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MINUTES

January 12, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Edelman at 1:50 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Ed Edelman
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Council Member Christine E. Reed
Councilman Ernie Kell
Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Wendell Cox
Burke Roche, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Allan Hendrix, representing Heinz Heckeroth

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

Mrs. Bacharach mentioned that on page 5 of the December 8, 1982 minutes, under the UMTA Statement of Paratransit Policy, Item #1 which reads: "that the policy be applied only to new and significantly restructured transit services." was deleted by the Service Coordination Committee. She moved that this item be removed from the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Mr. Cox mentioned that on page 4, with regard to the discussion of the federal gas tax proposal and Commission approval of the staff recommendation, it should be noted that the Commission did express a concern that staff not be too anxious to support an increase in the local share with respect to funding major rail program.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of December 8, 1982 were approved, as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Edelman highlighted the Commission's accomplishments during his year as chairman. He said the move from the Department of Water and Power to the Hall of Administration had encouraged public participation and better press coverage. The most significant events were the Supreme Court's validation of Proposition A and the start of preliminary engineering on the light rail line from Los Angeles to Long Beach. He also commented on his efforts to expand and improve the Caltrans freeway message sign program. He read a letter from Heinz Heckeroth regarding a change in operating policy which will remove the controversial public service messages from the signs. He thanked the members for their assistance and wished Councilwoman Russell good luck in her upcoming tenure.

Chairman Edelman passed the gavel over to Councilwoman Russell.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairwoman Russell called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Remy nominated Supervisor Antonovich; seconded by Mr. Sanborn. No other nominations were heard.

Supervisor Edelman moved to close the nomination; seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Supervisor Antonovich was elected by unanimous vote.

NEW CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Chairwoman Russell congratulated Supervisor Edelman for his successes during the previous year, in particular the Supreme Court decision validating Proposition A. She said the Commissioners were very impressed with Ed's ability to "pull the rabbit out of the hat." She also mentioned that Supervisor Edelman had worked very hard to get the Proposition A programs underway promptly and efficiently after the tax became effective.

Chairwoman Russell said the next year holds some good news and some bad news for the Commission. The new five-cent gas tax offers exciting opportunities for improved transit and building rail transit facilities. But now it appears that instead of problems with financial support at the federal level, we are now facing a new set of problems with our own state government.

She said she hopes the Commission will spend time working with local jurisdictions to make sure the Proposition A Program is well managed. She said she believes the Commission's success will be measured, to a large extent, by the quality of the Local Return Program. She also mentioned that the financial problems facing bus transit operations are still with us and that the Commission must work with the operators to maintain quality service and equitable fares in the coming years.

Chairwoman Russell said that moving the Prop. A rail system from a map to a reality is going to take a lot of work, and cooperation with other transportation agencies is important. She said that the individuals who serve on the Commission, whether by accident or design, were now going to make critical decisions about the future of Los Angeles. She said she feels very fortunate to be in the right place at the right time and is looking forward to working with the rest of the Commissioners to develop a regional transportation system which serves the people and contributes to the economic development and the health of Los Angeles County.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of January 10, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for the Commission's approval:

Agreement with SCRTD for Bus Fare Reductions

- Approve the proposed master agreement with SCRTD for the Proposition A Fare Reduction Program

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Roche. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Proposition A Reduced Fare Subsidies for Dial-A-Ride Systems

- Accept the proposal of the cities of Arcadia and La Mirada for participation in the Proposition A Fare Reduction Program for their dial-a-rides based upon staff's recommended modifications.

- Direct the Executive Director to execute the Fare Reduction Contracts with La Mirada and Arcadia based upon the approved modifications.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Edelman. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

EPA Sanctions of Federal Highway Funding

- Communicate to the EPA and to the Commission's Congressional Delegation, the LACTC's:
 - 1) Opposition to the imposition of sanctions as inconsistent with the letter and intent of the Clean Air Act; and
 - 2) Support for expeditious consideration of amendments to the Clean Air Act which would retain desirable clean air standards but set more realistic deadlines in severely polluted areas.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Route 30 (Foothill Freeway) Implementation Plan

- Commit \$15,000 of TDA Administration funds to the cost of the Route 30 (Foothill Freeway) Implementation Plan Study, contingent upon the commitment of funds for this plan by the cities of La Verne and Claremont and the County of Los Angeles.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Public Relations Consultant Contract

- Authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts with David Abel & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and Market Communications in an amount not to exceed \$17,960 (not including publications) for public relations consultant assistance.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Office Space

- Authorize the Executive Director to contract with the Banco Popular for an additional 2,300 square feet of office space in the Banco Popular Building,

and sublease 1,300 square feet to the firm of
Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed.
Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

1983 Commission Holidays

- Remove Veteran's Day from the Commission holiday list and declare the day after Thanksgiving to be a holiday from work.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed.
Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Union Station Acquisition

- Allocate \$2.1 million to the State Department of Transportation from Los Angeles County Proposition 5 Guideway Funding for the purpose of acquiring the Union Station depot and surrounding property.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox.
Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Mr. Sanborn also reported on the following information items:

- The FRC held a public hearing on the proposed update and revisions to the Proposition A Local Return Guidelines. Action on this item is scheduled to be taken at the January 24, 1983 FRC meeting.

Proposition A Local Return Project Proposal from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes

- Action on the Proposition A Local Return Project proposal from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes was held over until the FRC's January 24, 1983 meeting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the committee's meeting of January 12, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

Federal Legislation

The federal gas tax bill has been signed by the President. This is a very important piece of legislation from the standpoint of the citizens of Los Angeles County and offers us some good

opportunities. We should note that the passage of this bill will make a resolution of the issue of county minimums even more important. Because additional funds will be available, it will require this Commission to work with members of our legislative delegation to get some form of reasonable relief from the county minimum requirement on highway allocations.

State Legislation

A memo was distributed entitled Proposed State Budget for FY 1983-84. There are some specific recommendations from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on those items which are addressed in the budget.

We will be sending a separate communication to the Governor on proposed cuts in Proposition 5 capital funds with copies to key legislative members and the private sector so that they are aware of a common position we are looking at on these budget matters. We felt that the first item of not funding the Prop. 5 program, is not a budget matter; this is not a shift of funds from transportation to general funds to deal with the very difficult deficit questions but rather a philosophical question that these funds which have been approved here in Los Angeles County will be shifted from highway priorities to transit priorities where there is a worthy project. This was the intent of Los Angeles County voters when they voted for Prop. 5. We feel very strongly that the Prop. 5 program should be continued since it is vital for our future guideway efforts.

Secondly, we felt that there are other significant proposed cuts and we should indicate that we do not support cuts in the following programs:

- Guideway portion of the TP&D Account
- STA
- Ridesharing
- Intercity rail

We believe each one of these programs is a necessary and worthy program. However, we are cognizant of the State budget deficit and have therefore prioritized those programs in order of importance to L.A. County. The first item of priority is the transportation planning and development program, with cuts proposed for the guideway portion. This is the number one area since it is an integral part of the overall capital funding program. The second priority is the State Transit Assistance Fund which has a proposed reduction of \$27 million or 26% in FY 1983-84. Third, was

the ridesharing program which was reduced from basically 10.8 million to 4.8 million. This program has been very closely identified with this Commission. There was an implied understanding that money generated in SB 320 which capped the allowable state gas tax deduction on your tax forms would flow into a ridesharing program. However, the funds are now proposed to flow into the general fund to help offset the deficit. Our fourth priority was the commuter intercity rail service. Particularly we would like to identify the Oxnard-to-Los Angeles rail line since it is a demonstration line, and we at least ought to have an opportunity to see whether the demonstration works before the program is terminated.

Mr. Remy moved the committee recommendations as they relate to items on the proposed state budget for fiscal year 1983-84; seconded by Mr. Szabo. Motion approved.

Several citizens then testified on their desire to see the Oxnard-to-Los Angeles rail service continued. Commissioner Cox initiated a discussion and motion to urge Caltrans to vigorously pursue its protest of the ICC approval of the Southern Pacific tariff. However, no action was taken.

Mr. Remy then went on to review several bills which did not require any action at this time.

Staff was authorized to develop testimony for a January 21 hearing by the Assembly Transportation Committee on high speed rail service in California. Either the Chair, Vice Chair or other IRC member would present testimony which would correspond to comments submitted to IRC. Modifications would be to support in concept, recognize the interrelationship between such projects and local feeder systems and strengthen our support for the private financing of high speed rail projects.

Mr. Remy moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Information Items

Kirk West has been appointed as the new Secretary of Business and Transportation. He suggested that some sort of personal meeting be arranged with Kirk West as well as Governor Deukmejian.

Lastly, IRC looked at a staff proposal to merge IRC and Public Affairs. Salary range was not discussed since that is perview of the FRC. However, IRC did support the concept that there be a director level position over Intergovernmental Relations and Public Affairs. This has been referred to FRC.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Russell reported on the RTC meeting of December 13, 1982. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

- Authorize SCAG to prepare an additional refined patronage estimate for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Mrs. Russell moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

- Not to pursue a Letter of No Prejudice from UMTA for preliminary engineering, since it is likely to delay Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project. However, the committee suggested pursuit with UMTA of eligibility of construction expenditures on the project; this would involve tailoring the Commission's draft environmental document so it is capable of meeting Federal requirements and allowing UMTA to decide on a Letter of No Prejudice at a later date.

Mrs. Russell moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC meeting of January 5, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

Approval of the Strategic Plan

- Approve the Strategic Plan to include staff's recommended changes and the following additions:
 - Reword one of the Phase II goals to read:
"encourage local jurisdictions to improve land use and transit coordination in conjunction with SCAG."
 - Approve the proposed Transit Operators' Project Improvement Fund for one (1) year. At the end of the year, review the results before committing second year funding.

- Staff will clarify the wording regarding the proposed fare analysis to state that the analysis will be used as input for Commission consideration in allocating the Proposition A 40% discretionary fund.

Mr. Cox moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Approval of Revised Transit Performance Measurement (TPM) Program

Approve the Transit Performance Measurement (TPM) Program with the following phrase inserted on page 8: "among all operators in the county."

Mr. Cox moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

PRESENTATION BY CALTRANS ON STATE HIGHWAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Mr. Charles Ford, Deputy District Director for Maintenance, briefed the Commission on the Pavement Rehabilitation Program within the Caltrans highway system.

There was a question-and-answer period that followed the presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Commissioner Travel Request: Commissioner Cox has expressed an interest in attending the Annual Transportation Research Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. (January 17-20 and the APTA Governing Board's Executive Committee Meeting in San Antonio, Texas (January 20-21).

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Cox's travel request be approved. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

- B. Appointment of TDA Article 8 Hearing Board: Each year the Commission holds public hearings in areas of Los Angeles County which are not part of the Southern California Rapid Transit District. The purpose of these hearings is to determine whether there are any unmet transit needs which can be reasonably met with an expenditure of TDA Article 8 funds.

The hearing board is recommended to consist of:

- 1. An at-large member of the LACTC, appointed by the Chairman;

2. Supervisor Antonovich or his designee;
3. Supervisor Dana or his designee;
4. A representative appointed by SCAG;
5. A member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, selected by the CAC.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Mr. Cox suggested that the CAC only suggest someone to the board, and have the Chair make the actual appointment. Mrs. Reed agreed and included Mr. Cox's suggestion in her motion which was seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

- C. Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee: The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee has established an advisory group on Olympic transportation. This advisory group consists of transportation and law enforcement agencies with responsibilities and interest in transportation issues during the Olympics. Mr. Richmond has been asked to serve on the advisory group. A presentation will be made at the appropriate time to the Commission on some of the activities planned for transportation during the Olympics.
- D. APTA Annual Conference: The 8th Annual APTA Legislative Conference is scheduled for March 14 and 15, 1983 in Washington, D.C. Any members interested in participating should notify staff at their earliest convenience so that arrangements can be made.
- E. New Employees: Richard Stanger, Transit Development Manager, and Jim Sims, Director of Programming and Fiscal Analysis, were introduced to the Commissioners.
- F. Proposition A Update: Copies of a memo dated January 11, 1983 concerning the Proposition A financial projections were distributed to the members.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Assignments:

Mrs. Russell will review the current committee assignments. Members who wish to continue or change assignments should notify the Chairwoman or Executive Director.

B. SCRTD and Torrance Transit System

Mr. Cox mentioned that a very favorable coordination effort has been undertaken and agreed to between SCRTD and Torrance Transit System whereby Torrance is now permitted to run to Union Station instead of having to stop at Ninth and Broadway. It provides a very important service now for Torrance riders. Both the SCRTD and Torrance are to be complimented on this arrangement.

C. Metro Rail

Mr. Roche expressed concern that LACTC should be involved in reviewing decisions that are being made by the SCRTD Board concerning Metro Rail and light rail projects.

Mr. Richmond indicated that Commission staff has raised both issues with the RTD. We are proposing to establish a working committee with the Transit Development Section staff involved in light rail work and the Tier II corridors along with a similar number from RTD's engineering staff on the Wilshire project. Staff will report at the next Rapid Transit Committee meeting on these issues. It is understood by RTD that there are certain shared interests where the two projects have interrelationships.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

There will be a special meeting of the Rapid Transit Committee on Friday, January 14, 1983 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room 305.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



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Executive Director

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