



LACTC MINUTES

July 13, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Russell at 1:45 p.m. in the Board Room at the Department of Water and Power.

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
Mas Fukai, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
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

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that on page 3 of the June 22 minutes, under the Prop. A Fare Reduction Program Quarterly Status Report, the current estimate for the program should be \$134,098,000. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved, as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Chairwoman Russell mentioned that there will be only one Commission meeting in August, which is scheduled for August 10. She also introduced Mas Fukai, who is the new alternate for Supervisor Hahn.

LACTC PUBLIC AFFAIRS AUDIT

Staff members of David Abel & Associates briefed the Commissioners on the public affairs audit, which was performed by David Abel & Associates in cooperation with Market Communications. Copies of the report were distributed to the members.

Staff will summarize, at the next Finance Review Committee meeting, some of the key points of staff's response on how to implement some of the key recommendations made in the audit report.

Mrs. Bacharach asked that this matter be included as an agenda item for each committee's agenda. Hearing no objections, this item will be discussed at the next meetings of the Finance Review Committee, Rapid Transit, and Service Coordination Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of July 11, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

Use of Recreational Transit Vehicles Purchased with Proposition A Local Return Funds for Charter Service

- o Obtain an opinion from legal counsel on the legality of local agencies using Prop. A-purchased vehicles for travel outside the urbanized area on a reimbursement basis;
- o Contingent on a favorable opinion by legal counsel, authorize staff to allow Rancho Palos Verdes to use vehicles purchased with Proposition A Local Return Funds on an incidental basis outside the urbanized area on a reimbursement basis until this matter is fully resolved; and
- o Request that staff return with a more in-depth analysis of alternatives for administering the use of Prop. A-purchased vehicles for incidental uses and for charter services. This analysis shall include an estimate of administrative costs to be incurred.

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

Commission's Comments on Route 7 Second Draft
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Transmit the following comments on the Route 7 (Long Beach Freeway) Second Draft EIS to Caltrans:

- o The LACTC strongly supports completion of the Long Beach Freeway gap;
- o The LACTC's review of the Second Draft EIS has revealed that the only significant issues which have changed since our Commission's 1980 decision in support of the Meridian corridor concern the impact of freeway construction on transit and on properties of cultural and historic significance;
- o The LACTC will make a final determination regarding the reaffirmation of a preferred corridor after the LACTC's rail implementation and Caltrans' cultural and historically significant property mitigation plans are complete;
- o The LACTC requests that Caltrans incorporate the LACTC rail implementation plan's recommendations on transit implementation within the Route 7 corridor into the Final EIS;
- o The LACTC requests that Caltrans provide the Commission with the results of the culturally and historically significant property mitigation plan, including the net impacts to affected properties and costs of the mitigation measures.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objections, motion was carried. Mr. Remy requested to be on record as abstaining on the Route 7 issue.

Ground Rules for Public Comments at LACTC Meetings

- o Approve the following guidelines for public comments at Commission meetings on a three-month trial basis:

The LACTC welcomes public comments at its meetings. The following guidelines explain LACTC's procedure for ensuring an orderly review of Comments from the public at its meetings:

1. Comments from the public regarding items listed for action on the LACTC agenda will be accepted at the end of each committee report as long as "Request to Speak" slips are turned in to the LACTC Secretary before the beginning of the meeting;

2. Comments from the public will be limited to three minutes per item and to no more than two agenda items; and
3. Comments on general matters, which are not identified for action on the agenda, will be accepted at the end of the meeting and will be limited to three minutes.

This approval is given with the understanding that Commissioners may request an exemption from these guidelines at any time, and with the understanding that these guidelines would be printed at the bottom of all LACTC agendas.

Mr. Sanborn clarified that the public could comment on an item before it was voted on by the Commission.

Messrs. Greg Roberts and Bryan Allen (public) commented on the rules for public comments at LACTC meetings.

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

The FRC also reviewed the following information item:

UMTA "Challenge Grant" for Private Sector Involvement

The FRC was informed that the LACTC will sponsor an UMTA "Challenge Grant" for private sector involvement in transportation problems. The Commission will act in a "pass through" capacity, with all funds going to the Los Angeles Transportation Task Force. The purpose of the project is to explore methods to obtain private sector funding participation in transportation projects.

The following items were held over to the next FRC meeting:

- o FY 1984-88 Short-Range Transit Plan/Transportation Improvement Program Follow-up Issues;
- o Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Rules; and
- o Secretarial position in Programming and Fiscal Analysis Division.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC's meeting of July 13, 1983.

State Legislation

AB 344 (Young): At the request of Mr. Duncan (concerned citizen), which was made at the June 22 Commission meeting, the IRC requested staff to look into the process which requires buses and trucks to stop at railroad crossings. Mr. Duncan believed that existing laws and regulations, which require such stops, are not entirely necessary.

AB 82 (Young): Placed on the inactive file

AB 613 (Moore): Weight distance tax has not yet been amended to fully address LACTC concerns.

AB 913 (Moore): Requiring a station stop at Wilshire and Crenshaw has been dropped because it was determined locally that such a stop would be included in the Metro Rail Project.

AB 1379 (Elder) and SB 388 (Beverly): Companion measures exempting the Ports Demonstration Project from highway expenditure requirements, have advanced to fiscal committees in their second house.

SB 1238 (Watson): Has passed out of Assembly Transportation Committee and has been amended to provide for local concurrence.

SCA 37 (Foran): Passed out of Senate Transportation Committee and has not yet been amended to address LACTC concerns.

The IRC directed staff to seek an author for the Commission-sponsored revenue bonding measure. It was felt that the Commission should try to get this measure enacted this year, either by having an existing bill amended or by making the bill an urgency measure. If this was not possible, then it would have to be a 2-year bill.

Federal Legislation

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation marked up the Transportation Budget on July 12. The Subcommittee recommended funding the Metro Rail Project at \$110.4 million. This is \$17.1 million less than the \$127.5 the House approved. The IRC is recommending

that staff work with the Congressional delegation and the Conference Committee to obtain the level of funding granted in the House version of the bill. The IRC also directed staff to look into obtaining any unobligated transit funds which would become available for cost-effective transit projects. These monies may be available as a result of the subcommittee's action on the budget.

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

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on both RTC meetings of July 11, 1983. The committee had the following recommendation for Commission approval:

Approval of Contracts for Assistance in Stage 2 of the Rail Transit Implementation Strategy

Consultant

Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.	\$ 49,577
DMJM/DKS	142,060
SCAG	199,916
L.A. City Planning Department	21,095
L.A. County Regional Planning	22,937

On June 20, the Commission authorized staff to negotiate these contracts.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the contracts in the amounts shown; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

The second meeting was a joint session with the SCRTD Rapid Transit Committee. The two committees discussed LACTC's Rail Transit Implementation Strategy development and specific aspects of the Long Beach-Los Angeles project.

LACTC staff recommended coordination of design of Metro Rail and Long Beach-Los Angeles projects at the 7th and Flower Station, which is an alternative terminus for the Long Beach-Los Angeles project. The committee recommended that the Commission authorize staff to request SCRTD to begin preliminary engineering for interfacing the Long Beach and Metro Rail projects at 7th and Flower, subject to eventual Commission approval of the cost of such work.

Mrs. Bacharach moved to authorize staff to work with SCRTD; seconded by Mr. Kell. There was a voice vote; all Commissioners were in favor of the motion.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC's actions taken at their meeting of July 7:

Pomona Valley Study - Evaluation of Service and Management Alternatives

Approve staff's analysis and convey the following:

- a. The study should give full consideration to a timed transfer local system;
- b. Options for operating the fixed-route portion of the recommendation should consider a private contractor and a local transportation provider as well as the regional carrier; and
- c. Consideration should be given to deleting the marketing study and redeploying the money to carry out the recommendations just mentioned.

Paratransit Operations Subcommittee Membership

Endorse the staff's recommendation on the revised membership roster for PAROS.

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

BRIEFING ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF LACTC PERFORMANCE AUDIT

Dave Schwartz and Dick Swanson of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells briefed the Commissioners on their findings and recommendations on the LACTC performance audit. Copies of the full report were distributed to the members.

Mr. Richmond indicated that there will be a workshop after the next Commission meeting on the goals and objectives of the Commission and discussion of the performance audit.

Mr. Richmond also asked for approval to send a copy of the LACTC performance audit to the State, which was due on June 30. There were no objections in submitting the report to Sacramento.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. APTA Annual Conference - This conference will be held in mid-October in Denver, Colorado. Staff would appreciate hearing from interested members as soon as possible.
2. New Employee - Kris Beatty, Project Assistant in the Local Assistance Program, was introduced to the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Geoghegan indicated that Congresswoman Fiedler had sent a letter to the L.A. County Board of Supervisors requesting that an advisory referendum on the Metro Rail Project be placed on the upcoming ballot. A motion was made by Supervisor Hahn requesting the LACTC report on the status of the Metro Rail Project and recommend whether or not an election should be held.

Mr. Geoghegan urged the Commission to take a position to indicate that we feel the Proposition A vote was a successful referendum on transit in Los Angeles County and that we continue our full support of the Metro Rail Line. Hearing no objections, all Commissioners were in favor of his motion.

Mrs. Russell requested that staff send a letter to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors on the status and recommendation of this project.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Mr. Remy mentioned that there will be a civic celebration for the Mayor by the downtown business community on July 27 which may overlap the Commission meeting which is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. He was concerned about the timeframe because several Commissioners may be attending the event. Staff will contact the members if they would prefer a 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. meeting.

Notice of Meetings was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert Swan spoke on the Los Angeles-Long Beach light rail project.

Mr. Greg Roberts spoke regarding the rules for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director