



LACTC MINUTES

August 10, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Russell at 1:50 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
Wendell Cox
Councilwoman Eunice Sato, alternate to Councilman Kell
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Mas Fukai, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

Paul Taylor, Deputy Executive Director for Transit
Development
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Honda, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 27, 1983 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

DISCUSSION WITH MR. BILL WELSH, PRESIDENT OF THE HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Mr. Bill Welsh discussed issues of mutual interest on transportation projects supported by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the community. He commented on the Metro Rail station at Hollywood Bowl.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of August 8, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AUDIT

- o Approve the reorganization of the Government and Public Affairs Division into the three following sections:
 - Communications
 - Community Relations
 - Intergovernmental Relations
- o Approve the addition of the following four positions in the Government and Public Affairs section:
 - Community Relations Officer
 - Community Relations Assistant
 - Communications Assistant
 - Senior Secretary

These staffing increases will result in additional salaries and payroll burden increase to the FY 1983-84 LACTC budget of \$98,500. These recommendations were also reviewed by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the Rapid Transit Committee, and the Service Coordination Committee.

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

UPGRADE OF SECRETARIAL POSITION

- o Upgrade one secretarial position in the Programming and Fiscal Analysis Division to Senior Secretary.

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

RAIL TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY: INITIAL ASSUMPTIONS IN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

- o Concur in staff's suggestion that financial analysis for rail transit implementation initially assume that 35% of Proposition A revenues will be dedicated to rail capital construction and that no more than one-half of this amount may be pledged to borrow from future revenues to pay for present construction.

The Rapid Transit Committee also approved this recommendation.

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

Mr. Remy was concerned with the language of the recommendation. He suggested that the basic assumptions be rewritten as to the exact intent of the recommendation; he moved that the policy be referred back to the committee to clarify the language.

Since the Commission will not be meeting for one month, he withdrew his motion. Instead, he moved to amend the second part of the recommendation that there be a further assumption that no more than one half of this amount be pledged to borrow from future revenues as a conservative estimate to pay for present construction. Mrs. Bacharach seconded the motion. Hearing no objections; motion was carried.

LACTC APPEALS TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGARDING 1983 STATE HIGHWAY TIP ADOPTION

- o Appeal the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) decision not to include the following LACTC-supported projects in the 1983 State Highway TIP:
 - o Route 101 - Valley Circle Blvd./Mulholland Drive Interchange: Phases I, II & III
 - o Three landscaping projects on Route 57/60, 2/134 & 90
 - o Two projects on Route 101 and 110 excluded from the 1983 STIP due to lack of review time by Caltrans.
 - o Placeholder listings for the Route 5 and Route 110 transitway projects.

Mr. Sanborn stated that FRC had asked staff to check with Caltrans regarding Route 10 - 17th to Centinela in Santa Monica soundwall project. Although it is not listed in this year's STIP, the soundwall is in the budget of last year's STIP and is being worked on by Caltrans. The advertising date is scheduled for April 1984. The project was previously determined not to be cost effective by Caltrans but subsequent analysis by Caltrans determined that it was cost effective and was reinstated into the STIP.

It is recommended that Route 10 - Lincoln to 17th soundwall in Santa Monica - be resubmitted for next year's TIP program inasmuch as it does not meet the criteria of Caltrans at this time.

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

SCRTD PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

- o Approve the SCRTD's Division 10 (East Los Angeles) and Division 18 (Southwest Los Angeles) TIP Amendment; and
- o Approve the programming of funds for the Minority Business Enterprise/Women's Business Enterprise special project under SCRTD.

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

Mrs. Bacharach questioned that the committee also made a policy that they would entertain TIP amendments at certain times.

Mrs. Reed clarified that it was staff's policy and not a part of the motion. It came up in discussion because Division 10 is amended frequently and to reduce the paperwork in the future, staff can only get to the amendments twice a year.

Mrs. Bacharach mentioned that if it is necessary for that to be a formal policy, she moved such a policy that we entertain TIP amendments twice a year at the appropriate times. The motion was seconded. Hearing no objections; motion was carried.

LACTC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- o Approve the FY 1983-84 LACTC Goals and Objectives as shown in the FRC agenda with the following revisions:
 1. Change the LACTC goal "To implement the Los Angeles-to-Long Beach rail transit project" to read "To implement the Los Angeles-Long Beach rail transit project and facilitate the implementation of the Wilshire Metro Rail project".
 2. Add a LACTC staff objective to the rail implementation goal section as follows: "Fulfill LACTC's responsibilities to facilitate implementation of Wilshire Metro Rail as required by statute and the SCRTD-LACTC Memorandum of Understanding."

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts spoke regarding the hiring process at the Commission.

UPCOMING ISSUES

FY 1983-84 FARE REDUCTION AGREEMENT WITH SCRTD

Extensive discussions have been held with SCRTD with regard to the FY 1983-84 fare reduction agreement. Several significant issues remain unresolved. The FRC discussed these unresolved issues on Monday. It is anticipated that the Commission will be called upon to make decisions regarding this issue in the near future.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on IRC's meeting of August 10, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

STATE LEGISLATION

The committee reviewed SCA 37, Senator Foran's Local Gas Tax Option bill. The committee continues to be concerned that the drafted legislation has implications for County Minimums and our legal counsel has stated that having the taxes remain in the "county of origin" is not required if it is not contained in the legislation. The committee recommends that we seek clarification from Senator Foran, forward our legal counsel's opinion and inform the Senator that unless this is addressed, the Commission will have to consider changing its position of support on this bill.

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

STATE BUDGET

In light of the fact that the Legislature approved more funding for transportation items than the Governor originally requested and that he has also approved additional funding in the budget, the Commission will send the Governor, with a copy to Kirk West, a letter of appreciation for his approval on transit capital and STA. Additionally, we will point out that funding for STA is even more critical with the eventual loss of Proposition A fare reduction money and scheduled Federal operating cuts.

Mr. Remy moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections; motion was carried.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The committee was briefed on funding levels contained in the conference report for the FY 84 transportation budget. We were

quite disappointed in an approved policy which states that the Secretary shall reallocate any unused new start money into rail modification and we should attempt to get a modification of the policy in subsequent legislation.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AUDIT/IRC GOALS

These two items were approved without exception. The committee suggested that the Executive Director consult with the Chair and Vice Chair to determine which Commission committee should be assigned oversight authority for Community Relations and Media Relations.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on RTC's meeting of August 8, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

1. There were two requests by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to expand the scope of the project EIR for Long Beach - Los Angeles. One was to carry the Westside downtown alternatives as possible future extensions and to evaluate impacts on those to Union Station. The other had to do with terminating the aerial alternative at 3rd. The "3rd Street" request has been tabled. The committee agreed to table it with the admonition that we can only consider it at the beginning of September at the latest or else it will be affecting the very tight schedule. On the other request concerning the scope of the project environmental impact report, the committee took the following action:
 - (a). Authorize Parsons Brinckerhoff/Kaiser Engineers (PB/KE), and SCAG to prepare an assessment of the environmental impacts of possible future extensions of the westside downtown Los Angeles alternatives for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail project. This assessment is to be prepared in a manner consistent with any requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act applicable to said extensions.
 - (b). Authorize staff to prepare amendments to the PB/KE and SCAG contracts with the Commission for engineering/environmental services for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail project, for effort corresponding to the above actions, with such amendments to be submitted to the Commission for approval.

Mrs. Bacharach reported that this action included a not-to-exceed cost of \$270,000 for these minimum CEQA-required assessments, and if there was any additional work that may be beyond that minimum

) requirement that the City of Los Angeles would pick up any additional costs. She stated that the committee was split and had a long discussion on the subject; because that was the committee recommendation, she moved it for purposes of discussion. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bacharach began discussions by encouraging committee members to share their feelings. She introduced LACTC's environmental attorney, Mr. John C. Funk. Mrs. Bacharach then reported that of the \$270,000 that the committee voted not to exceed on Monday, \$70,000 was actually for the request tabled by the committee. She amended the RTC request to be not to exceed \$200,000. The amendment was seconded.

Mrs. Bacharach then repeated the motion. As written on 1(a) and 1(b), to prepare the environmental assessment of the impacts of possible future extensions for the westside downtown Los Angeles alternatives and that they be consistent with any requirements of the environmental quality act applicable to extensions and that the Commission authorize the staff to prepare agreements to do that necessary work. The amendments would be not to exceed a cost of \$200,000 and should any work be requested over and above the \$200,000 by the City of Los Angeles, that the city be asked to pay for that work.

) Mr. Szabo explained that he can support that approach because it buys protection against legal challenge, but not if the approach would in essence amend the May 25 LACTC decisions on alignment. He stated for the record that this is not by any means a change in the Commission's position to add to that alignment but simply a protection of alternative analysis so we're covered in the future. Then, Mr. Szabo made that an amendment to the motion; seconded by Mr. Sanborn.

Mr. Remy asked Mr. Funk if that amendment would somehow prejudice the environmental work.

Mr. Funk asked Mr. Szabo to repeat and clarify his motion.

Mr. Szabo stated that this particular recommendation of the committee should reaffirm the decision taken on May 25 regarding the Commission's adopted recommendations on alignment and profile alternatives for its EIR on this project and there may be some language next to that indicating that this action is taken in order to assure that we do not prejudice our ability to fulfill our requirements in conjunction with California Environmental Quality Act. In other words, shift the issue to the legal rather than the physical description of the project.

) Mr. Funk said that if LACTC is simply reaffirming the fact that it wants to look at three basic central business district alignments, two of which would stop at 7th and Flower, that is fine.

There is no requirement that future extensions have to be likely or imminent in order to warrant reviewing them in the EIR. Mr. Funk stated that there is the possibility that there could be these extensions and that an LACTC decision to go along the west-side might in fact foster to some extent or encourage such an extension; he would advise looking at these cumulative impacts in the EIR, but by studying them in the EIR, LACTC is not necessarily saying that extension is imminent.

Mr. Remy summarized the revised motion to be consistent with the May 25 actions of the Commission, LACTC authorizes added environmental assessment up to \$200,000, and if Los Angeles wants more work, they pay for it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert J. Swan addressed the Commission on the item.

There was a roll call vote on the motion as summarized by Mr. Remy.

ayes: Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Pierce,
Mr. Remy, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mrs. Sato,
Mr. Cox, Mrs. Russell

nays: Mr. Fukai

The motion carried.

2. Approve staff's recommendation that Stage 2 work on the rail transit implementation strategy not continue to evaluate these candidate routes:

- o San Fernando Valley--Sherman Way and Flood Control Channel;
- o West Los Angeles/South Bay--San Diego Freeway/Hawthorne;
- o Pasadena--Route 7/I-210, including ATSF right-of-way through downtown;
- o Century (east)--I-605/Artesia Freeway.

The remaining nineteen routes will continue to be studied over the next month. Mrs. Bacharach noted that the staff is doing this work with many meetings in the corridor communities with affected persons both elected and key individuals in the community. During September, RTC will be reviewing the results of this work for presentation by the end of September.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objections; motion was carried.

3. Support Caltrans' decision to complete the federal environmental impact statement on the Harbor Freeway Transitway with bus/HOV as the preferred alternative, this recognizing that this action does not preclude a decision to build a rail line initially in the Century Freeway not does it imply commitment of funds.

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

Mrs. Bacharach also reported that RTC has asked staff to direct its railroad operations consultant (DKS Associates) to conduct a brief field investigation of the proposed "Olympic Express" right-of-way and, in consultation with the Southern Pacific Railroad, to estimate costs likely to be involved in implementing the proposal.

She also reviewed upcoming issues before the Rapid Transit Committee:

- o receiving estimates of the capital budget expected to be available for rail transit construction
- o discussing a final system plan for the Metro Rail project, including stations
- o hearing organizational choices for management of design and construction of Los Angeles-Long Beach project

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on SCC's meeting of August 3, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

- o Approval of the SCRTD Performance Audit

Approve the following staff recommendations:

- o Approve the staff recommended corrections to the final audit.
- o Approve authorization to transmit the finalized audit to the State with a revision to the introduction regarding the change in the passenger indicators.
- o Approve the issues to be addressed in the action plan with the understanding that the RTD is to address all 37 recommendations but will place more emphasis on the five high priority recommendations identified in Attachment D.

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

o Approval of the Municipal Operator Performance Audits

Approve the performance audits for the thirteen Municipal Operators and authorize the transmission of the audits to the State.

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

BRIEFING ON OLYMPICS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Several members of a transportation advisory committee that Rick Richmond chairs for the Olympics briefed the Commission on their agency's planning efforts for Olympic events.

Caltrans

Mr. Heinz Heckerth, District Director, briefed the Commission on their role in the Olympic traffic planning.

City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation

Mr. Don Howery, General Manager, briefed the Commission on the preparation of the Department's element of Olympic Games transportation plan and implementation of transportation systems management measures.

Southern California Rapid Transit District

Mr. John Dyer, General Manager, briefed the Commission on their efforts of developing a bus system for the Olympics.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report on Joe Leach--Joe recently entered the hospital for an operation and has come through well. He is out of intensive care and resting comfortably.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert J. Swan commented on Mr. Welsh's speech. He also commented on the staff report of the Olympic Express.

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on the Olympics Committee and the RTD Board. He again commented on the hiring process of the Commission.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

There will be no second Commission meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14.

WORKSHOP

The workshop was postponed until September.

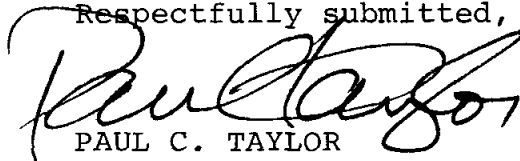
EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session after the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Deputy Executive Director
for Transit Development

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