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LACTC MINUTES

February 9, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Russell at 2:00 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  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Heinz Heckerroth, 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

The minutes of January 26, 1983 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the meeting of February 7, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for the Commission's approval:

Approval of the proposed Article 4.5 Program

Approve the Article 4.5 Program as proposed by staff with the following amendments:

- o Funds for Eligible Administrative Expense - Limit to a maximum of 10 percent of an applicant's operating expenses and limit eligibility for receipt of such funds to a period of three years. The Commission may, by 8 affirmative votes, grant a maximum of 10 percent of TDA Article 4.5 funds to an applicant beyond the third year.
- o LACTC Role in Coordinating and Consolidating Paratransit Services - It is staff's recommendation that the Commission decide whether to strengthen its efforts to coordinate and consolidate paratransit and give staff an opportunity to report back with analysis on the additional resources required.

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

Approval of The Update and Revisions to the Proposition A Local Return Program Guidelines

Approve the adoption of the proposed update and revisions to the Local Return Program Guidelines, as outlined in Agenda Attachment B-2.

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

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

Approve the City of Rancho Palos Verdes "Purchase Passenger Van" project, as outlined in Agenda Attachment B-3.

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

Approval of the Proposition A Local Return Program  
Audit of Cities

Approve the following actions regarding the Proposition A Local Return Program audit of cities for FY 1982-83:

- o Approve the concept of conducting audits of the 84 local jurisdictions receiving Proposition A Local Return funds for FY 1982-83.
- o Approve the role of the Commission to administer the first year audits.
- o Approve the RFP for selecting the auditor(s).
- o Authorize staff to proceed with issuing the approved RFP with the total cost of the project not to exceed \$500,000.

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

Approval of the LACTC/SCRTD Master Agreement for  
Proposition A Fare Reduction Program

Approve the LACTC/SCRTD Master Agreement for the Prop. A Fare Reduction Program.

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

Approval of Proposed Changes to the SCRTD Subscription  
Bus Service

Approve the proposed changes to the SCRTD subscription bus service.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Mr. Cox opposed one part of the motion which results in the establishment of two new routes. He mentioned that he supported the District's efforts to abandon the subscription service and add additional buses to existing lines; however, he was concerned about service equity issues for the two new routes in question.

Mr. Szabo supported Mr. Cox's concern and also opposed that part of the recommendation.

Hearing no other comments, motion was carried.

Approval of the SCRTD Phase II Division 10 TIP  
Amendment Application

Approve the proposed funding increase to \$9.9 million for Phase II Division 10 allocating UMTA Section 3 Discretionary funds to the project.

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

Approval of the Wilshire Metro Rail Funding Application for Design Work

Approve the following actions regarding the Wilshire Metro Rail funding application for design work:

- o Amend the Transit TIP to include the additional work as an amendment to UMTA Grant CA-03-0130;
- o Advise Caltrans of LACTC's approval of the application for State funding and recommend that Caltrans also approve the application;
- o Allocate \$2.83 million to SCRTD from LACTC's rapid transit set-aside account (STAF) to be used as the 8.5% local match for State and Federal grants (this would be added to the previous total of local allocations of \$4,577,500 from STAF).

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

Approval of Interviews for the LACTC Performance Audit

Approve interviewing the firms of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells and Arthur Young & Company for the LACTC performance audit.

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the meeting of February 9, 1983.

President's Proposed Transportation Budget for FY 1984

Mr. Remy mentioned that the President and the Office of Management and Budget have substituted money raised by the 5 cents federal gasoline tax increase for general fund money to help balance the federal deficit. There

) is a proposed reduction of \$150 million in Section 3 Capital Grants, and Section 9 Block Grant will be reduced from the agreed upon authorization level of \$2,750 million down to \$1,974 million. In addition, there will be a major change in operating assistance; Los Angeles County would lose \$41.2 million of federal operating assistance for next year. This has a very severe impact and may even bring about a bus service reduction in order to keep the 50 cent bus fare. It also puts into jeopardy our ability to get a funding decision on Metro Rail.

The committee's recommendation was that Commission strongly oppose the President's proposal and notify our Congressional delegation, particularly those members who serve on an appropriations committee, and other relevant federal officials such as Senator Mark Andrews who chairs the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Remy moved for approval of IRC's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

#### State Transportation Budget

) Staff has indicated that substantial cuts will be made in this year's transportation budget which was already approved by both Houses. A current provision in AB 36X by Assemblyman Leonard would reduce Los Angeles County's Transportation Operating and Assistance Funds by \$5.9 million and would also reduce the money for ridesharing by \$2.3 million. At this point, no action is necessary and staff will inform Commission on further development of this bill.

#### Delegation Briefing

A proposal for a breakfast meeting with the Los Angeles County delegation in Sacramento on March 17 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lobby Restaurant has been suggested as the date. The Committee further suggested that after meeting with the State legislators, that Commissioners meet with representatives from the Administration, California Transportation Commission, the County Supervisor's Association, and the League of California Cities at specified times.

) Mr. Remy moved that the delegation meeting be held on March 17 with the program as outlined; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

## State Legislation

Mr. Remy summarized a number of bills with recommended positions:

AB 4 (Bergeson) - Passenger Rail Financing (Bullet Train): The recommendation is to wait and see how the bill will be amended before suggesting a formal position, and transmit our concerns relative to the majority vote issue to Assemblywoman Bergeson saying that it creates a precedent which would not be desirable.

AB 43 (Farr) - Noise Attenuation Barriers for Schools: Bill would require Caltrans, upon request of a city or county, to rank and give highest priority within that city or county the installation of noise attenuation barriers along any highway adjacent to a school. The recommendation is to oppose the bill since it totally ignores rest homes, nursing homes, and hospitals which might have an equally high priority.

AB 88 (Young) - Rail Passenger Terminal: This bill would apparently change the priority funding for the passenger terminal at Norwalk. The committee would like a better clarification of the language of the bill, as well as the position at Norwalk, prior to taking a position.

AB 216 (Young) - Contract Service - SCRTD: The Elderly and Handicapped Committee requested the review of this bill because they are concerned that the bill contains a provision regarding accessibility for the handicapped. Staff is recommending support for the contract service.

AB 235 (Vicencia) - Charter Bus - Olympics: It was recommended to hold action pending information from the Olympics Committee on how much capacity is going to be needed in the bus system to move people during the course of the Olympics.

SB 37 (Lockyear) - Exclusive or Preferential Highway Lanes: The recommendation is to support this bill and seek amendments to county transportation commissions as part of the review process.

SB 39 (Robbins) - Election of SCRTD Directors: The Elderly and Handicapped Committee had recommended that IRC support this bill; however, the committee decided to take no action at this time because the bill probably is not going to move. If it does start to move, the committee will report back with a formal position.

Mr. Remy moved approval of the IRC report; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Copies of a draft statement were distributed to the members which the Commission and other agencies such as SCRTD, the Los Angeles Transportation Task Force, SCAG, CTC, regional transportation planning agencies, and individual cities and counties might adopt as a common position for meetings like the National League of Cities and the APTA Legislative Conference in Washington.

Briefly, the issues and positions are as follows:

Issue: Fiscal Year 1984 Transit Appropriations;  
Position: Urge Congress to establish transit appropriation levels consistent with authorization levels recently adopted in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982.

Issue: "New Starts" funding from the Mass Transit Account; Position: Urge Congress to provide, through the appropriations process, \$136 million for new starts from the Mass Transit Account.

Issue: Increased flexibility in Federal highway funding; Position: Urge Congress to enact legislation which would provide for flexibility in Federal highway funding so that if all bridge repair have been made out of California's apportionment, any remaining monies may be used to maintain local streets and roads through the FAU program.

Mr. Remy moved for approval of the draft statement and its submittal to the appropriate parties; the motion was seconded. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

#### RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of February 7, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for the Commission's approval:

- o The County of Los Angeles for an amount not to exceed \$230,089 for engineering and environmental services for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project; and
- o The City of Los Angeles for an amount not to exceed \$164,000 for engineering and environmental services for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rapid Transit Project.

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

The committee also discussed the following items:

- o Goals, objectives and criteria for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project developed during feasibility studies were reviewed and reaffirmed. Mrs. Bacharach moved the formal reaffirmation discussed at the committee meeting; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.
- o UMTA has indicated concurrence in LACTC's approach to environmental documentation, which is to satisfy State requirements with a document that preserves eligibility for Federal acceptance at a later date.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Proposition A Financial Summaries -- Two financial summaries concerning Proposition A were distributed to the members: Statement of the transit sales tax fund as of December 31, 1982 and a Projection of Prop. A income and disbursements for the current fiscal year.
- B. Slide Show -- The slide show is now being prepared for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project. A photographer will be at the next Commission meeting to take pictures of the Commission, which will be a part of the slide show.

#### NEW BUSINESS


Public Comment - Greg Roberts reported that the Culver City Council has passed an ordinance to require Culver City Municipal Bus Lines to accept handicapped passes of other companies, such as the SCRTD and Santa Monica as well as their own. He also mentioned that the SCRTD in the San Fernando Valley is not serving the needs of the public with their bus lines.

Norwalk Station -- Mr. Cox mentioned that Amtrak has ceased negotiations with respect to the development of the Norwalk Station. He also mentioned that he, Heinz Heckerth and Senator Alan Robbins were on hand at the opening of the Burbank Airport Station of the Caltrain line.

#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Rapid Transit Committee has rescheduled their meeting date to February 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

  
RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director