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LACTC MINUTES

January 26, 1983

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

Members in attendance were:

Councilwoman Pat Russell
 Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
 Council Member Christine E. Reed
 Councilman Ernie Kell
 Wendell Cox
 Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
 Burke Roche, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
 Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
 Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
 Heinz Heckerth, Ex-Officio for 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 indicated that a correction needs to be made in the minutes of January 12, page 7, third paragraph, regarding the Oxnard-to-Los Angeles rail service which indicates that no action was taken on the motion. The Commission did approve the motion to urge Caltrans to pursue its protest of the Interstate Commerce Commission's action, and a letter was sent to Caltrans to appeal the ICC's acceptance of the Southern Pacific tariff filed on the commuter train service. It was moved and seconded that the minutes reflect this revision. The minutes of January 12 were approved, as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE/SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the joint meeting of the FRC and SCC of January 24, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for the Commission's approval:

Proposition A Local Return Project Proposal from the City of Inglewood

- o Approve the City of Inglewood's revised Transit Security Project with the condition that the project be approved for a six-month period culminated by an audit. Commission's approval for continuation of the project will be based on the audit's results.
- o Authorize staff to select an auditor to proceed with this audit according to the approach outlined in the FRC agenda.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Mr. Cox expressed opposition to this motion because he felt that the proposal for transit security in Inglewood was too far out of proportion with what is reasonable.

Mrs. Russell indicated that the Commission needs to flag the issue of security on bus systems throughout the county. She requested staff to oversee this issue.

All members present voted in favor of Mr. Sanborn's motion with the exception of Mr. Cox who opposed it. Without further discussion, motion was carried.

Metro Rail

This item was also recommended by the Rapid Transit Committee:

- o Approve SCRTD's application for funding of right-of-way acquisition for the Metro Rail central yard and shop, with the understanding that SCRTD will work with LACTC staff on aspects of design which are of mutual concern, such as long-range function and uses of the facility.

This approval required three actions:

1. Concur in the application for \$31.8 million in Article XIX (19) funding from the state;
2. Forward this concurrence to Caltrans in order to bring the application before the California Transportation Commission; and
3. Allocate \$1.7 million to SCRTD from LACTC's rapid transit set-aside account (STAF) to be used as the 5% local match for state funding.

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

Changeable Message Sign Amendment Request from Caltrans

- o Approve Caltrans' request to amend the 1983-87 Los Angeles County Highway TIP to include \$2.1 million of funds for construction of changeable message signs on various Los Angeles County freeways, contingent upon Caltrans' commitment to continue to use these signs for traffic movement purposes only.
- o Transmit a letter to Caltrans expressing the LACTC's pleasure with the change in policy regarding the operation of the changeable message signs.

Copies of a letter from a citizen opposing additional funding for the freeway message sign program were distributed to the Commissioners.

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

LACTC Administrative Items

- o Approve the modified FY 1982-83 operating budget for the Commission, as described in the FRC agenda, with the deletion of charges to the Proposition A account for Commission meeting attendance.
- o Approve an increase in the salary of the Commission's Director of Government and Public Affairs to a range of \$40,680-\$49,932.
- o Authorize the Executive Director to hire a graphic artist on a temporary, 12-month basis, subject to annual renewal by the Commission.

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

) Proposed TDA Article 4.5 Program

Mr. Sanborn stated that the FRC and SCC engaged in a joint discussion of the TDA Article 4.5 program proposed by staff. He added that the motion to approve the proposed TDA Article 4.5 program failed in both committees due to tie votes. It was suggested that this item be referred back to staff to consider the issues raised by the Commission regarding this policy and that it first be reviewed by the FRC and brought back for action at the next Commission meeting.

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

Mrs. Bacharach requested that this policy also be reviewed by the Paratransit Operations Subcommittee because there were so many questions regarding this policy.

Mr. Sanborn also reported on the following information items:

Status Report on SCRTD Fare Reduction Agreement

- o The FRC received a report on the status of the SCRTD fare reduction agreement.

) 1984-88 Los Angeles County Highway TIP Development Process

- o The FRC was informed that the Highways and Freeways Subcommittee is developing recommendations regarding 1984-88 Los Angeles County Highway TIP programming.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the IRC meeting of January 24, 1983.

Federal Legislative Issues

- o Mrs. Bacharach introduced Irving Smith, who briefed the Commissioners on federal legislative issues.

) Mr. Smith discussed passage of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982. He particularly focused on upcoming actions that will affect the amount of funding coming to California through possible technical amendments to the bill, DOT apportionments, the President's proposed FY 1984 budget, the appropriations process, and imposition of Office of Management and Budget obligation ceilings on Section 9 block grant funds. He indicated that it will be critical for Los Angeles to actively lobby for new start funding and that this means local agencies, operators, business and the community

must present a united front to Congress against other very aggressive cities. In this regard, he pointed out the upcoming APTA Legislative Conference and suggested that Commissioners and staff, who have an interest in legislation, come to Washington and start the lobbying effort because the fight isn't over.

- o Mrs. Bacharach mentioned that the business community will be hosting a breakfast in Washington for the APTA Legislative Conference on March 15. The Commission, along with the California Transportation Commission and SCRTD, has been invited to participate in the briefing session. The IRC plans to bring back a statement to be used in the briefing session to the full Commission for approval at the second meeting in February. Mr. Richmond indicated that the intent would be to develop a statement of federal objectives in transportation with a consistent message to be adopted by the Commission, SCRTD, the CTC, and the business community.
- o Mrs. Russell reported that she, Rick Richmond and Caroline Watts met with Congressman Glenn Anderson and presented him with a plaque, on behalf of the Commission, for his important role in the passage of the federal gas tax bill.

State Legislation

Mrs. Bacharach reported that the committee recommended that staff be given authorization to pursue an author for a bill which will revise the current county minimum formula. As previously directed by the Commission, individual county groupings will be retained while Interstate Gap Completion funds, along with other funds such as roadside rests, will be excluded from the county minimum formula. February 4 is the deadline by which the Legislative Counsel must receive all requests to draft legislation; therefore, staff is asking for authorization to find an author and pursue this legislation. Staff will continue to hold discussions with other transportation agencies, as well as Senator Foran and Assemblyman Young, in order to build a support for this legislation.

Mrs. Bacharach moved that staff find an author and seek legislation; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

The committee reported that Senator Alan Robbins will be approached as an author for the county minimum bill.

State Budget

Deadlines for the 1982-83 budget were discussed. The two letters that Commission authorized were sent to Governor Deukmejian. One letter was regarding the Commission's concern over budget cuts to Proposition 5 and the other was about additional budget cuts including the following programs: guideway portion of TP&D, State Transit Assistance Fund, ridesharing support, and inter-city rail service.

Mr. Remy suggested that the Commission consider holding a meeting with the L.A. County state delegation in Sacramento. The committee will return to the full Commission with a proposed date for a meeting at the first Commission meeting in February.

SB 18 (Senator Torres)

The IRC considered SB 18 which would delay the EIS report on the Long Beach Freeway until December 1, 1983 (8½ months). It would also delete the unbuilt portion of the Long Beach Freeway from the State Highway System. The committee is recommending opposition to this bill. Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of IRC's recommendation to oppose SB 18; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Russell reported on the RTC's meeting of January 24, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

- o Approve a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff/Kaiser Engineers (a joint venture) for an amount not to exceed \$1,190,261 for services as general engineering and environmental consultant for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project;
- o Approve a contract with David Abel and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$222,758 for services as community involvement consultant for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project;
- o Authorize staff to solicit proposals for legal assistance in the area of environmental law for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project;
- o As also recommended by the Finance Review Committee, approve SCRTD's application for funding of right-of-way acquisition for the Metro Rail central yard and

shop, on the understanding that SCRTD will work with LACTC staff on aspects of the design which are of mutual concern, such as long-range function and uses of the facility.

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

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS FOR RAIL CALIFORNIA

Mr. Byron Nordberg, President of Citizens for Rail California, spoke on the Southwest Rail Corridor Proposal. He distributed copies of a synopsis of the Southwest Corridor, recent issue of CRC News, and letter regarding the Spirit of California, which is a train currently operating in the Southwest Corridor. He urged the Commission to support CRC's plan for unified and expanded passenger rail service.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

TDA ARTICLE 8 HEARING BOARD

Each year the Commission holds three hearings to determine unmet transit needs in those communities which are not part of the Southern California Rapid Transit District. This year, the hearing schedule is as follows:

Valencia	February 24	6 p.m.
Lancaster	March 10	7 p.m.
Avalon	March 25	7 p.m.

Mrs. Russell appointed the following members to the Board:

Supervisor Antonovich (Ted Pierce)
 Supervisor Deane Dana (Barna Szabo)
 Commissioner Wendell Cox
 Evelyn Miller (representing Citizens Advisory Committee)
 Alva Lee Arnold (selected by SCAG)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The 1983 LACTC Committee Assignments list was distributed to the members. (EXHIBIT A)

NEW BUSINESS

Harry Scoville Award -- Mrs. Bacharach mentioned that Mr. Richmond had received the Harry Scoville Award by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, which is given to a young researcher, teacher, or government employee for

distinguished performance in public administration in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. She extended congratulations to him on behalf of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Leonard Shapiro spoke regarding the Guardian Angel program in Los Angeles. He said that efforts to provide transit security by the Guardian Angeles have been rebuffed by local agencies. He believes tax dollars could be saved by pursuing this program.

CALTRAIN

Because of the legal action between Caltrans and the railroad, marketing efforts have been stopped for this service. Mr. Cox expressed his concerns that if marketing efforts ceased, patronage will decrease.

Mr. Cox moved that the Commission urge Caltrans to resume its marketing efforts as if the program is going to last 15 months and continue those marketing efforts until the train is definitely discontinued; seconded by Mr. Geoghegan.

All members present voted in favor of Mr. Cox's motion with an abstention by Mrs. Reed. Motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Service Coordination Committee meeting scheduled for February 2 has been canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachment