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MINUTES

February 11, 1981

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ Rubley at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Richmond presented a letter from Mayor Tom Bradley requesting that Ms. Julie Sgarzi be appointed as his special alternate for the meeting. (Exhibit A)

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Russ Rubley  
Supervisor Deane Dana  
Supervisor Kenneth Hahn  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Wendell Cox  
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate to Councilman Ferraro  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Julie Sgarzi, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Heinz Heckerth, ex-officio representing the State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director  
Ron Schneider, Chief Deputy County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Phyllis Eder, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hahn, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 1981, meeting. No objection was heard.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Rubley's remarks included welcoming everyone to Long Beach as part of the Commission's outreach program.

Mr. Hahn made a motion that was seconded that the Commissioners adjourn into an Executive Session.

The meeting reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

Chairman Rubley explained that the Commissioners had discussed briefly the instructions to the attorneys to seek clarification from the courts on the matter of the adequacy of the 54% positive vote on Proposition A for imposition of the 1/2% sales tax.

Mr. Richmond read the Resolution that was introduced by Supervisor Hahn. (Exhibit B). Mr. Hahn then made a motion that the Resolution be adopted, and it was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

YES: Mr. Hahn, Ms. Sgarzi, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dana and Chairman Rubley.

NO: None

Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

PRESENTATION BY LONG BEACH TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION:

Mr. Larry Jackson, a representative from the Long Beach Transportation Corporation welcomed the Commissioners and staff to Long Beach, and updated the Commissioners on what had been done involving the Long Beach Transit since the last meeting in Long Beach. He also explained some of the Corporation's new policies one of which is to rehabilitate rather than retire older buses.

A short question and answer period followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Review Committee:

Mr. Cox presented the following items for the Commissioners' approval. The Committee recommended:

- o The reconciliation of the RTIP and the STIP with the following conditions:
  - The Committee would not accept the \$1.6 million of low-priority primary and state cash funded rehabilitation projects added to the 1981-85 LA County TIP in FY 81-83 by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).
  - Amend Stage 1 of the Route 101 widening project into the above STIP, using the \$1.6 million mentioned in the above item.

- The Committee did not approve of the \$6 million in median barriers unilaterally placed in the STIP by the CTC. The committee would like to examine other projects in LA County that could qualify for hazard elimination funds.
- Reconcile the remainder of the STIP additions, deletions, and changes as recommended by staff and not modified in above recommendations.
- Recommend the transmittal of the action to SCAG and CTC.

Mr. Cox moved and was seconded by Ms. Russell to approve the above item. No objection was heard to the motion.

Mr. Zimmerman asked about the criteria for the soundwall program within the TIP. Caltrans' policy on the prioritization of soundwalls was explained to him by Mr. Heckerth.

Mr. Cox suggested that the FRC look at soundwall prioritization categories and see whether the Commission might be interested in seeking realignment in the categories.

The Committee also recommended the approval of the following:

- o A request from the City of Gardena to add \$196,000 to from their Section 5 reserves in the 1980-81 TIP amendment to their current allocation. The action will have no monetary effect on any other agency other than Gardena.
- o Send the Draft Guidelines for the Article 4.5 Program to the BOS for review and comment.
- o Staff was directed to communicate to the CTC the Commission's objection to the proposed Economic Development Policy for highway funding.
- o Staff was directed to provide a report on the possibility of private sector involvement in providing transportation, in order to maximize available funding from existing subsidy programs.
- o Staff was asked to seek additional information on the proposed abandonment of two segments of the Pacific Railroad right-of-ways in the vicinity of the I-105 Freeway. Staff was directed to register our interest with the State in investigating the abandonments as a possibly important part of the proposed Long Beach Line of the Proposition A rail system.
- o An initial staff report was received and discussed at the meeting concerning the policy for implementation of the Prop. A reduced fares program and the 25% local return program.

Mr. Cox made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Reeves to approve the Finance Review Committee's recommendations.

Mr. Rubley also mentioned that Mr. Russ and Mr. Zimmerman had been unanimously reappointed to the LACTC by the League of California Cities. Mrs. Reed was reappointed as Mr. Russ' alternate and Councilman John Van Doren from the City of Duarte was appointed as Mr. Zimmerman's alternate.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

Mr. Szabo made a brief presentation on Senator Foran's transportation financing bill, SB 215. Mr. Szabo gave a brief review of what the bill contained and also explained the difference between the recommendations the Commission made and what the bill contains. It was felt that staff should continue to monitor the bill and attempt to modify and seek amendments to the legislation which would be more consistent with the viewpoint of the Commission.

On another item, Mr. Szabo said that the Commission must realize that a vehicle inspection and maintenance program is inevitable. He indicated that at the present time, there were two bills concerning a yearly inspection program. He felt that staff should monitor the two bills.

Mr. Zimmerman mentioned that he and Mayor Russ had met with Caltrans officials regarding the EPA sanctions on the 91/I-110 interchange. A motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Szabo, that the Commission write a formal resolution to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding its proposed sanctions. No objection was heard.

Service Coordination Committee:

Mr. Cox informed the Commission that the next meeting of the Service Coordination Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 1981, at 12 noon.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Richmond recommended that the Commission approve the nine nominees to the Citizens Advisory Committee made by Mayor Bradley. A motion was made by Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Russell to approve the motion.

Mr. Richmond also informed the Commissioners that some preliminary indications show that President Reagan's proposed budget for transit capital improvements will be increasing by approximately \$26 million between the years 1981 and 1985. The figure represents a significant reduction when inflation is factored in. In the first year the program will receive \$660 million less than former President Carter's budget proposal. The difference grows to about \$2 billion in the last year.

Mr. Richmond also requested to know of any interest on the part of the Commissioners to attend the upcoming APTA Legislative Conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Rubley mentioned that the Transportation Development Act requires public hearings on unmet transit needs be held in areas not served by the regional transit carrier. Mr. Rubley appointed members to the Hearing Boards. For the Santa Clarita Valley, Wendell Cox as Chairman; Mayor Linda Cook of Palmdale, a representative from Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Office, and a representative from the LACTC's Citizens Advisory Committee. For the City of Avalon's Hearing, Commissioner Cox was appointed Chairman, a representative from Supervisor Deane Dana's Office, a representative of the LACTC's Citizens Advisory Committee and Chairman Russ Rubley.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

Mr. Richmond reiterated that the Commission will be meeting on February 25 at the Water and Power Building. The first meeting in March will be at the Gardena City Hall.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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Attachments