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LACTC MINUTES

April 27, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Bacharach at 1:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

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
 Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
 Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
 Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
 Heinz Heckeroth, 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. Roche indicated that, on page 5 of the minutes of April 13, the roll call vote on staff's recommendation for AB 1376 should be corrected to show that he voted in favor of the motion. The minutes were approved, as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of April 22, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

Proposed FY 1983-84 TDA Article 4.5 Projects

- o Allocate \$237,062 of FY 1983-84 TDA Article 4.5 funds to the following applicants:

| Sponsors | <u>Participating Local Gov'ts.</u> | <u>Article 4.5 Funds Recommended</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Gardena Special Transit | Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, & L.A. County | \$43,063 |
| Torrance Dial-A-Lift | Torrance, Lomita & Redondo Beach | \$26,600 |
| Pomona Valley Joint Powers Authority | Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, & San Dimas | \$86,700 |
| Long Beach Dial-A-Lift | Long Beach & Signal Hill | \$80,699 |

- o Commend the participating local governments for their efforts to supply coordinated subregional paratransit systems to their residents.

This issue was also presented to the Service Coordination Committee. The SCC's report was made later in the meeting.

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

Fare Reduction Program: Carryover of Regional Subsidies

- o Allow Santa Monica to enter the Proposition A Fare Reduction Program;
- o Hold Santa Monica harmless regarding the \$2.9 million carried over operating funds;
- o Direct staff to consider the manner in which the hold-harmless provision is effectuated; and

- o Direct staff to study Santa Monica's proposed alternative method for allocation Proposition A Fare Reduction Funds.

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

Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaw Change

- o Refer the Citizens Advisory Committee's proposal to amend its bylaws to allow the removal of inactive members back to the Citizens Advisory Committee for further review.

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

Proposition A Local Return Program Audit Interviews

- o Select the firm of Coopers & Lybrand to perform the FY 1982-83 Proposition A Local Return Program audits.

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

Deferred Compensation for LACTC Employees

- o Direct staff to return with an evaluation of deferred compensation plans available to LACTC employees.

Hearing no objections, staff will return with an evaluation of deferred compensation plans at a future FRC meeting.

Mr. Sanborn also reported on the following information items:

FY 1984-88 SRTP/Transit TIP Draft Recommendations

The FRC received a report on the first draft recommendations for the FY 1984-88 Short-Range Transit Plan/Transportation Improvement Program for Los Angeles County.

LACTC Goals and Objectives

Review of proposed LACTC goals and objectives was held over until the FRC's May 9 meeting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Federal Legislation

Legislative Hearings in Washington: Mr. Richmond reported on the FY 1984 transportation budget hearings that were held on Tuesday, April 26, before the Appropriations Subcommittee of both Houses of Congress. The delegation, there to discuss the Wilshire Metro Rail project, included Chairwoman Russell representing the Commission, Mike Lewis representing SCRTD, and Wayne Ratkovich and Rodney Rood representing the Los Angeles Transportation Task Force.

Copies of the delegation's testimonies and Congresswoman Fiedler's testimony were distributed to the members.

Considerable discussion followed regarding Congresswoman Fiedler's testimony.

Mr. Remy moved that the Commission work with the team that has been involved with the project to pursue a response to clarify the apparent errors in Congresswoman Fiedler's testimony, and if response is generated, then the chair of the Commission would respond and make a copy of that clarification available to members of the Appropriations Subcommittees who received her testimony. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Public comments were received from Leonard Shapiro and Greg Roberts in regards to Congresswoman Fiedler's testimony.

Mr. Remy reported on the IRC's meeting of April 27, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

State Legislation

AB 613 (Moore): This bill deals with the Vehicle Weight Distance Law. The committee recommends no position since it may be a two-year bill, but would initiate discussions with the author because there is some concern about the allocation formula and not having revenues subject to county minimum requirements.

AB 1599 (Costa): This bill would require a local government to lose its eligibility to receive its share of gas tax revenues if it is determined that the local government's revision of its housing element in the general plan is not consistent with the regional housing need.

There are two opinions on this bill. Staff advised that AB 1599 was substantially changed in that the gas tax aspects were deleted, yet Mr. Remy was advised that this was not true. Mr. Remy moved on this bill different than the committee's motion in that any bill which serves to leverage transportation money for other state objectives be opposed. Mrs. Reed seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

SCA 26 (Seymour) and companion measure by Assemblyman Naylor: This measure makes revisions to Proposition 13, and it is the understanding on this bill that it would be retroactive and would remove the half-cent sales tax. The committee recommended opposition to this bill and would prepare a statement, including charts, as to the impact on transportation programs. Mr. Remy moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

SB 1159 (Torres): This bill is an SCRTD joint development bill. It would expand the opportunities of SCRTD for joint development to help finance the transit system. One of the key issues here and the points of concern is whether monies that are generated from such joint development should go to any part of the transit district's general fund or should they be more targeted to rail transit activities either construction or maintenance. The committee suggested that staff be directed to continue discussions with SCRTD relative to the targeting of these funds that are generated by joint development to rail transit specific projects, preferably construction but not to foreclose the opportunity of operation; and second, that joint development projects should receive the approval of the local government in which the joint development project is being undertaken. Mr. Remy moved that we support SB 1159 and pursue those amendments; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

SB 1220 (Marks): The recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee was to support and the recommendation from staff was to oppose. The committee agrees with both groups. It is very difficult to be opposed to flexibility in State funding to assist in ridesharing; however, the concern that staff raises is that this bill may open up a TDA fund which is now exclusive to the transit operators for ridesharing. The recommendation of the committee is to oppose the bill as long as the State is removing its financial commitment to ridesharing under SB 320 by Senator Petris. So if the State fulfills its ridesharing commitment, then we would not be opposed to a flexibility in the TDA funds. Without that State commitment, we would be opposed to being able to move

) towards using up some of our own local transit monies. Mr. Remy moved for approval of that position of SB 1220; which was seconded. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

SB 1238 (Watson): This bill is almost a companion bill to the Torres legislation because it gives SCRTD the opportunity to utilize benefit assessment techniques. The committee suggested support of the legislation but has also suggested two amendments. First, that the same authorities and powers be extended to the Commission as we pursue our light rail program. Second, that the affected local government agency would also have to give concurrence to the creation of a benefit assessment district. Mr. Remy moved to support the bill and include the two amendments; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

AB 377 (Roos): This bill would create the California Public Improvements Council to study improving State and local infrastructure and to provide recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor. As a member of the committee, Mr. Remy recommended support of the bill; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

) SB 888 (Robbins) Status Report: As many of the members of the Commission recall, we support and actually introduced at our request SB 888 which deals with county minimums. We have learned that there is a very powerful and able chair of the Senate Transportation Committee (Senator Foran). Despite strong efforts to try and get the bill calendared and once it was calendered to get the favorable vote, the Senator was most artful in his abilities and the bill was not brought up to a vote. Senator Robbins, as the author of the measure, will try to meet with Senator Foran to see if the problem on the county minimum issue can be resolved. The Senator's position is that until we get to a place where there's going to be an additional increase in the gasoline tax to provide more revenue, he is not interested in opening up the county minimum issue and opening up the questions of some of the commitments he made in the last gas tax measure. There is no percentage in supporting any gas tax issue until the county minimum issue is resolved because it just means our folks are going to pay the tax yet we are not going to get the benefit of the roads because of the county minimum issue. The issue of not being able to fund other worthy projects in this county is clearly with us and it was suggested that the Commission work with Senator Robbins and continue to acquaint L.A. County delegation with the severity of this issue as it will continue to be with us for the next 5 to 10 years.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meeting of April 25, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

Rail Transit Implementation Strategy (Stage 1 and 2)

The committee considered staff's recommendation pertaining to the rail implementation strategy and concluded, as a result of the staff's report on Stage 1, that all Proposition A corridors should be subjected to further analysis of their need for transit or highway improvements. This means that all corridors would go into Stage 4 multi-modal analysis.

The committee also recommended that some corridors begin a six-month study for rail project priorities (Stage 2) in the following corridors:

- o San Fernando Valley (east-west from North Hollywood to Canoga Park via one of several possible routes)
- o Santa Ana Freeway (on or off the freeway from Orange County to Los Angeles)
- o Western Los Angeles/South Bay (north-south from Santa Monica to Torrance)
- o Harbor Freeway (on or off the freeway from San Pedro to downtown Los Angeles)
- o Century Freeway (from Norwalk to El Segundo, either a rail line or a busway may be constructed with the freeway)
- o Pasadena (in the extension of the Long Beach Freeway from Pasadena to Los Angeles)
- o Western Los Angeles (east-west from Santa Monica to Los Angeles via one of several possible routes)

The committee recommended that staff should work with SCAG in determining which bus and highway projects can best serve the transportation needs of all corridors, but focus efforts on these certain corridors (Stage 4):

- o Glendale (from Burbank to Los Angeles)
- o Harbor/Long Beach (east-west from Torrance to Orange County)

- o San Fernando Valley (north-south from Sylmar to Santa Monica)
- o San Gabriel Valley (from Los Angeles through El Monte)

The Stage 4 corridors have not yet been set as a priority.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the Stage 2 recommendations as listed in the Stage 1 report; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Recommendations for Further Work

The committee considered staff's proposed work program for Stage 2. The Stage 2 effort is to be funded using State Guideway funds and Proposition A funds on a 50-50 matching basis. The State has allocated up to \$400,000 for the Rail Transit Implementation Strategy Development effort. When equally matched with Proposition A funds, the total money available is \$800,000 (including Stage 1 work just completed).

To proceed with Stage 2 as soon as possible, the committee recommended that staff be authorized to solicit proposals for consultants to perform the following work:

- o conceptual-level engineering and cost estimates (projected to cost \$150,000)
- o patronage estimating (\$200,000) (may be contracted to another public agency)
- o financial analyses (\$50,000)
- o operational analyses (\$35,000)

In all of this work, participation by minority and woman-owned firms will be encouraged. Furthermore, the committee recommended that staff be authorized to negotiate support service contracts with several local agencies (estimated at \$40,000). To the \$40,000 in agency costs and \$435,000 in consultant costs, \$165,000 in LACTC staff costs must be added for an estimated budget of \$640,000 for Stage 2. Since \$45,000 has been spent on Stage 1 work, approximately \$115,000 of the \$800,000 available is not being committed at this time. The committee recommended that this amount be held in reserve pending unforeseen future needs.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the recommended authorizations for Stage 2 work; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC meeting of April 20, 1983. The committee recommended approval of FY 1983-84 Article 4.5 projects which was also approved by the Finance Review Committee.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LACTC FY 1983-84 Budget Hearing: In accordance with the Administrative Code, the budget must be approved by the end of the fiscal year which is June 30. It is recommended that a public hearing be scheduled for June 22. Copies of the proposed budget for the Commission were distributed to the members.

Request for Commissioner Travel: The Commission has been invited by SCRTD to participate in a tour of four European cities to review the relationship between their transit systems and the development of their communities. They are cities that have different types of transportation systems including heavy rail, light rail, bullet train, and an advanced technology people mover-type system. Mrs. Russell had asked past Chairman Edelman, Rapid Transit Committee Chairwoman Bacharach, and Commissioner Reed to participate on the tour. Mrs. Russell requested for approval the participation of three Commissioners and one staff person.

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

New Employee: It was announced that Betty Bryant has been hired as the Director of Government and Public Affairs and will be starting in mid-May.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cox indicated that a couple of the committees of the State Legislature is looking at the continuation of the commuter train from Sacramento and Los Angeles. One of the proposals being made is the possibility of opening a couple of stations in the San Fernando Valley with the hope that new patronage might help bring that train up to the level that is necessary to keep it in operation. He suggested that staff look into this issue and report back at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on the study tour of European cities. He also commented on SB 1159 and asked the Commission to continue to use the sales tax money to keep bus fares down.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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