



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

MINUTES

May 13, 1981

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Rubley at 3:25 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Russ Rubley
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Mayor Ed Russ
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
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio, representing the State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the April 22, 1981 was moved and seconded. No objection was heard.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Rubley indicated that SB 215, Senator John Foran's transportation finance bill, passed the Senate by a vote of 28-5 and expressed thanks to all those who were involved.

On May 4, Ray Remy, John Zimmerman, Wendell Cox, and the Chairman met with two members of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission from San Francisco in the LACTC offices. Chairman Rubley felt that the meeting was productive and that agreement with MTC on many legislative items will enhance our likelihood of success in those areas.

Regarding the May 27 dinner with the California Transportation Commission, the invitation has been accepted by the CTC. Staff will be contacting our Commission members to confirm who will be attending.

A Resolution of Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Shirley Irwin who had served on the Citizens Advisory Committee since its inception in 1977. She recently moved out of the county and therefore had to resign from the CAC.

PRESENTATION BY BECHTEL CORPORATION

A presentation was made by Mr. L. W. Hedrick of the Bechtel Corporation on Bechtel's employee vanpool program. Mr. Hedrick's presentation included a brief summary of the vanpool program that Bechtel has going for its employees and handed out a brochure on their program. He reviewed the different routes available and the cost advantages to both employees and Bechtel. A short question and answer period followed the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Review Committee (FRC)

Mr. Russ reported on the FRC's meeting of May 8, 1981. The following action items were submitted for Commission's approval:

- o That the Commission approve SCRTD's request to use FY 1981 farebox revenue to cover the FY 1980 cost overrun, provided the SCRTD, in submitting the revised FY 1981 TDA claim form, indicate the FY 1980 deficit as "operating excess carryover" (Line 4) rather than "operating expense" (Line 1) on Schedule C of the form.
- o Approval of the City of Los Angeles' request to amend the Overall Work Program to include \$380,000 UMTA Section 8 funds for the DPM Evaluation Program.

- o Adoption of "Option B" as the future policy for the allocation of shortfalls of any fund type among transit operators.
- o Approval of an amendment to the FY 80-81 TIP for \$162,000 UMTA Section 18 funds for the Antelope Valley transit program.
- o Endorse the cities of Hawthorne and El Segundo transportation systems management (TSM) projects for federal TSM funds and incorporate both projects into the FY 82-86 Los Angeles County TIP.
- o Approval of the Regional TDA Article 3 pedestrian and bicycle allocation policies, as amended:
 - Require that Regional TDA Article 3 funds be spent by jurisdictions within one year after the year in which the money is allocated (a 2-year limitation). After the two-year period, unexpended Regional funds will revert to the regional pot, unless a one-year extension is granted by the Commission.
- o Hold over, at this time, the SCRTD's request for additional funds to prepare for implementation of the Proposition A reduced fare program.
- o LACTC Programming Authority regarding State Highway Rehabilitation Program:
 - Transmit a letter to the California Transportation Commission regarding the Commission's intent to continue to support an amendment to the 1980 STIP to include the Route 101 project with rehabilitation funds identified as the funding source.
- o State Highway Needs Study:
 - Express LACTC's concern to Caltrans regarding the absence of an opportunity for formal local input to the Study, the treatment of the transitways on Routes 10, 101 and 405 as restripings rather than additional lanes, and the non-inclusion of widenings on Route 5, from LA/CBD to the Orange County Line, Route 101 and Route 2 (full cost), and construction needs on Routes 30, 47, and 90.
 - Continue Commission support of the return to source concept for the establishment of minimum expenditure levels for highway and guideways.
- o Century Freeway: The FRC approved all recommendations of staff included in the agenda on the issue of the Century Freeway and added the following:

- Urge Caltrans to identify the Century Freeway as a single "essential gap: between the Los Angeles International Airport and the I-605 (San Gabriel River Freeway).
 - Request Caltrans to take a position on the proposed federal highway bill consistent with the LACTC position.
 - Counsel will be requested to review the court settlement and detail the specified requirements regarding the housing replacement provision, the transitway and the freeway.
 - Request Caltrans to prepare and present a status report on the housing program.
 - Obtain the 1979 Interstate Cost-to-Complete Estimate for comparison of the magnitude of our funding needs with other major projects nationwide.
 - Establish a special LACTC Century Freeway Committee.
 - Analyze the original cost estimate of the Century Freeway with the 1981 cost estimate.
 - Obtain the inflation rates used for the Governor's proposed prison construction program.
- o Proposition A - Local Return Program:
- Approval of the circulation of the draft program implementation discussion paper for general review and comment;
 - Approval of the formation of a technical task force to further define methodology for prorating transit's share of roadway and/or traffic project costs.

Mr. Russ moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Cox, to approve the recommendations of the Finance Review Committee.

Mr. Szabo questioned the need for another freeway committee for the Century Freeway. Mr. Russ explained that since the Century Freeway project will be one of the most important projects, it was felt that the Commission should have their own committee. It was also suggested that Commissioner Zimmerman be appointed to head the committee, pending the Chairman's approval.

Mr. Remy made a motion that an investigation be made as to whether such a committee would serve as a coordinator and how well it would work with other committees. Mr. Russ' motion for approval of FRC's recommendations was approved, as amended by Mr. Remy. The staff

suggestion now reads as follows: Investigate the feasibility of a special LACTC Century Freeway Committee. No further discussion followed. No objection was heard.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC)

Mr. Remy reviewed the following issues that were discussed at the IRC meeting on May 13.

AB 479 (Ingalls): Staff will continue to work with the author. The bill would allow the regional commissions to have a more active role in the development and to give more authority to the State Transportation Commission. The LACTC position is to oppose the bill, but it did pass out of committee.

AB 548 (Ryan): This bill exempts ridesharing vehicles from various government fees, licenses and regulations and provides that ridesharing incentives provided by employers are not taxable income. The bill passed the Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee on March 25 to the Ways and Means Committee. LACTC's position is to support this bill.

AB 549 (Ryan): This bill clarifies existing state law to make ridesharing programs more acceptable to employers by providing compensation for workers injured while commuting to-and-from work in a ridesharing arrangement, in vehicle owned or licensed by the employer. The worker's compensation element was taken out in order for the bill to proceed forward. LACTC supports this bill.

AB 950 (Imbrecht): This bill would raise highway revenues by increasing vehicle registration fees, truck weight fees and placing a limit on the amount of sales tax which can go to the general fund. The bill does not address the revenue "shortfall" for local streets and roads and public transit. The bill is scheduled for hearing in the next two weeks. The Commission's position goes farther than the Assemblyman is willing to go. If amendments are not acceptable, the Commission's position is to oppose the bill.

AB 1176 (Ingalls): This bill would amend the requirement in AB 1246 that SCAG convene at least two meetings annually of the four county transportation commissions to discuss transportation improvement programs and other matters. AB 1176 would instead require that the four commissions meet at least four times annually to review and discuss the development of respective TIP's and the regional transportation plan before its adoption, and consider progress in the development of a regionwide and unified public transportation system and other matters as deemed appropriate. SCAG and Caltrans would provide assistance in holding the meetings.

It was the feeling of the IRC that the State Legislature should not mandate that the commissions convene four meetings a year. It was felt that the decision should be made by the commissions themselves. The recommendation was to support the bill only if the language requiring four meetings a year is omitted.

AB 1623 (Martinez): This bill would authorize Caltrans to construct a freeway without a freeway agreement with a county or city on a route recommended by a county transportation commission, if specified conditions have been met. The bill passed the Assembly Transportation Committee. Assemblyman Ivers has a competitive bill which has everything in it except the wording that you cannot do anything without a freeway agreement. It was the recommendation of the committee by a vote of 2-0 with 1 abstention to oppose the proposed Ivers' legislation. The Commission has already taken a support position on AB 1623.

SB 571 (Mills): This bill would reauthorize the SB 620 program, allow Caltrans to enter into contracts with railroad corporations to provide commuter and intercity passenger rail services, delete the provision of existing law which requires the department to acquire that portion of the abandoned Baldwin Park Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, require the California Energy Resource Conservation and Development Commission to undertake a research program on the practicality of alternative motor vehicle fuels. Staff was encouraged to continue monitoring the bill to see that it continues to move forward. The current SB 620 program is scheduled to run out next June.

SB 630 (Garcia): Now that this bill has no reference to public transportation fees, the committee withdraws its recommendation that the Commission oppose it.

1/2¢ Transit Sales Tax: Staff informed the Committee that Assemblyman Howard Berman has agreed to put into the hopper a bill for the 1/2¢ transit sales tax increase in Los Angeles. It will reflect the language of Proposition A with one exception, that the tax would only pertain to the land area included in the Southern California Rapid Transit District, thus excluding the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley and Avalon.

SB 274 (Foran): No position was taken on this bill. The bill would exempt certain SCRTD buses from certain air quality requirements.

AB 402 Clean-up Legislation: It was felt that the Commission should have some role in the area of monies allocated for state highway rehabilitation. It was suggested that the Commission be given the ability to influence the aggregate level of rehabilitation funding, though not get into project level analysis or prioritization. The Committee felt strongly that if the State

Commission overrules the local TIP or the Regional TIP, the Commission should have in writing on what basis it was overruled and that existing ground rules for overriding local TIP's should be tightened down. Staff will be returning with specific language that could be put into legislation.

Washington, D.C. Representation

Three options were reviewed on this issue. The feeling of the Committee was to recommend to the Commission that a set amount be set aside in the budget process for the hiring of special Washington representation for certain issues on as-needed basis. The sum of \$20,000 was mentioned. The recommendation would come from the Executive Director and allocation would be subject to Commission approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Remy, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan, to approve the Intergovernmental Relations Committee report. Some discussion on a couple of the bills followed. No objection was heard to adoption of the report.

Service Coordination Committee (SCC)

Mr. Cox informed the Commission that there were no action items to report. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 1981.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Upcoming APTA Annual Conference - Information would be sent out to the Commissioners.
2. Welcomed back Joe Leach who had been absent for some length of time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.


NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 27 at the Department of Water and Power, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director