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MINUTES

March 25, 1981

The regular Commission meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Rubley.

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Russ Rubley  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Mayor Ed Russ  
Councilwoman Pat Russell  
Wendell Cox  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
Peter Tweedt, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio, representing State of California

Staff members present were:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Russ, seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the minutes of the March 11, 1981 meeting. Mr. Heckeroth requested that the minutes reflect the completion of his statement on page 3...that Caltrans could provide a list of Category 2 soundwall projects only within six months. The minutes were approved, as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Rubley's remarks included the referral to a "letter of invoice" from the State Board of Equalization concerning the implementation of Proposition A. He also briefly

reviewed the press conference that had been held on March 23 at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club. Attendees at the conference included Mayor Bradley, Supervisor Hahn, and Don Burns, legal counsel to the Commission on the Prop. A issue.

Chairman Rubley also requested Mr. Russ to announce the news regarding the Route 91/I-110 interchange project. Mr. Russ informed the Commission that a letter was received from Mr. John A. Bates, Acting Division Administrator for FHWA Region IX, advising the Commission that the Environmental Protection Agency has concurred in their request to exempt this project from air quality sanctions. The Route 91/I-110 interchange project is ready for advertising with bid opening scheduled for May 21.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Remy reviewed with the Commission his recent trip to Sacramento with Commissioner Zimmerman, Rick Richmond and Tim Egan and their meetings with Assemblywoman La Follette, Assemblymen Roos, Bane and Vicencia, and Senators Foran and Speraw. The purpose of the trip was to discuss the LACTC-sponsored 1/2¢ sales tax bill and SB 215 (Foran).

#### State Legislation:

A. Mr. Remy informed the Commission that a second highway funding proposal had been introduced in Sacramento. He explained that AB 950 (Imbrecht) is similar to the Foran bill in that it:

- o raises vehicle registration fees;
- o raises truck weight fees; and
- o places a limit on the amount of sales tax which can go to the General Fund.

AB 950 would also hold harmless the General Fund at \$614 million per year as long as that amount is equal to or greater than the 1/4% replacement amount. AB 950 also provides a lesser amount of revenue than the Foran bill for State highways. Imbrecht's bill provides approximately \$1 billion, while Foran's provides approximately \$1.4; however, Imbrecht's bill may cover in the short term the current five-year STIP deficit of \$915 million.

Mr. Remy went on to state that in contrast to the Foran's bill, Imbrecht's bill would:

- o Place all sales tax spillover funds into the State Highway Account and not allocate any funds to cities

) and counties for streets and roads purposes. Foran's bill splits the gas tax increase and the spillover funds with locals;

- o Not allocate any funds for public transit use. Foran's bill allows 1/2 of the spillover to be allocated by RTPA's or county commissions for transit or highway use;
- o Remove the tax on a tax provision. This reduction of funds would adversely impact the amount of funds targeted on the State Highway Account;
- o Place truck weight fees into the DMV Account with the surplus going into the State Highway Account. This could be a problem if the DMV Account continues to run a deficit even with increased fees. Foran's bill places the truck weight fees directly into the State Highway Account; and
- o Not provide for a gas tax increase.

The Committee recommends that the Commission take the following actions and transmit this to Assemblyman Inbrecht for his consideration:

- o Provides funding for local streets and roads;
- o Provides funding for transit; and
- o Returns gas tax revenue to source of origin.

The Committee further recommends that if the author is not amenable to the Commission's suggested amendments, then the Commission should consider opposing AB 950.

Mr. Remy moved, and Mr. Zimmerman seconded, the Committee's recommendation. No objection was heard to the motion.

- B. Mr. Remy continued his report with a brief review of SB 571, recently introduced by Senator Mills. SB 571 would reauthorize and extend SB 620 (1979) and appropriate approximately \$518 million from the Transportation Planning and Development Account in the State Transportation Fund for various transportation programs statewide. Half of this \$518 million would, under SB 571, be allocated based on a population formula to RTPA's and county transportation commissions for public transit purposes. The other half is available for various statewide transportation programs administered by Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission. It was noted that approximately \$189 million of this total is set aside in a discretionary fund, which, under SB 620, was available for guideway development.
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Mr. Remy moved, seconded by Mr. Szabo, the Committee's recommendation to support SB 571 with amendments. Staff will report back on possible amendments, specifically as it relates to the \$189 million available for discretionary allocation by the California Transportation Commission.

- C. Mr. Remy explained to the Commission that he, Chairman Rubley, Bob Geoghegan, Rick Richmond and Tim Egan recently met with members of the SCRTD Board to discuss the 1/2% sales tax legislation. At that meeting, it was decided the Commission would approach Assemblyman Howard Berman as a possible author for the 1/2% sales tax legislation and if the Assemblyman would not author the bill, the Commission would seek his assistance in finding an author. If the Commission's dealings with Mr. Berman failed to produce an author, then the SCRTD would approach Assemblyman Roos as a possible author or seek his assistance in finding an author. Mr. Remy indicated that Tim Egan would be meeting with Assemblyman Berman next week on this matter.
- D. Mr. Remy briefed the Commission on new legislation which the Committee took action upon. The committee voted to support both AB 455 (Young) and AB 456 (Young). AB 455 is a conformance bill which would explicitly allow using FAU monies for rideshairng projects. AB 456 would define the term "acquire" for those purposes as including, among other things, the taking of real property by condemnation.

The Committee also took an "oppose" position on AB 479 (Ingalls), which would appropriate \$200,000 from the Transportation Planning and Development Account to the California Transportation Commission for a statewide transportation system study. It is felt that AB 479 duplicates the current transportation planning process we are currently involved in with SCAG and the other county commissions.

Mr. Remy also informed the Commission that the Committee was informed by staff that there is a proposal--SB 337 (Carpenter)--which would allow taxicab operators a 6¢ refund or exemption on the State fuel tax when participating in shared rides. It is not quite clear at this time what the fiscal implications of this bill are. Staff will be looking into the fiscal implications and keep the Commission informed.

A motion by Mr. Remy and seconded by Mr. Reeves was approved by the Commission.

#### Federal Legislation:

Impacts of Federal Budget Policies: The Commissioners received a preliminary staff report on the impact the new transit bill would have on highway and transit programs in Los

Los Angeles County. Mr. Remy highlighted the fact that Congress would be considering possible budget recisions or deferrals on April 7, 8 and 9, 1981. Recisions could possibly affect the following programs: Downtown People Mover, Urban Initiatives (which would fund the Union Station and 7th Street projects) and the Wilshire Starter Line. Mr. Remy suggested that the Commission reiterate support for the Four-Part Program to members of Congress. In addition, it was suggested that the Commission identify and indicate to Congress its opposition to any policies which would discriminate against Southern California in relation to other parts of the country (such as a blanket policy against new starts). Mr. Szabo also suggested that the Commission ask for clarification of the commitment at the Federal level to projects for which letters of intent have already been issued, i.e., I-105.

Since other issues, such as the proposed cuts in operating assistance, would be considered later (in conjunction with the 1981-82 Congressional budget), it was decided that further Commission action on these issues could wait until staff has completed its analysis.

A motion was made by Mr. Remy, seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Commission go on record as opposing the budget policies that specifically discriminate against Southern California and specifically opposing the depth of cuts to Amtrak. It was further moved that Congress make a careful evaluation of Amtrak routes and performance before making any final budget proposals for Amtrak and that it consider establishing a minimum ratio of farebox revenue plus local contribution to operating cost as a criteria for retention of Amtrak routes. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

#### California Energy Commission Guidelines:

Staff has drafted a letter to be sent to the California Energy Commission in response to their issuance of draft guidelines for Local Contingency Plans for Gasoline Shortages. The letter focuses on the role of the State Energy Commission in the development of local emergency plans and recommends that the Energy Commission serve as a facilitator and technical resource. Further, it recommends that the Energy Commission reevaluate State energy policy in light of the decontrol of oil by the Reagan Administration. The Committee recommends that this letter be sent to the Energy Commission.

Mr. Remy moved, seconded by Mr. Szabo, and hearing no objection, the Commission authorized Chairman Rubley to send the letter to the State Energy Commission.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mayor Ed Russ reported on the recommendations of the Finance Review Committee meeting of March 23. They included:

- o Approval of the STIP/RTIP reconciliation by adding \$6 million in safety funds for meridian barrier projects placed in the STIP by the California Transportation Commission. The Committee further instructed staff to request local jurisdictions to submit safety projects for consideration next year in programming safety funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Russ, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, to approve the motion. No objection was heard to the motion.

- o Adoption of the 1982-86 Los Angeles County Highway TIP - approved the following components of the 1982-86 Los Angeles County Highway TIP approved by Highways and Freeways Subcommittee and TAC:
  - Tier 1 and Tier 2 State highway projects, including the programming of stage 1 Route 101 widening project and moving the Route 405 soundwall project from FY '83 and FY '82;
  - Local Assistance streets and roads projects;
  - Regional FAU projects;
  - Interstate-funded State highway priority list and Primary and State Cash state highway priority list;
  - Shelf list of high priority major State highway projects; and
  - Discretionary State SB 620 funded requests.

In addition, the FRC approved the following additions:

- Program \$1M of State Cash for R/W Protection on Route 30, Foothill Freeway;
- Program R/W funds in Tier 1 (FY ;82) for the Route 10, San Bernardino Busway extension;
  - \$2.748M is already programmed in FY '82 for this purpose;
- Program funds for Route 5 at Burbank Blvd. widening project;
  - \$.862M is already programmed in FY '85 for this purpose.

Commissioner Russ then asked the Executive Director, Rick Richmond, to outline the categories of funding and the kinds of projects to be included in the TIP.

After Mr. Richmond's presentation, Mr. Russ made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cox, to approve the County Highway TIP as recommended. No objection was heard to the motion.

o Park-and-Ride Site Policy -

Reaffirm LACTC's policy of not approving any park-and-ride sites until agreement is reached between the City of Gardena and Caltrans regarding the facility and joint use of such site.

o Paratransit and Accessible Transit Subcommittee -

a) Recommend the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Council be maintained with its present status and present membership, and

b) Refer to the Service Coordination Committee determination of whether either an Ad-Hoc or formal subcommittee for paratransit operators is warranted, including consideration of membership for such a group.

o Modify Transit TIP amendment request from the City of Gardena, as approved February 11, 1981, by authorizing \$170,000 Section 5 reserve to be used in FY 1980-81 for operating expenses.

o Received a report on proposed scope of service on Prop. A Rail Corridor Priority Study.

o Received an initial report on Commission activities in support of the providing of transportation by the private sector (includes financial support of ride-sharing; sponsorship of legislation to remove disincentives to ridesharing; and thorough staff and Commission member participation in technical working groups and industry efforts).

o Received a revised FY 1981-82 SRTP/TIP schedule to be considered for final approval by the LACTC on June 10, 1981.

Mr. Russ moved, seconded by Mr. Cox, to approve the recommendations of the Finance Review Committee. No objection was heard.

) SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE (SCC)

Mr. Cox indicated that the next Service Coordination Committee meeting is scheduled for April 3, 1981 at the LACTC offices.

PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT TRANSIT COORDINATION AND SERVICE PROGRAM (TCSP)

The notice of public hearing was advertised on February 29 and March 17 in the Los Angeles Times and Herald Examiner. Final adoption will be made in May. Chairman Rubley asked if there was any person in the audience who wished to testify. No one responded from the audience.

COMMISSION PRIORITIES

Chairman Rubley gave a brief review of the discussion at the last meeting concerning Commission priorities. He stated that the meeting in Gardena was beneficial in furthering the "outreach" identification of the Commission to other jurisdictions. He said that he believed that the highest priority of the Commission at this time was the successful implementation of Proposition A.

The Executive Director summarized the material presented previously at the last meeting on the Commission's activities and priorities. He indicated that, although the Commission is a policy programming agency, a great deal of time and resources are spent on project specific areas, in addition to the statutorily required activities. This will be for the budget which will be prepared in April.

The essential question raised for the Commission's consideration and direction to staff was whether the present resources (time and staff) should be expanded to address the many project-specific matters, or whether the list of activities and projects should be limited so as to allow the existing staff to provide for quality analysis of those programs the Commission wishes to identify with. He reiterated a point previously made by Mr. Remy earlier in the meeting; the Commission's continued commitment to the 4-part program and other facilitative programs for implementing Proposition A.

General discussion ensued. Each Commissioner expressed his views on a variety of topics contained in the Executive Director's memorandum on priorities.

) Briefly, some of the observations were: Mr. Russ felt the need for an origin and destination study to be placed high on the priority list, as this is relevant to Proposition A as far

as the cities are concerned. Mr. Cox felt that ridesharing as a priority should be broadened to include all improvements in mobility, including private sector activities.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be discussed.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. APTA 1981 Western Conference on April 11-16 in Sacramento. Interested Commissioners should contact the Executive Director.
- b. Introduced Diane Patterson who joined the Commission staff as Assistant Fiscal Analyst, Highways.

#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Received and filed. The next Commission meeting will be held in the Gold Room of the Pasadena Civic Center at 3:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rick Richmond*  
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RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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