



LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION • 311 SOUTH SPRING STREET—SUITE 1206, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013 • (213) 626-0370

MINUTES

February 25, 1981

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Rubley at 3:10 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Russ Rubley
Councilman John Zimmerman
Mayor Edmond J. Russ
Wendell Cox
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate to Councilman Ferraro
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Peter Tweedt, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Heinz Heckeroth, ex-officio representing the State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cox made a motion that the minutes of the February 11, 1981 meeting be approved. Mr. Heckeroth requested that the minutes be modified to reflect that Mr. Heckeroth did object to the motion made by Mr. Cox (page 3). Mr. Reeves seconded the motion for approval with the changes. Minutes were approved, as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Mr. Rubley said that a discussion of Commission priorities would be held after the next meeting which will be at Gardena City Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Review Committee:

Mr. Russ informed the Commissioners that a meeting had not been held recently and there was, therefore, nothing to report.

) Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

Mr. Remy reviewed SB 215 (Foran). He presented the eight major points of the bill, and reviewed the differences between the LACTC's proposals and the current wording of the bill. The Committee supported the bill, though would prefer changes in some of the provisions. Most important among these are:

- o An increase in the proposed 2¢ per gallon gas tax increase either to a percentage or more cents per gallon;
- o A sharing of diesel fuel tax revenues with local governments, and;
- o A change in the return to source requirement from 70% to 80%, with a 1980 STIP funding level hold harmless provision and allowance for grouping of lesser populated counties for calculation purposes.

A short question and answer period followed Mr. Remy's presentation.

Mr. Remy moved that the Commission follow the recommendation of the IRC to support Senator Foran's bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. No objection was heard to the motion.

Mr. Remy also reviewed three bills currently being presented in the Legislature on the subject of ridesharing. Mr. Remy reviewed the provisions of AB 548,549, and 550 and also SB 320 and 321. The Committee had voted to support the bills. Mr. Remy explained that most of the bills were to encourage employers to become involved in ridesharing and certain issues were clarified with this legislation.

Mr. Remy moved for the support of the recommendation of the Committee and was seconded by Mr. Szabo. No objection was heard to the motion.

A short discussion followed Mr. Remy's presentation.

Mr. Remy then reviewed two bills regarding a vehicle inspection and maintenance program. The recommendation of the IRC was to continue to support the concept of annual inspection and maintenance, primarily because it is directly tied to EPA sanctions, which have now been upheld by the Supreme Court. Staff was directed to continue to work with the legislature to try and find the best possible program that can be enacted.

Mr. Remy moved for approval of the recommendation and was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. No objection was heard.

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Mr. Remy reviewed other bills, including one which would call for binding arbitration in public service transit strikes. Another bill that was discussed would require Caltrans to extend construction of the soundwall barrier on State Highway Route 91 in to the City of Bellflower, and to commence construction during the 1981 calendar year. Mr. Remy said that the committee recommends that the Commission not take a position on the issue at this time, but that the staff notify the author of the project's relative priority. A short discussion followed.

Another proposed bill requiring holding back of TDA funds from bus operators in the event of a work stoppage was referred to the BOS and other interested parties within the State. They are to be asked to review possible legislation and suggest any modifications or changes. The committee recommends a no position on the issue.

Possible additional legislation included the question of funding for the purchase of the Willowbrook/Wilmington right-of-way. It was recommended that legislation not be introduced at this time, but that the Commission should work with Caltrans on more details on the issue.

The Committee also reviewed several legislative proposals regarding Prop. A, including seeking legislation which would require a 2/3rds vote of the legislature to impose a sales tax in Los Angeles County for public transportation or introducing a proposal that would require a 2/3rds vote without a local vote requirement, but which would have different uses other than those originally proposed in Prop. A. Another alternative was to get a 1/2¢ sales tax legislatively enacted subject to a future majority vote of the people. The decision of the committee was "no position" on the recommendation of seeking a spot bill. Mr. Remy reviewed the pros and cons of putting a spot bill through.

Mr. Russ made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Reeves to put a spot bill before the legislature, in the event that the decision regarding Prop. A from the Supreme Court was unfavorable. A short discussion followed and it was suggested by Mr. Russ to only introduce the bill. Mr. Remy suggested that the committee should return to a subsequent meeting with a clear decision of what the language should be.

Mr. Cox also suggested that the Chairman get in touch with the SCRTD to find out what issues the SCRTD is specifically pursuing.

A roll call vote was taken:

YES: Mr. Tweedt, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Remy, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Russ, Mr. Cox, Mr. Rubley

NO: Mr. Szabo, Mr. Zimmerman

Motion passed 7 to 2.

Mr. Remy also reviewed some of the possible Federal transportation budget cuts that may be made by the Reagan Administration. He reviewed the projects which might be most adversely affected, including the Downtown People Mover. A short discussion followed Mr. Remy's presentation.

Service Coordination Committee:

Mr. Cox explained that the committee had met on February 18 and had one item of action. The recommendation was to schedule a public hearing on the Transit Service and Coordination Program for the March 25 Commission meeting.

The information items included requesting Caltrans to provide information on city-level transit trips. This is part of a continuing effort to try to obtain origin/destination information that was requested by Mayor Russ.

The SCC is also going to be asking SCAG to include passenger stage operations and charter parties in its study of private bus operators, especially those serving the airports.

The SCC also reviewed the Article 4.5 policies, which have been referred to the Finance Review Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Cox moved for approval of the committee's report and recommendations and was seconded By Mr. Szabo. No objections were heard.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Richmond reviewed the status of Prop. A. He explained that the Board of Equalization had met and discussed the Attorney General's opinion, but on the advise of their staff and our counsel did not take any action. Counsel is meeting with the Board to discuss possible responses to the Attorney General's opinion.

Mr. Richmond also reviewed proposed applications for funds from the Federal Transit Systems Management Program. Mr. Richmond identified the agencies that were applying that were requesting Commission endorsement. Staff's recommendation was to endorse the projects.

Mr. Russ moved for approval of the recommendation and was seconded by Mr. Reeves. A short discussion followed. No objection was heard to the motion.

It was mentioned that the Citizens Advisory Committee had met last week and discussed the highway financing issue and took the position to support the Commission's highway financing legislation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concerning the proposed EPA sanctions on Los Angeles County highway projects, Mr. Heckeroth explained that Caltrans has the I-105 letter recommending that sanctions not be imposed on the I-105 project by the EPA. It was also explained that Caltrans will be sending their letter regarding the interchange of the I-110 and SR 11 freeways to the FHWA for forwarding to the EPA, and recommending that the project be exempted from sanctions on a safety basis.

A short discussion followed the presentation.

Mr. Heckeroth also indicated that Caltrans was requesting the Interagency Technical Coordination Committee (ITCC) to review the system being proposed for the Downtown People Mover to initially evaluate its expandability into a larger regional system.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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