



LACTC MINUTES

September 14, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bacharach at 1:40 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  
Wendell Cox  
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Mas Fukai, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Heinz Heckerth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director  
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel  
Annette Honda, Secretary  
Elyse Kusunoki, Senior Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Bacharach mentioned that on page 4, under SCRTD Proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendments, the minutes of August 10 should be corrected to state that the TIP is amended frequently.

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved, as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

Note: Portion of the minutes covering the Intergovernmental Relations Committee report is attached as page 9 of the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on FRC's meeting of September 12, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

Use of Proposition A-Purchased Vehicles Under the Local Return Program - Charter Service & Incidental Use

- o Disallow the use of Proposition A-purchased vehicles for trips extending beyond the urbanized area;
- o Decline to adopt a policy regarding incidental use of Proposition A-purchased vehicles;
- o Take an advisory action to restrict recreational transit trips to the urbanized area or the county and not allow proportional costs of trips with destinations outside that area to be charged to Prop. A.

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

Health Benefits Resolution

- o Adopt the following resolution for submittal to the Public Employees' Retirement System:

"...that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission's monthly contribution to its employees' health insurance premiums for FY 1983-84 shall be as follows:"

1-party enrollment	\$ 76.00
2-party enrollment	148.00
3-or-more party enrollment	185.00

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

County of Los Angeles FY 1983-88 Short-Range Transit Plan

- o Amend the FY 1983-87 Transit TIP to program the \$89,432 available Federal Section 18 operating funds for the Antelope Valley Public Transportation System; and

- o Authorize transmittal of this action to Caltrans to meet the September 23, 1983 deadline with the understanding that the remaining funding for the Antelope Valley Public Transportation System will be programmed at a later date.

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

Transit TIP Amendment Policies and Guidelines

- o Approve the Transit TIP Amendment Policies and Guidelines as described in the FRC agenda with the following revisions:
  - 1) Modify the Amendment Guideline points C)8 and C)10 to require Commission review of amendments for cost overruns which exceed \$250,000 or are 10% over the original cost estimate, whichever is less.
  - 2) Direct staff to return with a recommendation for revised TIP Amendment Guideline points C)7 and C)9 regarding the maximum cost-of-projects and percent-of-budget allowable for administrative amendments.

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

LACTC/SCRTD FY 1983-94 Fare Reduction Program Memorandum of Understanding

- o Approve the LACTC/SCRTD FY 1983-84 Fare Reduction Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which includes the following changes recommended by the FRC:
  - 1) (page 3, line 1) - Insert "new" between "no" and "service";
  - 2) (page 4, 1st paragraph, last sentence) - Revise the sentence to read, "In order to account for monthly variations in operating costs, reimbursement shall be based on actual expenses for implementation of the Fare Reduction Program, but not to exceed the cumulative amounts shown in Exhibit A."
  - 3) (Exhibit A) - Insert month-by-month dollar amounts when they are agreed upon by SCRTD and LACTC staff.

- o Direct staff to investigate alternate methods of reimbursing SCRTD for the Reduced Fare Program in order to reduce borrowing costs for SCRTD.
- o Commend SCRTD for coming in \$2 million under budget in Fiscal Year 1982-83.

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

The following information items were reported by Mr. Sanborn:

1. All of LACTC's 1983 State Highway TIP appeals for State Highway funding were approved by the California Transportation Commission.
2. Action on the Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Rules item was held over due to time constraints.

Mr. Sanborn reported that the committee received a staff report regarding recent developments concerning arrangements for financing potential transit service during the Olympics. SCRTD has signed an agreement with Marketcom for the sale of Olympic bus tokens. Any revenues generated by these tokens will be used to reduce the projected \$1.7 million shortfall in SCRTD's approved budget for bus service during the Olympics. Staff will bring this matter to the FRC at a later date to discuss with a recommendation for Commission action.

#### RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the following items discussed at the August 22, 1983 meeting:

- o Information on the proposed "olympic Express" rail shuttle, which indicated a cost of some \$6.8 million for the project, with no more than \$3.6 million identified as revenue from user charges. The Committee agreed to monitor progress of the "Olympic Express" proposal and to cooperate in implementation if the project is fully supported from private sponsorships.
- o A concept plan for management of design and construction for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project. This plan lays out several alternatives for organizing to implement the project; when staff has recommended an organizational approach, the Committee would like to present a background briefing to the full Commission.

Mrs. Bacharach also reported on RTC's meeting of September 12, 1983. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission approval:

Metro Rail Project: Redesign of El Monte Busway Extension

- o Authorize staff to request that the Federal Highway Administration and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration reimburse as part of the busway extension and Metro Rail projects, respectively, the additional cost for necessary redesign and subsequent construction of the El Monte Busway Extension to accommodate present and future Metro Rail construction.
- o Approve funding for the additional cost up to \$2.5 million (from STA Rapid Transit Set-Aside Funds), or a lesser amount should it result from bidding, to cover the portion of added cost not reimbursed by the Federal government.

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

Rail Transit Implementation Strategy

- o Authorize staff and consultants to conduct analytical work on one additional alternative project in the Pasadena corridor serving the Lincoln Heights area with a surface light rail line (at a cost of analysis not to exceed \$16,000).
- o Information: Staff has begun presenting preliminary information on costs and ridership to the community organizations they have worked with in the various corridors. They will present to the Committee their recommendations for representative projects in each corridor in October.

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

Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

- o Amend contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff/Kaiser Engineers (PB/KE) to include \$423,000 for increased effort for conceptual engineering and environmental impact report on alignment and profile alternatives, as adopted by LACTC May 25, 1983.

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

- o Amend contracts with SCAG to include \$56,764 for additional travel forecasting services and with PB/KE to include \$143,000 for environmental assessment of possible future extensions of the "westside" grade-separated project alternatives in downtown Los Angeles as directed on August 10, 1983 by the Commission.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Mr. Fukai requested to be recorded in opposition to this recommendation. Hearing no further objections, motion was carried.

- o Approve (1) revision of the Figueroa/Olympic-North aerial alternative for the project in downtown Los Angeles, by extending its terminus from the Seventh and Flower Metro Rail Station, to Third and Figueroa Streets, and (2) amendment of the contract with PB/KE to include \$70,000 for increased effort for conceptual engineering and environmental impact report on this portion of the alignment.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, and motion was seconded. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

- o Approve (1) addition of an alternative along the mid-corridor segment of the project, whereby the Southern Pacific Railroad's Wilmington branch rail line would be permanently re-routed along the railroad's West Santa Ana and San Pedro (Alameda Street) branches, from Watts Junction to Dominguez Junction. (Examination of this alternative is to accompany studies of mid-corridor alternatives already established for the project, whereby the Southern Pacific's railroad line would be reconstructed either at-grade, or below-grade along Willowbrook Avenue through the City of Compton as part of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.) And (2) amending the contract with PB/KE to include \$80,000 for environmental impact report on this alternative.

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

- o Amend contract with PB/KE to include \$55,000 for other items of additional work (\$30,000 for preferred alternatives report; \$20,000 for 1"-100' freight track drawings; and \$5,000 for investigation of Slauson Overcrossing of proposed "bullet train").

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Szabo. Mr. Cox requested to be recorded in opposition to the \$5,000 for investigation of Slauson Overcrossing for the proposed "bullet train." It was his understanding that this project is to be privately financed. Hearing no further objections, motion was carried.

- o Authorize expenditure for all contracts with public agencies and private firms as increased total of \$1.8 million from Proposition A Rail Transit funds to complete engineering/environmental work for the project. (The total budget for this contract work is \$4.8 million, with the other \$3 million split evenly between State Guideway funding and Local STA Rapid Transit Set-Aside Funds.)

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

#### Upcoming Items:

The Rapid Transit Committee will be:

- o discussing the integration of the Long Beach-Los Angeles project with the Metro Rail Station at 7th and Flower;
- o discussing Caltrans' Draft EIS for the Santa Ana Freeway corridor; and
- o discussing the financial plan and system plan for the Metro Rail project.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the light rail project.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Christian Averous, with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, and Mr. Gerhard Meighorner, with the City Planning Department in Munich, Germany, were introduced to the Commissioners. They paid the Commission a visit during their tour of Los Angeles.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on the Watson Assessment Bill.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Rapid Transit Committee has scheduled a meeting for September 26, 1983.

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Barna Szabo, Vice Chairman of IRC, indicated the following actions taken by the Committee:

- o Revenue Bonding Legislation, one of our top legislative priorities, has two authors for corresponding bills to be introduced in January: Assemblyman Bruce Young and Senator Bob Beverly; authorize the first five activities of selecting authors, drafting language, preparing a summary of the bill, briefing the Commission and developing a list of contracts; we will come back to the Commission at its next meeting with a revised action plan.
- o State Legislation - We have authorized that letters be sent to the Governor for bills on his desk: SB 388, SB 455 and AB 1379; SB 1238, SCRTD's Benefit Assessment bill, still is uncertain status in Conference Committee.
- o Continue to the next meeting comments on proposed changes to Federal EIS - procedures that rail projects which fall under the same criteria as busway projects being proposed for exemption from an EIS, also be exempted; failing that, we'd suggest that busways ought not be treated differently from rail projects and, therefore, we question the wisdom of exempting them from the EIS requirements.
- o Approve retroactive letter sent by staff that there is insufficient information on whether or not to include private operators' services in computing Section 9 formula apportionments and, therefore, we oppose at this time.