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LACTC MINUTES

March 23, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Councilwoman 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  
 Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
 Burke Roche, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
 Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
 Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
 Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
 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

The minutes of March 9, 1983 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSRAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meeting of March 21, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for the Commission's approval:

## Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project

- o Authorize the Executive Director to retain the firm of Kadison, Pfaelzer, Woodard, Quinn and Rossi as legal counsel with respect to the environmental review of the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project, cost of the consultation not to exceed \$25,000.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Mr. Roche offered a substitute motion to hold this item for further study. Mr. Szabo seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Mr. Szabo mentioned that the committee reviewed four firms with respect to their overall team capabilities; yet the committee recommended one firm and one particular individual as the key person to handle the work. He agreed with Mr. Roche to hold this item over for further review.

Mr. Richmond explained the selection process.

Roll call vote on Mr. Roche's substitute motion:

ayes -- Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Roche, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Pierce,  
Mr. Remy, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Russell

nays -- Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mr. Kell

The vote was 7 to 3; motion was carried to defer this item.

- o Adopt conventional light rail vehicles as the representative vehicle technology to guide further preliminary engineering for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project.

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

- o Adopt for further evaluation the alignment and profile alternatives for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project listed in the staff report which are basically six downtown alignments and several options for the mid-corridor level and the City of Long Beach is considering their own alignments at this time and will come back with a recommendation at a future date.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the alignments for further evaluation; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Proposed Comments on Wilshire Metro Rail Fixed Facility Plans

The committee will report on this item at the next meeting.

#### FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of March 21, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

1984-88 Los Angeles County Highway TIP

#### 1. State Highway Additions

- o Approve the additional of the following items to the 1984-88 Los Angeles County TIP for State Highways:

	<u>Cost</u> <u>(\$ millions)</u>
- Century Freeway cost increases and fifth-year programming	\$1,086.3M
- Ports Highway Improvements funded with special Federal demonstration grant funds	58.0M
- Fixed Guideway Program cost increases and fifth-year programming	78.3M

(A chart of the revised five-year Highway Program is attached. - EXHIBIT A.)

- o Approve the addition of the Ports Highway Improvements to the 1983-87 Los Angeles County TIP.

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

#### 2. Regional FAU Program

- o Change the Regional FAU project eligibility policy to include both currently eligible and proposed eligible projects including:

- State highways on the FAU system with bus routes;
  - Regional ridesharing programs;
  - Transit capital projects;
  - Locally nominated projects of regional or subregional significance on local or state highway routes on the FAU system with or without a bus route.
- o Approve the Regional FAU allocations described in the staff recommendation of the FRC agenda for programming in the 1984-88 Los Angeles County TIP.

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

3. Local Assistance Program for FAU Funds

Approve the Local Assistance Program for FAU funds summarized in the FRC agenda, with the understanding that staff will make administrative changes, as necessary, to conform to the 125% programming guideline for FAU funds.

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

Adoption of the Ports Highway Improvements Financial Plan

Adopt the Ports Highway Improvements Financial Plan as described in the FRC agenda.

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

Proposition A Local Return Projects Submitted by the City and County of Los Angeles

City of Los Angeles

- o Refer the City of Los Angeles' Broadway and Spring Street reconstruction project proposals back to staff, with a direction to devise an attributable share street reconstruction formula considering number of person trips on buses using the streets. This formula would be considered by the Commission for incorporation into the Proposition A Local Return Guidelines.

Mr. Sanborn mentioned that this was not a unanimous action of the committee. Mrs. Reed moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. Remy for discussion purposes.

Mr. Remy offered a substitute motion to refer the item back to staff for specific review of whether a street with a bus-only lane could receive Prop. A funds for reconstruction if there was also substantial return bus traffic in the reverse direction. This should come back to the Commission in concert with the original staff recommendation of disapproving anything other than reconstruction of the exclusive bus lane.

Mrs. Reed clarified that if reconstruction is limited to the streets with an exclusive bus lane, that limits reconstruction funding to Spring Street and eliminates reconstruction of Broadway.

There were public comments on this issue before the Commission voted on the substitute motion by Mr. Remy.

Mr. Steve Lantz, Chairman, Citizens Advisory Committee, mentioned that the CAC opposed use of the funds for roadwork other than that which is done for transit guideways, such as the Spring Street contra-flow lane. The CAC also looked at bus pads and other transit-related applications for Prop. A funds and rejected them unless they were within the transit guideway. He also stated the the committee objected to the use of Prop. A funds to repair a road that is being considered as one of the primary routes for the light rail line. The CAC recommended that the Commission defer approval of the transitway decision on Spring Street until the Los Angeles-to-Long Beach line route is determined in May.

Ms. Kay White, President, League of Women Voters, expressed the League's concern regarding the use of Prop. A money. The League felt that the use of Prop. A funds for repairing roads does not legally fall within the guidelines.

Mrs. Bacharach clarified that the motion before the Commission was to move the original staff recommendation of disapproving Broadway and Spring and approving the contra-flow on Spring, and then there will be separate action to refer back to staff for the evaluation that Mr. Remy had suggested.

All members present voted in favor of the first part of Mr. Remy's motion.

The second part of Mr. Remy's motion was to ask staff to review the other side of Spring Street and consider the issue of allowing repaving or reconstruction of lanes on the opposite side of an exclusive bus lane. Whatever comes back to the Commission would also come back with the original staff recommendation of rejection. Therefore, both recommendations would be presented to the Commission at the next meeting.

There was a roll call vote:

ayes -- Mr. Roche, Mr. Remy, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Cox,  
Mrs. Russell

nays -- Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Pierce, Mrs.  
Bacharach, Mr. Kell

The motion failed.

County of Los Angeles

- o Approve the bus pad extension of the County of Los Angeles City Terrace Drive-Rollins Drive/Sybil Brand Institute Project.
- o Disapprove the street reconstruction portion of the County of Los Angeles Terrace Drive-Rollin Drive/Sybil Brand Institute project.

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

Proposed Revisions to FY 1982-84 Transit Capital TIP

- o Approve the revised FY 1982-83 Transit TIP Program of capital projects as shown in the FRC agenda.
- o Approve the Federal subsidy exchange with Orange County Transportation Commission as described in the FRC agenda.
- o Authorize the Executive Director to make beneficial administrative changes to the FY 1982-83 Transit TIP's Section 9A and Section 5 funding designations.
- o Direct staff to take the issue of trading Federal transit capital funds for Federal transit operating funds to the Bus Operations Subcommittee for review.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mr. Cox opposed the motion because this action will require the tapping of \$10 million of additional Prop. A reduced fare program monies in order to provide the match for these Federal capital dollars. Staff and the Service Coordination Committee suggested the possible trade-in of these capital dollars for operating dollars next year. He felt that this should be done this year which would mean an additional \$18 million available for the reduced fare program and for the rail program.

Hearing no further objections, motion was carried.

Administrative Assistant to the Transit Development Division

Establish an Administrative Assistant position on the staff of the Transit Development Division.

The Rapid Transit Committee also endorsed this recommendation.

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

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

##### Washington Briefing

Mrs. Russell reported on the APTA Annual Conference and the breakfast meeting with several members of the Los Angeles Congressional delegation in Washington. Copies of a summary of the Washington trip were distributed to the members.

Mrs. Russell reported that two actions were carried out from the meeting. They were to urge Congress to establish appropriation levels contained in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 and for Congress to provide, by way of the appropriations process, \$136 million for Metro Rail.

##### Sacramento Briefing

Mr. Remy reported on the Sacramento trip where several members of the Commission met with the State legislative delegation. Copies of the briefing materials will be forwarded to the members who did not attend the Sacramento meeting.

Mr. Leo Trombatore, new Director of Caltrans, will be at the next Commission meeting on April 13.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

At 3:00 p.m., Mrs. Russell turned the chair over to Mrs. Bacharach.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Greg Roberts spoke regarding the Olympics. He expressed concern about a closed-door meeting scheduled for April 8 with the RTD Board and the Olympics Committee. He felt that the meeting should not be closed to the public. Mr. Richmond indicated that the Commission had not been asked to participate in such a meeting.

Mr. Roberts also commented on a wheelchair program on buses.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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Attachment