



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

MINUTES

May 27, 1981

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

Members in attendance were:

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

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. Cox, seconded by Mr. Remy to approve the minutes of the May 13, 1981 meeting. No objection was heard.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Rubley invited Mr. Russ to tell the Commissioners about the bid opening he attended. Mr. Russ explained that he attended the bid opening at Caltrans headquarters for the Redondo Beach off/on ramp on the 91/I-110 Interchange. The winning bid was around \$4 million even though the engineers had predicted the cost to be around \$5 million. They should begin work in July and advertisement for the actual 91/I-110 interchange will be in March of 1982.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 81-82 BUDGET:

No comments were heard from the audience on the proposed budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:Service Coordination Committee:

The following recommendations were made from the SCC regarding the Article 4.5 funding requests:

- o Approve the applications for Compton, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lomita, City of Los Angeles, (including Harbor, Venice-West Los Angeles, West Central, San Fernando Valley, and Echo Park-Silverlake), County of Los Angeles, Lynwood, Monterey Park, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, and Pomona Valley, totalling \$2,749,440.
- o Approve a funding level of \$68,469 for El Monte and Glendora for the service period beginning on July 1 and ending on September 30. Hold an additional balance of \$205,409 in a reserve account pending resolution of service coordination and duplication problems posed by additional Article 4.5 requests filed by the East San Gabriel Valley Consortium and Pomona Valley.
- o Request that Pomona Valley, East San Gabriel Valley Consortium, Glendora and El Monte work out coordination and duplication problems and invite them to submit revised proposals for new service areas restricted to the transportationally handicapped.
- o Hold the Whittier and Beverly Hills applications until scaled-down proposals are submitted which are targeted to serve only the transportationally handicapped, which address those problems identified by staff, and for which unmet needs can be demonstrated.
- o Staff will set aside a reserve fund to be available to Pomona Valley, East San Gabriel Valley Consortium, El Monte, Whittier and Beverly Hills for service proposals in new areas which must be restricted to the transportationally handicapped.
- o Revised applications are requested by July 10. A recommendation will be forwarded to the FRC from the SCC for approval by the full Commission at its first meeting in August.
- o Consideration to be given to the development of a policy to limit Article 4.5-funded services in new areas to the transportationally handicapped, meaning those individuals who cannot get to bus stops and who require door-to-door service.

Mr. Cox moved for approval of the recommendations and was seconded by Mr. Russ. Mr. Russ made the following amendment with Mr. Cox's approval: that the approval of the SCC report be included in the FRC report.

In order to clarify a point, Mr. Cox said that only \$205,409 of the two reserve funds is earmarked for El Monte and Glendora; the balance is not committed to anyone. Mr. Russ also said there is no definition for "transportationally handicapped" at this time. The FRC has asked that staff begin looking at some kind of cost criteria to be developed for 4.5 operators with which to work.

Mr. Zimmerman volunteered to work with the City of Whittier in bringing their application up to an acceptable standard. Mr. Cox also noted that he had made a similar offer at the FRC meeting to East San Gabriel Valley.

Finance Review Committee (FRC):

Mr. Russ presented the following recommendations for approval from the FRC meeting:

- o Defer action on the request from the City of Simi Valley for LACTC to take a position on the early opening of a segment of Route 118 from De Soto Avenue to Tampa Avenue, pending a position from the City of Los Angeles on this request.
- o Received an interim report from Caltrans on C-2 and C-3 Category soundwall needs, and requested further information. Mr. Heckerth informed the Committee that the additional information requested earlier would be forwarded. It will include soundwall projects in various categories, which might, by virtue of their high decibel level, be considered for prioritization.
- o Appoint a member of the Commission as an LACTC representative to the Century Freeway Caucus instead of creating a separate LACTC committee.
- o Review status of various aspects of the Century Freeway/ Transitway project, including its cost history, other Interstate gap projects and their cost-to-complete estimates, and letters to the Governor urging strong leadership and support for the project, and letters to local corridor officials enlisting their support in urging the EPA to exempt the project from sanctions.

- o Reviewed staff analysis of implementation of the Prop. A reduced fare program and recommended adoption of the policies dealing with eligible recipients, eligible costs, specific fares and reductions, and revised criteria for receipt of TDA Article 4 funds. These policies are to provide guidance to transit operators in formulating their Prop. A reduced fare applications.
- o Reviewed the Proposed FY 81-82 TDA Article 4.5 programs. The same recommendation from SCC applies to FRC.
- o Approved FY 81-82 Hearing Board findings and recommendations on unmet transit needs, and recommended that the following Article 8 funds be set aside for transit service:

Palmdale	\$ 56,500
Lancaster	208,000
Avalon	-0-
Unincorporated County	504,500

It is also recommended that Article 8 funds in the amounts indicated below be released to the respective jurisdictions for streets and roads purposes:

City of Palmdale	\$ 149,042
City of Lancaster	604,116
City of Avalon	33,571
Unincorporated	1,619,329

- o Approval of proposed revision of the Citizens Advisory Committee By-laws (Ordinance No. 17) to provide for 44 members appointed by the Commission. The recommendation was from both the CAC and staff.

Mr. Russ moved for approval and was seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the recommendations of the FRC.

Mr. Dave Shapiro, President of the United Independant Taxi Drivers Association, commented on senior citizens' use of privately operated taxis under the 4.5 program.

Mr. Remy asked whether any other groups had commented on the eligible recipients issue under Prop. A. Mr. Russ explained that there had been very little response. Mr. Richmond said that it was suggested that Article 4.5 service operators be included in the reduced fare program. The Committee action is to hold that issue in abeyance for the time being, and seek additional clarification as to whether 4.5 carriers are included.

Mr. Richmond explained the basics of how the reduced fare program would be administered. The eligible operators would be advised of LACTC policies, and how to make applications to the Commission to support reduced fares. It was the opinion of the Commission's legal counsel that the 4.5 operators are included in the ordinance.

Mr. Cox said that in the event an operator is eligible to apply, for a reduced fare, and does not, the Commissioners shall be notified. A short discussion followed.

Mr. Rubley said that the Commission's representative to the Century Freeway Caucus Committee will be Councilman John Zimmerman.

Mr. Remy suggested that if the proposed reduced fare policies are approved by the Commission, that all interested parties would receive a copy and a time limit of one month after the decision of Prop. A be the deadline for any recommended amendments.

A short discussion followed.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC):

Mr. Remy informed the Commission that the next meeting is scheduled for June 10.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Richmond's report included discussing briefly the implementation of Prop. A. Mr. Richmond also reported on various other issues that staff had been working on with the RTD.

Under the local return program, draft policies have been developed for administering the program and have been distributed to all cities within Los Angeles County and to all members of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities. Comments on the policies are requested by June 15.

Staff has also been working with Caltrans to provide travel demand data on a city-by-city basis.

A draft RFP has been developed for a rapid transit corridor prioritization study.

It has been tentatively agreed that the Prop. A local return funds will flow from the Board of Equalization to the State Controller, down to the County Controller, and then to the local cities.

Staffing shortages will be temporarily handled through limited hiring and the use of part-time and intern personnel, and through the possible borrowing of staff from other agencies.

Mr. Richmond also expressed his appreciation and recognition to Donald Camph for all the hard work and effort he had put into the Prop. A local return project.

A short discussion followed.

Mr. Richmond also mentioned that a Federal Appellate Court had overturned a ruling of the District Court on the Section 504 regulations regarding the accessibility of mass transit to the elderly and handicapped.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Cox moved for approval of the appointees to the Productivity Committee of the LACTC. The recommended appointees were: Mr. Kevin Eckery, Ms. Ruth Mendelsohn, Mr. Dennis Archambault, Ms. Marcia Mednick, and Mr. Robert Stevens. Ms. Russell seconded Mr. Cox's motion.

A short discussion followed with the suggestion that at least one member of the Committee be handicapped. Included in the committee will be three representatives from transit management and three from transit labor. The total committee will consist of twelve members. No objection was heard to the motion.

Mr. Zimmerman mentioned that Mr. Tom Jackson had submitted his resignation from the CAC. Mr. Zimmerman requested that his resignation be accepted with regret and to send a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Remy expressed his wishes that the new General Manager of the SCRTD, John Dyer, receive a formal congratulations from the Commission and be invited to meet with the Commission.


NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

Notice of meetings was received and filed. Next meeting will be June 10, 1981 at West Covina City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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