los Angeles-Long Beach rail project line along Washington Boulevard and Flower Street. Both bids were substantially over the engineer's estimate (about 30%). Staff recommended rejection of bids and rebidding of the contract because design modifications can be made which will reduce the cost of the track installation; also more bidders are expected if the contract is rebid.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval to reject all bids for Contract C140 and rebid the contract which was seconded by Mrs. Mednick.

Mr. Alan L. Landes, Vice President of Herzog Construction Corporation, (the apparent low bidder on C-140) and Mr. George Kieffer, of Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg & Phillips, appeared before the Commission. They asked the Commission to table this item until the next meeting and have staff review the matter again.

All those present voted by voice vote to reject all bids and rebid Contract C140. Motion was carried.

#### STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mednick reported on the S&HC's meeting of December 14 as follows:

##### Policy for Route 405 Improvements

The S&HC recommended that the Commission adopt the policies and actions regarding Route 405 improvements as recommended in the staff report and direct staff to present this issue to the South Bay Cities Association in January.

Mrs. Mednick moved approval which was seconded by Mr. Szabo.

The following persons appeared before the Commission in support of the staff's recommendation:

Gail Jensen, SCAG  
Michele Gagan, Commuter Commuter  
Patricia Stitzenberger, Westchester Chamber of Commerce and  
South Bay Association of Chambers  
Bryan Allen (individual)

Letters of support for the Route 405 improvements were received from Assemblyman Dennis Brown; Tad Widby of Commuter Computer; and Donald Camph of the El Segundo Employers Association.

Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

##### LACTC Legislative Agenda

This matter was discussed under the IRC report.

##### FAU/Proposition A Trade Guidelines

The S&HC recommended the Commission approve the trade guidelines for Regional Federal-Aid Urban (FAU)/Proposition A trades as described in the staff report with a change recommended by TAC stating that the Commission will keep in mind delays inherent in multi-agency design and approval and multi-agency funding when ranking projects.

Mrs. Mednick moved for approval of the recommendations, seconded by Mr Szabo. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

#### Discussion and Information Items

FHWA's High-Occupancy Vehicle lane policy has been re-drafted to address the Commission's concerns.

2. The SAFE will most likely be approved by early January, 1988.
3. At their meeting last week, the Air Quality Management District unanimously adopted Regulation XV with an amendment to adopt a phased-in approach based on worksite size as recommended by the LACTC.
4. LACTC is not applying for ETAP funds from the California Energy Commission because of limited eligibility.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Bradley indicated that he has received a letter from Mrs. Jan Hall, President of the SCRTD Board, requesting that the Commission waive its policy on Proposition A Local Return Funds. This matter will be referred to the Finance Review Committee in January.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was made.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Sheldon Walter requested that the EIR process on the San Fernando Valley east-west rail project be reinstated.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on fully automated unattended vehicle operation for the rail lines.

#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The joint meeting of the LACTC/SCRTD Board is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 1988.

The Streets and Highways Committee meeting will be held on January 25 at 2:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director