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MINUTES

November 18, 1981

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

Members in attendance were:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cox moved for approval of the October 28 minutes; seconded by Mrs. Russell. Bryan Allen mentioned that (page 8, paragraph 4) Dr. Abraham Falic should be corrected to "Dr. Abraham Falick, Chairman of the Coalition for Rapid Transit." Mr. Allen also mentioned that a substitutive correction on the 4th and 5th lines of the same paragraph, finance rapid transit should be replaced by "finance rapid transit stations through public or private enterprise development."

Mr. Heckeroth mentioned that (page 8, paragraph 2) Point #5 of the motion was amended to include the word "institutional" but it was not reflected in Exhibit A.

There was no objection to the motion which was approved, as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Rubley announced that Mr. Blake Sanborn will be appointed as Supervisor Schabarum's alternate replacing Peter Tweedt. Mr. Sanborn needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors before he can officially be brought on board. He will not be present until the Commission meeting in December.

Mr. Rubley mentioned the appointments to the Productivity Committee. The two appointees are Dr. Peter Shaw, Director of Institute of Transportation Policy and Planning, California State University Long Beach; and Mr. Lazear Israel, writer and 40-year user and observer of Los Angeles' mass transit operations. It was moved and seconded to approve the appointments. No objections were heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTSAd Hoc Rapid Transit Committee

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Ad Hoc Rapid Transit Committee had reviewed progress of staff and consultant on the Long Beach-to-Los Angeles light rail project and the evaluation of other rapid transit opportunities. He said that the Committee recommended Commission approval of two work products: the Outline of Work Program (Working Paper No. 1) and Methodology, Goals, Objectives and Criteria (Working Paper No. 3). He then introduced Martin Rubin and Walter Kudlick of PBQ&D.

Mr. Kudlick briefly described the two work products and responded to questions asked by the Commissioners.

The next meeting of the committee will be on December 2, 1981.

Mr. Bryan Allen suggested that certain economic factors be added to the criteria in Working Paper No. 3.

The Commission unanimously approved the consultant's work program and the proposed methodology.

Finance Review Committee

Mr. Russ reported on the Finance Review Committee meeting of November 16. The FRC recommendations discussed for Commission approval were as follows:

o Route 71 (Corona Expressway) Widening Project

Mr. Richmond presented the County of San Bernardino's request to include preliminary engineering costs for the Los Angeles County portion of the Route 71 (Corona Expressway) widening project in the 1982-86 Los Angeles County TIP. Funding will be provided by the County of San Bernardino.

Mr. Richmond also stated that staff has been working with the City of Pomona regarding their concerns with the potential widening of Route 71 north of Route 60 and the impact on the interchange of Route 60 and Route 71. The FRC recommendations included in the agenda package address the City of Pomona's concerns.

The Commission then heard a presentation from San Bernardino County Supervisor Robert Townsend and SANBAG Executive Director Wes McDaniel regarding the Route 71 project.

Ora Lampman, City Administrator of the City of Pomona, next presented his city's concern regarding the FRC recommendation. He wanted the Commission to add a condition to the recommendation that near-term improvements on Route 71, such as the City of Pomona's plan to construct on and off ramps on Route 71, north of Route 60, to serve a new regional shopping center, would not be delayed because of the longer term study of the widening of Route 71.

The Chairman asked that the County of San Bernardino, City of Pomona representatives and staff confer on acceptable language and return to the meeting.

Acceptable language to all parties was presented later by Linda Pendlebury, staff. The Commission approved the revised recommendation with the addition by Commissioner Ed Russ that Condition #5 contain the statement, "costs borne by the City of Pomona." The approved recommendation is as follows:

Recommend that the Commission amend the 1982-86 Los Angeles County TIP to include the San Bernardino

County-funded preliminary engineering costs for the Los Angeles County portion of the Route 71 widening project with the following conditions:

1. That the design work would clarify the scope of improvement needed, and that the scope of Los Angeles County improvements would have to be approved by the LACTC;
2. That reasonable efforts would be made to mitigate negative impacts to the City of Pomona and other communities in Los Angeles County;
3. That the concept of an expressway be developed as a full alternative in addition to a freeway alternative;
4. That, if at a later date San Bernardino County requests State and/or Federal funding, the LACTC consider this request in relationship to other state highway priorities in the County;
5. That the LACTC supports the implementation of near-term operational improvements to Route 71 (costs borne by City of Pomona) north and south of Route 60 as a separate activity from the project development work on the longer-term widening of Route 71.

o Route 5 at Rye Canyon Interchange Project

Mr. Richmond outlined the Valencia Corporation's request to include three freeway ramp projects on Route 5 and Rye Canyon Road in the Valencia area in the Los Angeles County TIP. The project will be fully funded and engineered by the Valencia Corporation.

Heinz Heckerath expressed Caltrans' concerns regarding traffic operations of existing interchanges and a truck weigh station in the project area.

The Commissioners commended the Valencia Corporation's willingness to fund these state highway projects.

The Commission approved the FRC recommendation to approve and expedite three Route 5 ramp projects sponsored and fully funded by the Valencia Corporation for inclusion in the 1982-86 Los Angeles County TIP.

o Office Space

Recommend that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a sublease with the Community Redevelopment Agency for replacement office space, starting May 1, 1982 at a net total cost less than currently proposed by the CRA.

o Preparation for Reduction in Federal Transit Funding

1. When Proposition A is enacted, ask cities and county to look at the "local return" portion as a resource for supplying transit service if the SCRTD, due to Federal funding cuts, is forced to reduce or eliminate service in their area.
2. Ask SCRTD to work with LACTC staff in immediately reviewing options for balancing the District's budget in FY '82 and FY '83 without a fare increase and in analyzing trade-offs between raising fares and selectively reducing low-productivity bus services. This review should be made only enough to preserve options for making timely service changes that improve productivity of subsidy dollars.
3. Ask all operators to report on opportunities for shifting resources from high-cost-per-passenger services to bus lines which can serve more passengers with an equal or smaller budget; included in these opportunities is immediate commencement of the orderly transition of certain services from the public sector to private operators.
4. Ask SCRTD to work with staff in defining innovative methods of maintaining mobility in low density area (e.g., paratransit substitution or pulse points).

o New Business

The Executive Director will submit, by December 1, 1981, a letter of interest on behalf of the LACTC for SB 620 guideway funds. A decision on a formal SB 620 application will be contingent on the results of the current light rail study.

Commissioner Russ expressed his concern over the potential loss of \$4.1 million in Prop. 5 funds if they are not obligated by the end of FY '82.

Motion was made to approve the Finance Review Committee's recommendations, as amended. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Russell. No objection was heard.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

The committee did not have a meeting this month. Mr. Richmond reported on an action taken last week in Washington by the House Senate Conference Committee for the federal budget for fiscal year 1981-82. \$10 million has been included in the Conference Committee report for preliminary engineering for the Wilshire Starter Line.

Service Coordination Committee

Mr. Cox reported on the committee's meeting of today. He reported on the committee's recommendation for membership on the Paratransit Operations Subcommittee.

Membership Category A - Paratransit Providers

Private for profit (3 Members)

- o United Checker Cab Co.
- o South Bay Special Transit
- o APT Medical Transportation Company

Public or private for non-profit (4 Members)

- o City of Monterey Park
- o City of Torrance
- o Mid Cities Association for Retarded Children
- o Long Beach Public Transit Company

Alternates

- o Medi-Ride
- o Celebrity Car Leasing

Membership Category B - Lead Agencies

6 Members

- o South Bay: City of Gardena
- o Southeast Los Angeles: City of Downey
- o Central L.A. to Santa Monica: City of L.A.
Department of Transportation
- o San Fernando Valley: Northridge Hospital
Medical Center Foundation
- o San Gabriel Valley: Get About Transportation
- o North County: (no applicants)

Alternates

- o L.A. County Department of Senior Citizens Affairs
- o City of Los Angeles Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Membership Category C - Social Service Agencies

5 Members

- o State Department of Rehabilitation (Downey)
- o Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles
- o Foothill Area Community Services
- o Mid-Valley Manpower
- o Trans-West

Alternates

- o The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU)
- o East San Gabriel Valley Consortium

Membership Category D - At-large Members

3 Members

- o United Independent Taxi Drivers
- o Caltrans
- o SCAG

Alternates

- o Roger Teal
- o Rene Wilson

A recommendation was made for adoption of more definitive criteria for Categories 2A and 2B in the express service classification for the Transportation Coordination and Service Program. SCC is recommending the criteria suggested by the Bus Operations Subcommittee. It was moved and seconded that the Commission approve the recommendation. No objection was heard.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Proposition A Litigation: Arguments on the Commission's Prop. A case were heard by the State Supreme Court on November 2.
- B. CAC Nomination: Mr. Richmond mentioned the nomination of Herb Cranton by Supervisor Schabarum to the Citizens Advisory Committee. He requested Commission's approval of this nomination. It was moved and seconded. No objection was heard.

- C. Introduction of new staff member: Annette Honda was introduced to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 9 at Long Beach City Hall Council Chambers and on December 16 at the County Hall of Administration, Room 374-A. No objection was heard to the change in meeting dates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission recessed at 4:37 p.m. for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Meeting was reconvened at 5:20 p.m.

Chairman Rubley reported that a Special Hearing Board on personnel matters has been formed. The members will consist of Messrs. Wendell Cox, Ted Pierce, and Blake Sanborn. The Board will hold a hearing within 30 days.

Mr. Remy amended the time to a 45-day period.

It was unanimously approved, as amended, that the Special Hearing Board will hold a hearing within 45 days.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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