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MINUTES

December 9, 1981

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ Rubley at 3:25 p.m. at Long Beach City Council Chambers.

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Russ Rubley
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman John Zimmerman
Mayor Ed Russ
Wendell Cox
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
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 mentioned that on Page 5, under Item 2, 7th line, of the November 18, 1981 minutes, the word only should be changed to the word soon. The sentence should read: "This review should be made soon enough to preserve options for making timely service changes that improve productivity of subsidy dollars." It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes, as amended. No objection was heard.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Rubley read a letter from the American Society for Public Administration, Los Angeles Metropolitan Chapter, to the Commission. The letter congratulated and advised the Commission

that the Chapter has selected the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to receive the Annual Henry Reining Award for 1981. This award is given to a government agency or other institution that has made a significant contribution to good government in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area. The award will be presented on January 8, 1982.

Mr. Remy moved that the Commission get suitable press exposure for this award presentation, seconded by Mr. Cox. No objection was made to the motion.

PRESENTATION BY CITY OF LONG BEACH STAFF ON LIGHT RAIL PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Mr. James Pott, Director of Public Works, made a presentation on what the City of Long Beach has done on the light rail project. He indicated that a staff report was submitted to the Long Beach City Council which was approved on October 27, 1981. The City of Long Beach takes a formal position to fully support the current investigation of the Commission relating to rapid installation of a light rail starter line on an at-grade basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Review Committee

Mr. Russ reported on the committee's meeting of December 7, 1981. The committee recommends the following actions for Commission approval:

- o Principles for Prop. A Reduced Fare Policy Agreement with Operators

Authorize staff to negotiate a one-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SCRTD regarding implementation of the Prop. A reduced fare program based on principles recommended by staff and revised by Commissioner Cox.

Mr. Cox's revisions include minimization of the reduced fare program costs through:

- deployment of buses to serve line segments unable to accommodate the patronage increase due to the reduced fare program, and
- utilization of innovative transit approaches, such as transfer to peak-only express services to the private sector.

The committee also requested staff to return with a discussion of options for implementation of the Prop. A reduced fare program during the fourth year, when Prop. A subsidies may be reduced.

o Reprogramming of FY 1982 Article 4.5 Funds

Recommend recision of the approved TDA Article 4.5 allocation of \$340,343 to the Southeast-South Central Dial-A-Ride, and reallocation of \$122,500 of these funds to SCRTD to add bus service in the Southeast-South Central area. Request further details on funding needs of Get About and other social service transportation providers for implementing AB 120 prior to action on the remainder of reprogramming recommendation.

Mr. Russ mentioned that it was his understanding that, at both the FRC and SCC meetings, there was no objection filed by the City of Los Angeles or the particular agency itself. So the rest of those funds (\$122,500 and \$340,343) are still reserved for allocation for 4.5 operators.

Mr. Russ moved for adoption of the recommendation, which was seconded. No objection was heard.

o LACTC Office Space

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a sublease with the Community Redevelopment Agency for approximately 7,731 square feet at 68¢ per square foot, per month, effective May 1, 1982, and approve the associated moving costs such as liquidation of the current lease.

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation. Mr. Zimmerman mentioned that he had some reservations to the move. Mr. Richmond mentioned the three reasons for the move are: 1) security, 2) restroom facilities are not accessible for the elderly and handicapped, and 3) cannot accommodate for any growth should that be the desire.

After much discussion, the recommendation to move was approved with Mr. Zimmerman casting a "no" vote.

o Compensation of Commissioners

Approve reimbursement of Commissioners or their alternates, up to \$300 per month and \$75 per diem maximum, for Commission business based on the following priority order:

1. Commission meetings,
2. Commission committee meetings, and
3. Commission business, when approved by the Chairman of the Commission.

Mr. Russ mentioned that if the alternate and Commissioner both attended a Commission meeting, they would both not be compensated unless staff had asked the alternate to attend the meeting on the thought that the Commissioner might not appear. Mr. Richmond proposed that the process that is being used will continue, i.e., when a Commissioner is unable to attend a meeting, then the alternate would receive the per diem for that meeting. Mr. Remy mentioned that it would be a good policy to make sure that it extends to all three conditions.

It was moved and seconded. No objection was heard to the recommendation.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Mr. Remy mentioned that there was no meeting held by the committee, but that he had one item to report which is the Prop. 5 issue. He also indicated that Arthur Teele, UMTA Administrator, will be visiting Los Angeles on December 18, 1981.

Basic Features of Proposed State Proposition 5 Revisions

Annual Prop. 5 funding levels would be set through the legislative budgeting process, as is currently the case.

For purposes of allocating state transit guideway funds, the amount available each year from Prop. 5 and the Transportation Planning and Development Account (SB 620) will be pooled. Half of the pooled guideway funds will be distributed to the Prop. 5 counties* based on population shares, provided a county can demonstrate its need for the funds. The distribution of the remaining half of the transit guideway pool would be at the discretion of the CTC.

Prop. 5 allocations would be available for encumbrance for three years, as is the case with highway projects. Funds not encumbered within the three-year period could be reallocated by the CTC to other transit or highway projects.

The existing Prop. 5 funding level for San Diego County would be retained until their advance is repaid.

The existing Los Angeles County reserve (as of January 1, 1983) would be retained with an encumbrance deadline of January 1, 1986.

*Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara

Mr. Richmond reported on the Prop. 5 meeting which he attended. He indicated that no action by the Commission is necessary at this time.

Mr. Remy hopes this Commission would bring the interested parties together with a more united view. The California Transportation Commission will be presenting their position.

Mr. Heckerth indicated that Caltrans believes that Prop. 5 should be treated the same way as highway funds.

Ad Hoc Rapid Transit Committee

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the committee met on December 2. He asked Mr. Richmond to summarize the description of the L.A. to Long Beach baseline system.

Mr. Richmond reported that the basic approach to be used in the L.A.-to-Long Beach is to define a "baseline" system which would be a minimum cost system sufficient to meet minimum operating and service requirements. The study will also consider possible additions and deletions to the baseline system which will provide decision-makers with the kind of information needed to make trade-offs among various system features intended to help achieve different, and sometimes conflicting, objectives. For example, some add-ons may improve system running time but at some additional cost.

The baseline system identified by the consultant is a single-track light rail transit system between Willow Street in Long Beach and Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles with passing sidings located at nine intermediate stations. From Willow Street to the Long Beach CBD and from Washington Boulevard to the Los Angeles CBD, service would be provided by double tracks on existing streets. To repeat, this baseline system is the minimum cost system and does not necessarily reflect the recommendations of the consultants nor does it assume any policy preferences of the Commission or the cities.

The baseline system would operate within the Southern Pacific right-of-way, whenever possible, but on a completely separate track. This would require the relocation of SP tracks in several locations. The main advantages of this approach are:

- o lower capital costs;
- o no joint use with freight tracks; thus, potential conflicts with freight operations is minimized, thereby enhancing the possibility of acceptance by the railroad;
- o since no joint use is contemplated, running times would be more reliable, though admittedly somewhat longer.

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Rapid Transit Committee will be held on December 16, and the committee will make a report at the next Commission meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to approve the committee's report.

Mr. Cox asked staff to distribute copies of the City of Long Beach report to the Ad Hoc committee.

The discussion paper on institutional options for rapid transit development will be reported on at the next Commission meeting.

No objection was heard to the motion by Mr. Zimmerman.

STATUS REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR ROUTE 91/I-110 INTERCHANGE

Mr. Russ reported that he and Mr. Remy attended a joint meeting with representatives of Department of Water and Power, Caltrans, and City of Los Angeles. No final decision was made at the meeting. He will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Citizens Advisory Committee Nominations: Mr. Rubley has nominated Robert Huddy and Supervisor Edelman has nominated Warren Martin to serve on the CAC. They requested Commission endorsement for these appointments.

It was moved and seconded to approve the appointments of Messrs. Huddy and Martin to the CAC. No objection was heard.

2. Press Conference by the Southern California Transportation Action Committee: Chairman Rubley asked that the brochure by SCTAC be passed out to the Commissioners. Mr. Richmond indicated that SCTAC has requested to make a presentation at a future Commission meeting on their proposal for regional freeway bus service.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice of meetings was received and filed. The next Commission meeting will be held on December 16 at the County Hall of Administration, Room 374-A at 3:00 p.m.

RELOCATION OF LACTC OFFICE

Mr. Zimmerman requested from staff an accounting of the cost which will be incurred in the relocation of LACTC offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

At 4:48 p.m., the regular meeting was reconvened.

Chairman Rubley introduced Blake Sanborn, former mayor and councilman of City of Whittier, who will be joining the Commission.

Chairman Rubley reported that in Executive Session, the Commission decided to give a vote of confidence to the Executive Director with an increase of salary of \$5,000 retroactive to September 1 and his evaluation to be done again on July 1. Motion was made by Mr. Remy, seconded by Mr. Szabo, to approve the Commission's recommendation to increase the salary of Mr. Richmond. No objection was heard.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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