



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

MINUTES

April 22, 1981

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

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Russ Rubley
Mayor Ed Russ
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley

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

A motion was made by Mr. Reeves, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, to approve the minutes of the April 8 meeting. No objection was heard to the motion. Minutes were approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Rubley stated that he had received a letter from Ms. Anne Higgins of the White House staff, commenting on the letter sent to President Reagan by the Commission regarding the proposed budget cuts.

He also indicated that a letter was received today from the State Board of Equalization stating that they would require at least 60 days

to implement Proposition A and would cease activities to prepare for collection of the 1/2% sales tax if pending litigation on the adequacy of the November 1980 vote is not resolved by May 1, 1981. The legality of the State Board not beginning collection of the tax on July 1, as required in the ordinance, was referred to Counsel for a report back later in the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS

Mr. Stephen Yee and Mr. Lloyd Webeka, representatives of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Airports, made a presentation on the status of improvements at LAX. After detailing specific projects, Mr. Yee explained that all projects are under design, either preliminary or final drawing, or under actual construction. The Department of Airports also has the funding or bonding capabilities to complete all projects. A short question and answer period followed the presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Review Committee (FRC)

Mr. Russ reported on the FRC's meeting of April 21, 1981. The following action items for Commission's approval were:

- o Approval of Option B, endorsed by the Bus Operations Subcommittee, for the reallocation of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) shortfall.
- o Approval of the extension, on an exceptions basis, of the deadline for the utilization of regional TDA Article 3 funds and approval of the revision of the approved route for the City of Long Beach, Clark Avenue bikeway project.
- o Regarding the Route 101 widening project, which the Commission is seeking to include in its highway TIP, the Committee recommends that the Commission:
 - Continue to request an amendment to the current (FY 81/85) STIP, including the deletion of the rehabilitation projects, until the Route 101 project is included in the upcoming (FY 82/86) STIP;
 - Continue to request the inclusion of the Route 101 project in the upcoming STIP, but approve the deletion of an additional \$936,000 of Contingency Liability Lump Sums in the 1982-86 Los Angeles County TIP in order to identify additional non-rehabilitation funding for both the Route 101 Stage 1 and the Route 30 right-of-way protection projects;

- Request a written opinion from the LACTC County Counsel regarding the LACTC's role in programming rehabilitation projects.
- o Because the City of Carson did not have adequate notice of meetings in order to participate in the development of this year's FAU Regional Program, the Commission should request the FAU Policy and Technical Committees to reconsider their adopted program and allow the City of Carson to make their case for inclusion of the Del Amo Boulevard/Route 405 overcrossing project in that program.

Also request the Bus Operations Subcommittee to comment on the potential for bus service on Del Amo Boulevard, if that street were continuous.

- o Oppose the SCAG request that the LACTC develop a joint highways and transit TIP by March each year for the reasons highlighted in the January 21, 1981, LACTC letter to SCAG.

Mr. Richmond explained that, under the FAU program, the whole program was going to be returned as it was impossible to submit for the City of Carson only.

Mr. Russ moved for approval of the action items and was seconded by Mr. Cox. A short discussion followed Mr. Russ' report. No objection was heard to the motion.

The following items were presented for information only:

- o Mr. Tweedt highlighted several facts about the Century Freeway, notably that:
 - Under the Administration's Federal Highway Act proposal, which shifts amenities such as on-ramps, interchanges, and widenings on the Interstate system to the "4-R" program, the Century Freeway's "amenities" would be of high priority.
 - California is lagging behind on the obligation of Federal Interstate funds which puts the State at a disadvantage in applying for Discretionary Interstate funds.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC)

Mr. Remy introduced Mr. Irving Smith to review the Federal legislative matrix. Mr. Smith highlighted some of the legislation that is currently before Congress that is of interest to the Commission. Mr. Smith also reviewed budget highlights, including the

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reduction of operating assistance, reduction of capital funding, elimination of funding for new starts, and elimination of funding for Downtown People Mover projects.

It was Mr. Smith's understanding that Congressman Glenn Anderson's subcommittee would not consider the Administration's transit bill this year. The Senate has announced that they will consider the bill after one day of hearings on May 15, 1981. If a bill is not taken up in the House until early 1982, there is increased probability that some type of compromise might be reached between the Administration's proposal and what transit authorities feel is necessary for operation.

APTA feels that the rail cities and bus cities must be unified in their legislative programs.

Mr. Smith stated that he had attended a hearing in which Secretary Lewis said that although the Administration is planning drastic Amtrak funding cuts, the San Diego corridor is worthwhile for continued Amtrak funding.

On May 4, the House Appropriations Committee will receive testimony regarding the FY '82 appropriations. Mr. Smith has recommended to the IRC that the Commission should either present a statement or a representative. In July, Congressman Anderson's committee will consider views on both highway and transit legislation so that they may build a file for the authorization act that they will consider late this year. Mr. Smith recommended the Commission provide at least written testimony.

Mr. Remy stated that, although the Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not take a formal action relative to the submittal of testimony and/or trying to arrange appropriate witnesses to go back, staff was encouraged to put together some material that could be reviewed by the Commission to either be submitted to the Appropriations Committee in writing or to be delivered by a Commission representative.

Mr. Russ requested that the possibility of having someone representing the Commission in Washington on a full-time basis be discussed again. He also requested that the Commission and the SCRTD confer on legislative matters of mutual interest.

A short discussion followed. Mr. Rubley said he will poll Commission members to see who would be available to attend the May 4 meeting and who will be able to attend in July.

Mr. Remy presented the following legislation that was discussed and a position was taken on:

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AB 508 (Ingalls) - The Committee recommended by a 2-1 vote to support the bill. The feeling was that the measure moved the EIR process toward in a more prompt fashion. The only concern was that this bill might cause an EIR that was legally deficient.

AB 950 (Imbrecht) - This bill is coming up on April 28. It was a response to Senator Foran's bill on the gasoline tax increase.

AB 1176 (Ingalls) - At the last full Commission meeting, concern was expressed regarding the four full meetings requirement. The bill was amended and is being used for AB 402 cleanup.

AB 1460 (Young) - The feeling of the Committee was to support the bill if the Willowbrook Branch right-of-way is not stated specifically as being the first priority. It was suggested to read as a "high priority."

AB 1709 (Young) - This bill would give the Commission the ability to acquire railroad rights-of-way by eminent domain with a 10-year limit, by which construction would have to begin or the property be sold. The Committee opposed the bill because they were advised that the bill represents a diminution of authority of the Commission. The Commission already has eminent domain power, and this bill would limit it.

AB 1953 (Konnyu) - This bill was opposed as it was a restriction and it would apply to all operators. It was felt that the issue of fare box recovery and allocation should be a Commission decision and not a State statute.

AB 2025 (Elder) - Staff will suggest that this be a resolution rather than an actual Assembly bill, and to delete the figure \$10 million on the State Highway Route 47. The currently adopted TIP does not include \$10 million for that route.

SB 573 (Mills) - The Committee recommended support of this TDA clean-up bill. It indefinitely extends the Article 4.5 program.

SB 630 (Garcia) - The Committee's recommendation was to oppose the bill if it applies at all to the transportation field.

SB 772 (Greene) - This bill relates to the Century Freeway and the Committee recommends no position. The Committee had a problem with a directive to the Business and Transportation Agency to act expeditiously to implement the

court order and remove all impediments. The biggest impediment is that the project is about \$1.3 billion short of funds.

AJR 24 & 25 (Ingalls) - The Committee recommends support for these two joint resolutions.

Mr. Remy moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, the above recommendations of the IRC. A short discussion followed Mr. Remy's report. No objection was heard to the motion.

Mr. Remy continued with other items considered by the Committee:

SB 215 (Foran) - This bill has been amended. The first part of the amendment includes the Commission's position to support a program in the bill that would require Caltrans to spend monies if they are raised. The Committee recommended support of the bill, now that the amendments have been made. Although the allocation formula in the bills falls short of the recommended 85% return to the county of origin, it is the staff's impression that the new formula does move in a positive direction.

Mr. Remy moved, seconded by Mr. Russ, to continue to support the amendments that have been made. No objection was heard to the motion.

SCRTD Legislative Program: SB 274 (Foran) & SB 887 (Ayala) - SB 274 would exempt buses from the State air emissions standards and require that they just meet federal standards. The Committee's recommendation was to table the matter until the ARB is given an opportunity to express its concerns.

SB 887 was supported. This bill is part of the anti-crime legislation to assist the District. Mr. Remy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Russ, to support the recommendation on SB 887. A short discussion followed. There were no objections.

Mr. Remy explained that language on a bill regarding the 1/2¢ sales tax will be distributed to the members of the Commission.

Mr. Zimmerman led the discussion regarding a communication to the California Congressional Delegation and other interested parties on federal policies. Mr. Remy suggested that a reference be made to the Downtown People Mover and compliment the delegation for their help. Mr. Remy also suggested that SCAG, SCRTD, and Caltrans approve the letter. A short discussion followed with Mr. Geoghegan and Mr. Russ expressing their beliefs that it is important to have a full-time person in Washington.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Remy, to approve the draft letter with the suggestions included. No objection or further discussion was heard.

The suggestion from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for a joint meeting was also discussed. It was recommended by the Committee to invite them to Los Angeles for a meeting on May 4. Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Cox, to follow the Committee's recommendation. Mr. Russ suggested that a different date might be set due to a potential conflict with the House Appropriations Subcommittee hearings. Mr. Richmond would try to reschedule.

Mr. Remy indicated that he understood that Congressman Dymally and Congressman Anderson are working with the corridor cities to arrange for a meeting with Federal Highway Administrator Barnhart, as well as White House staff, on the issue of I-105. Mr. Remy felt that if a representative of the Commission could not be there on May 4, that a statement of policy expressing continued support for the project be presented.

Mr. Zimmerman questioned whether the staff could have the material ready for the chosen representative by the time they left for Washington. Mr. Richmond believed that specific details could be made available in advance for the representative.

Service Coordination Committee (SCC)

No action items were discussed. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 20.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Proposed FY 1981/82 LACTC Budget

Mr. Richmond distributed the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The budget document basically consists of a summary of the major activities that have been undertaken this year, most of which will carry a continued commitment of time and resources for next year. Mr. Richmond also explained that, under AB 1246, the Commission is required to hold a public hearing on the budget. Staff suggests that it be scheduled for the second meeting in May (May 27).

LETTER FROM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (continued from earlier in the meeting)

Mr. Schneider suggested that legal counsel (Nossaman, Krueger, and Marsh) be instructed to take whatever steps may be necessary to require that the State Board of Equalization start enforcing the 1/2% ordinance on July 1.

Mr. Cox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reeves, to instruct the attorneys to continue working with the State Board of Equalization to get a commitment consistent with the Attorney General's opinion. A short discussion followed the motion. No objection was heard.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cox made a motion that Hughes Aircraft Corporation be invited to make a presentation to the Service Coordination Committee on how they are working with express bus services for the employees at their new complex in El Segundo. Hughes is working with some of the major private and public operators. Mr. Russ seconded Mr. Cox's motion. Mr. Zimmerman requested that the Bechtel Corporation in Norwalk be extended the same invitation. No objection was heard to the motion.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The notice of meetings was received and filed. The next full Commission meeting will be May 13, 1981, at Norwalk City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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