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LACTC MINUTES

May 25, 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
 Council Member Christine E. Reed
 Councilman Ernie Kell
 Wendell Cox
 Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
 Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
 Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
 Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
 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

The minutes of May 11, 1983 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of May 23, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

Final FY 1984-88 SRTP/TIP RECOMMENDATIONS

- o Approve the FY 1983-84 Transit Operating allocations as shown in the FRC agenda;
- o Approve the recommendation to subsidize SCRTD FY 1983-84 service based upon the June, 1983 level with the understanding that this matter will be reviewed as part of the SCRTD Fare Reduction Agreement discussions.
- o Approve the FY 1983-84 bus capital project recommendations as shown in the FRC agenda with the following changes:
 - 1) Delete SCRTD's Division 15 (East San Fernando Valley) from the FY 1983-84 TIP. Pending a report from SCRTD regarding the cost/benefits of the project, the Commission will consider a TIP Amendment (at the next review cycle).
 - 2) Approve all SCRTD FY 1983-84 computerized Management Information System (MIS) projects on the condition that SCRTD agrees to present a report to the Commission by its July 27, 1983 meeting, which describes the:
 - a) impacts of stopping the MIS development;
 - b) documented savings resulting from the program;
 - c) program's components and their costs; and
 - d) net personnel impacts occurring from MIS implementation.
 - 3) Defer approval of subsequent year's funding for the MIS program pending submittal of a report which assesses the current MIS program design and determines whether the program design is still appropriate for the District's needs. This assessment should also address the potential for reducing the scope of the project.

- o Approve the use of the FY 1983-84 Federal Section 9 funds not required for bus capital projects for Metro Rail;
- o Confirm the LACTC's policy that operators proposing more than \$100,000 in fully funded TDA projects be required to justify the decision not to pursue Federal funding prior to approval of those projects in the TIP; and
- o Authorize staff to determine funding source (i.e., Section 5 or 9 formula funds) prior to transmitting the TIP sheets to SCAG.

In addition to the action recommended above, the FRC directed the following:

Final FY 1984-88 SRTP/TIP RECOMMENDATIONS

- o Request that SCRTD and LACTC staff return with a report on the compatibility of the fare collection systems for the SCRTD, Wilshire Metro Rail and the Los Angeles-Long Beach Light Rail Project before the purchase of the new fare boxes.
- o Direct staff to report back to the Commission with a recommendation on priorities for out-year (FY 1984-85 through 1987-88) Transit TIP projects.
- o Request a brief report from SCRTD on their efforts to recover the FY 1983-84 new engine replacement costs from the manufacturer.

Sharon Neely briefly highlighted several components of the Short-Range Transit Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Copies of the report were distributed to the members.

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

On behalf of the members, Mr. Cox complimented staff for the excellent report.

1983-87 Amendments for SCRTD Division 10

- o Approve an amendment of the FY 1983-87 Transit TIP to change the Federal Fund source from UMTA Section 3 Discretionary to UMTA Section 5 Formula for Phase II of SCRTD's Division 10.

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

FY 1983-84 TDA Article 8 Unmet Transit Needs: Findings
and Recommendations

- o Allocate FY 1983-84 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds to the following agencies contingent upon the continuation of current transit service levels with funding other than Article 8:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>	<u>USE</u>
Lancaster	\$ 792,253	Streets & Roads
Palmdale	232,599	Streets & Roads
Unincorporated County of L.A.	2,018,013	Streets & Roads
Avalon	33,844	Reserve for Transit Purposes pending results of con- sultant study
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TOTAL	\$3,076,709	

- o Release \$31,029 of reserved FY 1982-83 TDA Article 8 funds to the City of Avalon for streets and roads use.

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

Resolution for Health Benefits Through PERS

- o Adopt the resolution shown in the FRC agenda, which makes the Commission's contribution rate to the Public Employees Retirement System's health benefit plan in line with the basic State contribution, regardless of what State contributions are made for other State employee bargaining units.

It was moved and seconded to approve the motion. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Automobile Lease

- o Authorize the Executive Director to lease a compact or mid-size car from the lowest responsible bidder for use by the Government and Public Affairs Division.

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the IRC's meeting of May 25, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

State Legislation

SB 455 (Robbins) - This bill deals with joint powers entities. The committee was advised by SCRTD that this bill has been substantially amended. The committee requested staff to ask SCRTD to give a description of the changes in terms of legal powers obtained for the District and also the financial impact. Staff will correspond with SCRTD to obtain answers to these questions and report back to the committee at the June 8 meeting.

SB 1264 (Robbins) - The committee discussed briefly this bill which would increase the membership of the SCRTD Board of Directors by one and designate that two out of the three city representatives come from the San Fernando Valley. The committee took no position on this bill.

AB 82 (Young) - This bill has passed both Houses and has now been placed in the inactive file.

AB 1597 (Costa) - This bill is listed as no position. The committee's recommendation is to continue to oppose the bill as long as there is no clear definition of what sanctions are going to be imposed.

SCA 26 (Seymour) & ACA 38 (Naylor) - It is not clear to staff whether these constitutional amendments impact the Commission's existing half-cent sales tax. The committee has requested Commission's legal counsel for his opinion on the impact of bills and will continue to oppose these bills until they are more clearly clarified.

SB 1238 (Watson) & SB 1159 (Torres) - In dealing with the two SCRTD bills, the committee had suggested several amendments to SB 1238. The first amendment is that no benefit assessment district would be established without the concurrence of the affected local jurisdictions. The committee also suggested an amendment to the Watson bill that the benefit assessment powers be extended to this Commission. The committee suggested that staff work with our Sacramento representatives to develop some language.

AB 613 (Moore) - The committee originally took no position on this bill since it was not clear what impact it would have on the trucking industry, which just experienced a

substantial increase at the federal level, and also because there was no indication of any allocation formula to local governments. The bill has been amended to provide that 50% of monies raised by the truck weight distance fee would be returned to cities and counties for streets and roads. Questions of administrative costs have been reasonably answered by materials that have been received and staff pointed that there is some relief on the weight fees for smaller trucks while there is a rather substantial increase for the over 50,000 lbs. and particularly over 75,000 lbs. of gross weight trucks. These trucks, according to federal standards, are only paying 71% of the total costs of the highway damage which they accrue. Therefore, the position of the committee on the split vote was to support the bill, providing that the allocation of 50% of funds raised are returned back to the cities and county governments and to see if the money that goes into the State Highway Account could be excluded from county minimums. Mr. Pierce was opposed to the bill and expressed his concerns. His recommendation was to take no position on this particular item.

Mr. Remy moved for approval of the committee's report on State legislation excluding AB 613 (Moore); seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mr. Cox expressed concern about the SB 1264 (Robbins) bill. He felt that it is not the issue of the constitution of the SCRTD Board, but rather the issue of the control of the local municipal communities by their elected officials. He moved that the Commission oppose the bill; seconded by Mr. Roche.

Roll call vote on Mr. Cox's motion to oppose SB 1264 concerning membership of the SCRTD Board:

Ayes - Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Roche, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Remy, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Kell, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Russell

Nays - Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Szabo

Motion was carried - 8 to 2.

Voice vote on Mr. Pierce's motion to take no position on AB 613 (Moore): Majority of the Commissioners voted against the motion.

Hearing no further objections, the motion to approve the IRC's report on State legislation was carried.

1983-84 State Budget Hearings - The Administration had no recommendations for the Prop. 5 Program. They have recommended funding level of \$62.1 million. The Administration's finance letter proposed \$12.3 million for the TP&D Guideways Program. The full committees have recommended \$40 million. For State Transit Assistance, the Administration asked for \$75 million and the Legislature has authorized \$103 million. On the intercity and commuter rail, the Legislature has agreed with the Administration relative to the Oxnard line; however, the Legislature has put in the Oakland-Bakersfield and Los Angeles-Sacramento line for funding. In regards to ridesharing, it appears that funds for ridesharing will not be going into the State budget because SB 320 was not heard in the Senate. It was heard in the Assembly which supported the Administration.

The Commission was advised by Tim Egan that hearings for the confirmation of the new director of Caltrans, Leo Trombatore, will be held next week. The committee recommended that a letter be sent in support of his confirmation. Mr. Remy moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Federal Legislation

Mr. Remy reported that the House Subcommittee of Appropriations has taken the action to appropriate \$110 million for the Wilshire Metro line. The Senate will be considering the issue in June and July and we hope a final appropriations bill will pass in September prior to the start of the Federal fiscal year. Mr. Richmond summarized the issues about the split between rail modernization, bus and new starts and the fact that we may have a larger family of new rail start candidates than we had anticipated in earlier considerations.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Pierce reported on RTC's meeting of May 23, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

- o That the Commission adopt the alignment and profile alternatives for examination by the environmental impact report for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. (Attachment A)
- o That the Commission adopt the light rail systems technology recommendations as a representative systems technology for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. (Attachment B)

- o That the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 3 to its interagency agreement with SCAG dated July 16, 1982 for travel forecasting and related services for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, to provide for such services necessary for the project's environmental impact report, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$235,000 for this amendment, or \$285,868 for the total agreement through Amendment No. 3.
- o That the Commission request SCRTD to provide rationale justifying addition of the Hollywood Bowl Station to the Metro Rail Project. Under the Memorandum of Understanding with SCRTD, LACTC is charged with reviewing SCRTD decisions which significantly affect Metro Rail Project cost.

Mr. Pierce moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. There was considerable discussion concerning some of the actions taken thus far on the light rail project. Mrs. Russell suggested that staff make a presentation to the Commission on this issue.

Mr. Richmond indicated that a presentation will be scheduled at the earliest convenience of the Commission.

Hearing no objections to Mr. Pierce's motion, the RTC's report was approved.

Mr. Richmond indicated that a letter was received from the Los Angeles County Road Department, copies of which were distributed to the members. Mr. Richmond clarified that no final decisions have been made on those grade-crossing issues raised in Mr. Tidemanson's letter.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC meeting of May 18, 1983. The committee had the following recommendation for Commission approval:

Revised Procedures for Resolution of Competition/Duplication Disputes

Approve the revised measures for resolution of competition/duplication disputes under Proposition A Local Return with the following change:

Include (time of day, day of week) to Attachment A, Section I, B Service Frequency & Span

Staff was directed to reexamine the procedure for holding hearings. Specifically, staff will examine the circumstances or issues (legal, etc.) which will make it necessary to hold formal hearings, with the view toward holding informal hearings whenever possible.

Mr. Cox moved for approval of the SCC's report; seconded by Mr. Roche. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts comments on the automobiles leased by Commission staff. Being that maintenance costs are involved with these automobiles, Mr. Roberts suggested that the Commission negotiate with RTD to have them maintain the cars at a reduced cost.

Mr. Roberts also commented on Robbins' bill which concerns the membership of the SCRTD Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Employee - Introduced Betty Bryant as Director of Government and Public Affairs of the Commission staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roche mentioned that, at the last meeting, Mr. Remy had suggested inviting members of the business community, as well as homeowners, to a Commission meeting to discuss community support for the Metro Rail Project. He asked staff to report back if such a meeting can be arranged after a regularly scheduled Commission meeting. Mr. Richmond indicated that he will report back on this item.


NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Mr. Heckerroth mentioned that on June 9, there is a combined CTC/Caltrans hearing on the Long Beach Freeway gap, chaired by the Chairman of the California Transportation Commission. There will be two identical sessions: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Remy asked about how the discussion of Commission's goals and objectives will be handled on June 8. Mr. Richmond indicated that he has planned to have an informal meeting after the regular Commission meeting on June 8.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachments