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MINUTES

June 10, 1981

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Rubley at 3:20 p.m. at the West Covina City Council Chambers.

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Russ Rubley
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Mayor Ed Russ
Councilman John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Peter Tweedt, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Allan Hendrix, representing Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio
for 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The members adjourned into an Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. to discuss pending litigation issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cox moved for approval of the minutes of the May 27, 1981 meeting with the following clarification: Concerning the Article 4.5 allocations, staff is to report back to the Commission on future administration of the Article 4.5 program, with or without Prop. A, to address, such issues as service restrictions to transportationally handicapped for new and/or existing 4.5-funded services, general service standards such as days and hours of operations, fare policies and operating cost standards.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Rubley reported on the press conference for AB 2231, the 1/2% transit sales tax bill, which was held on June 5 in Mayor Bradley's conference room. The reason for the press conference was to announce that Assembly Howard Berman is sponsoring legislation to implement the 1/2% transit sales tax in Los Angeles County in the event that Commission is unsuccessful in the Courts on the November 1980 ballot issue. He mentioned that he, Assemblyman Berman, Mayor Bradley and Ted Pierce of our Commission were in attendance at the press conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Review Committee (FRC)

Mr. Russ reported on the following items that were discussed at the FRC meeting on June 8, 1981.

- o Century Freeway/Transitway - Received a status report from Caltrans on the Century Freeway/Transitway Housing Element and received a staff report on the inflation rate factors used by Caltrans on the Century Freeway construction costs as compared to the rate used for the proposed prison construction program of the State Department of Corrections.
- o Recommends approval of a revised FY 1981-82 Overall Work Program allocation in the amount of \$735,780 of UMTA Section 8 planning funds. Also, the Committee recommends rescission of the UMTA Section 8 allocation model and recommends staff work with BOS to develop a new methodology for allocation of future federal planning funds.
- o Recommends approval of the Commission's FY 1981-82 operating budget in the amount of \$2,117,917 as submitted to the Commission on April 21 by the Executive Director.
- o Recommends approval of the FY 1982-86 Transit TIP, as developed by the staff through the BOS, including a finding that it is in compliance with the Commission's adopted elderly and handicapped transportation plan.

Mr. Richmond outlined the staff's recommendation on the FY 1982-86 Transit TIP. He reported that approaching the final year of the UMTA four-year capital UMTA commitment, the County's progress is excellent. All bus and facility acquisition plans

have been met or exceeded. With regard to projects for FY 1981-82, staff recommended that all projects in Priority Groups I-III be approved for inclusion in the FY 1981-82 Annual Element of the TIP. Staff recommended summary approval of all capital and operating projects in the "out years" (FY 1983-86) and approval of the Wilshire Starter Line and Downtown People Mover (DPM) expenditure plans. In the case of the DPM, recent Congressional action to delete Federal funds earmarked for its construction make implementation of the project unlikely at this time. However, until such time as it is formally withdrawn by the City of Los Angeles, staff believes it appropriate to carry it in the Commission's TIP. Finally, staff recommended that the Commission endorse capital plans for consistency with the 504 Transition Plan.

The staff recommendations on these portions of the TIP received unanimous approval by the Bus Operations Subcommittee, Technical Advisory Committee and Finance Review Committee.

Mr. Richmond briefly explained issues staff had taken into consideration in preparation of options for allocation of transit subsidy funds in the FY 1982-86 TIP. These included the declining availability of transit subsidy funds and the possibility of service cuts and/or fare increases. He explained that the five options prepared by staff were designed to address various ways of dealing with these issues through the fund allocation process. He reported that BOS had met on May 27, 1981 and voted 6-5 against Option V, which called for a straight formula allocation, and unanimously voted to endorse Option I-A. This option called for basic fund allocation according to Option I, which allocated funds based on minimum guarantees and status quo service requirements, and distribution of a supplemental amount of funds to be distributed among operators according to formula, with the split of these funds between bus operations and the rapid transit set-aside to be determined by the Commission. BOS urged the Commission to consider allocating a full \$6 million to bus operations.

Mr. Richmond explained that the staff recommendation presented to TAC and FRC was the BOS recommended option (Option I-A) with a rapid transit set-aside of \$4 million. He stated that this amount of rapid transit set-aside was designed to maintain the Commission's high level of commitment to rapid transit. He reported that TAC and FRC unanimously approved the staff recommendation.

Mr. Cox asked for confirmation that the staff recommendation included the instruction for staff to work with transit operators on methods for mitigating impacts of service cuts and/or fare increases. Mr. Richmond stated that it did. Mr. Cox also reaffirmed the Commission's commitment to the rapid transit program.

Mr. Russ moved for approval of the staff's recommendation and was seconded by Mr. Tweedt. No objection was heard.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC)

Mr. Szabo presented the following issues that were discussed at the IRC meeting of June 9, 1981.

State Legislation

- o IRC recommends continued support of AB 548, 549, 550, and SB 320 and 321, the ridesharing bills.
- o AB 950 (Imbrecht) - The Committee was informed that the bill has an added amendment which would provide a 2¢ per gallon local option gas tax if approved by local County Board of Supervisors.
- o SB 215 (Foran) - This bill has passed the Senate and is set for hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee. It has been held in committee for one week for consideration of numerous proposed amendments.
- o SB 571 (Mills) - This is a two-year bill.
- o AB 2233 (Ivers) - This bill would require Caltrans to construct that portion of Route 7 within the City of Pasadena. However, the freeway could not be constructed in South Pasadena on a route that South Pasadena has not approved.

The Committee's recommendation was to remain neutral on this bill since the Commission has been actively supporting AB 1623 (Martinez) which also addresses Route 7.

- o AB 2231 (Berman) - This bill would implement the 1/2% sales tax for transit. Hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee is set for June 23, 1981.

The IRC's recommendation was to support AB 2231.

- o AB 1176 (Ingalls) - The Committee reviewed staff's recommended amendments to AB 1176. The amendments are written to accomplish the goal of strengthening local and regional priorities by requiring that the regional TIP's become the State TIP unless overriding statewide interest, insufficient funds, or conflicts between Regional TIP's conditions exist. It would

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restrict the overriding statewide interest provision to only apply to major new facilities which have statewide operational or financial impacts, and would restrict the insufficient funds provision to apply only to Regional TIP requests above that region's fund estimate. Major new facilities would generally be defined as those projects that are categorized as new highways in the STIP. If these amendments are accepted by Mr. Ingalls, the provisions which are currently in AB 1176 would be dropped. In the event that the amendments are not accepted by the author, then this bill, as currently drafted, would not be pursued.

Mr. Szabo moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, to accept the IRC's recommendations on the above items. Mr. Cox raised a question on AB 2233 (Ivers). Mr. Szabo indicated the IRC would return with further information. No objection to this portion of the IRC report was heard.

Federal Legislation

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- o The House Energy and Commerce Committee reported last month HR 3568 which would make selective cuts in Amtrak but would provide adequate funding to run a backbone system including the Los Angeles-San Diego run.

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee reported out last month S 1199 which would support the Administration's request which would provide, in Amtrak's view, only money to operate the Northeast Corridor.

- o The Committee also discussed Federal Legislative issues including UMTA Sections 3 and 5, Federal-Aid Interstate and Urban and Amtrak issues.
 - o The Committee reviewed the current status of discussions on transit reauthorization legislation. Staff discussed two optional means of achieving both continued bus funding and a modest discretionary program for major capital improvements. The Committee directed staff to work with SCRTD, other bus operators, the City and County of Los Angeles in working toward a unified legislative position from Los Angeles. If such a position is developed, staff will also return with a proposal for special Commission representation in Washington for purposes of advocating this position.
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Mr. Szabo moved, seconded by Mrs. Russell, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Additional time is necessary for the finalization of a contract with Smith & Howard Associates. Staff will return at the next meeting with a finalized contract for FY 1981-82.

Service Coordination Committee (SCC)

Mr. Cox indicated that the SCC meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 12 noon.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Richmond mentioned the consideration of the reduced fare program with Proposition A.

He also expressed special thanks to Pat Van Matre and Elliott Smith for their efforts for development of the Transit TIP.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business. Mr. Rubley did discuss with the audience the lack of public attention to government affairs.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed. The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 1981 at the Department of Water and Power Building, 111 North Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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