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LACTC MINUTES

September 28, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Mrs. Russell at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Council Member Christine E. Reed
Councilman Ernie Kell
Wendell Cox
Mas Fukai, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
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
Gerald Crump, Chief, Public Works Division, County Counsel,
attended for Ronald Schneider
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Honda, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 14, 1983 were approved unanimously as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

DISCUSSION WITH MS. PYE

Mrs. Russell welcomed and introduced Ms. Dori Pye, President of the Western Los Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce, to the Commission. Ms. Pye briefly explained the functions of the chamber and their support for rapid transit in the western region of Los Angeles.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC's meeting of September 23. The recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

Timely Use of Federal-Aid (FAU) Funds

- o Reallocate, on July 1, 1984, Federal-Aid Urban (FAU) funds which have lapsed by July 1, 1984 to FAU-eligible projects of county-wide significance. Special exemptions to this action are described in the staff report.
- o Notify annually, all affected local agencies of the lapsing status of their FAU funds.
- o Request that the LACTC's Highways and Freeways Subcommittee develop the administrative procedures for implementing this policy and report back to the Commission by February 1, 1984.
- o Request the FAU Technical and Policy Committees to review this policy and proposed administrative procedures.

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

Proposed State Highway Interchange and Overcrossing Policy

- o Continue to oppose the CTC staff-proposed Interchange and Overcrossing funding policy.
- o Continue to support the Regional Transportation Planning Agency-proposed Interchange and Overcrossing funding policy.

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

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Commission Requested Revision to the Transit TIP
Amendment Guidelines

- o Approve revisions to criteria 7 and 9 of the Transit TIP Amendment Policies and Guidelines to require Commission review of amendments which exceed \$250,000 or 10% of the transit operator's total operating budget during the fiscal year of the amendment, whichever is less.

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

Mrs. Reed also reported that the FRC heard reports on the following issues which may come before the Commission for action in the future.

Status of the Transit Operator's Action Plans

The Commission will be taking action on transit operator's Action Plans in December, 1983.

Issues Concerning Financing and Service Concepts for
Special Olympic Transit Service

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FRC received a briefing on issues concerning financing and service concepts for special transit service for the 1984 Olympics. Staff will return with a full report in the event that SCRTD requests financial support from LACTC for Olympic transit service.

The following information items were also reported by Mrs. Reed:

1. The total amount of FY 1982-83 Proposition A Fare Reduction claims is approximately \$3 million less than the programmed level.
2. Action on the City of San Dimas' Proposition A Local Return Project was deferred.
3. Action on the Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Rules issue was deferred.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the committee's meeting of September 28.

Revenue Bonding Legislation

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The committee recommended approval of the initial draft language of the Revenue Bonding Legislation and authorized staff to work with legislative counsel staff and continue to circulate language to interested parties for comment.

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

The committee recommended minor changes in the Bonding Bill's Activity/Strategy Program and one minor change in the Question/Answer Information prepared for use in conjunction with the Revenue Bonding Legislation. The committee approved sending the descriptive material on the Revenue Bonding as well as the Activity Program between now and the end of January.

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

L.A. Ports Demonstration Legislation

Bills by Senator Beverly and Assemblyman Elder which dealt with the Los Angeles Port Demonstration project have been signed by the Governor. Mr. Remy suggested that the Commission invite Assemblyman Elder and Senator Beverly to attend a Commission meeting, perhaps in November, to honor them for successfully carrying this important legislation. Staff will work to coordinate this meeting.

Federal Legislation

Senator Dole and Congressman Pickle have introduced bills pertaining to Safe Harbor Leasing which exempts rolling stock, but the tax incentive permitting financing leases for transit systems would be eliminated. Additionally for those systems not in operation prior to January, 1987, no form of tax subsidy would be available. The IRC recommended that Chairwoman Russell send mailgrams to the L.A. County delegation supporting the exemption for rolling stock, but stating that the January 1987 cut-off date is not in the best interest of the region.

Mr. Remy moved for approval, which was seconded. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Proposed Changes to Federal Environmental Impact State ment Guidelines

This item was held over from the last committee meeting until staff had an opportunity to discuss the proposed revisions with Caltrans. Mr. Richmond indicated that staff has met with Caltrans and the proposed comments will be transmitted in a letter to the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Remy moved for approval to send the letter, seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meetings of September 19 and 26, 1983. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

- o Authorize issuance of the Concept Design Report dated September, 1983 (as revised by staff, Committee and Commission review) for public review, including conduct of public design review meetings in the project area communities.

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

- o Authorize the Executive Director to terminate by mutual agreement the Commission's contract for community involvement services in support of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project approved January 26, 1983 with David Abel and Associates, and Watts Labor Community Action Committee, effective September 28, 1983; and

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

- o Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Watts Labor Community Action Committee for continued community involvement support of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project for the mid-corridor communities, at a cost not to exceed \$34,985, with scope of work to be reviewed by the Committee.

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

- o Regarding the configuration of the Bullet Train proposal for the Los Angeles-San Diego corridor, convey to the American High Speed Rail Corporation the Commission's preference for that project to pass over the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail project where the two would cross (at Slauson Avenue). Based on Committee action, staff has already indicated to the Corporation RTC's preference and set October 7 as the date by which we would like the Corporation to tell us if they prefer a different configuration.

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

- o Adopt the revised California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (published August 1, 1983 by the State) to be followed on the Long Beach-Los Angeles project.

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

Santa Ana Freeway Transitway

- o Authorize transmittal to Caltrans of the comments prepared by staff regarding the Draft EIS for the freeway corridor.

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

Mrs. Bacharach also reported that the RTC discussed the following items of general interest:

- o Economic development and employment/job training in conjunction with the Long Beach-Los Angeles project. Research is being conducted in the project area and through other rail transit projects to enable the committee to set policies specifying the role of the Commission in these fields.
- o Status of the Bullet Train Proposal. The RTC received a presentation from American High Speed Rail Corporation and discussed the schedule and routes for the project. The Corporation hopes to begin construction in 1985 and finish in 1989.
- o California Transportation Commission's Study of guideway (rail transit) priorities for State funding. The CTC report confirms LACTC's approach of focusing on high-priority corridors as well as our policy to devote all State funding toward matching Federal funding for Metro Rail over the next six years. It is encouraging about State funding of projects after Metro Rail. The report fails to recognize completely LACTC's priority for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project; the project has been omitted from their "5-year" list because we have not completed the project Environmental Impact Report. This rather arbitrary criterion set by CTC in fact has no real impact on the project, inasmuch as LACTC fully intends to complete the project without State assistance and

within five years. Staff will be writing a letter to CTC expressing our concern that CTC has not recognized fully the priority placed by LACTC on the Long Beach-Los Angeles project.

Mrs. Bacharach moved that a letter be written to the CTC; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

- o Rail Transit Implementation Strategy (Stage 2) is nearly complete. Staff has presented the Committee with analysis results in the five corridors where routing options were to be evaluated. Staff has also discussed the findings with representatives of the corridor cities and key community organizations. In the West Los Angeles (N/S) South Bay corridor, the cities clearly favor the Marina/AT&SF route (Alternative C2). No clear consensus has emerged yet in the other corridors. Staff is setting up meetings with the staffs of the appropriate agencies to review our findings over the next two weeks.

The schedule that the Rapid Transit Committee is following has the committee receiving preliminary recommendations on which single route in each corridor best serves that corridor at the first meeting in October. By mid-October, the committee will receive final recommendations from staff. The RTC plans to bring the final recommendations before the Commission on October 26. Prior to that, a presentation of the Stage 2 results to the Commission is being arranged in a workshop setting.

- o Trip to San Diego - Final plans are being made by staff for another trip to tour the San Diego Trolley.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC meeting of September 21, 1983. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

Amendment to Paratransit Operations Subcommittee (PAROS)
By-Laws

Approve the following amendment to Article IV Meetings,
Section 1, General Meetings of the PAROS By-laws:

Meetings of the Paratransit Operations Subcommittee shall be held not less than quarterly in a calendar year. The agenda time and places for such meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Appointments to Transit Productivity Subcommittee

Approve the appointments of Ms. Terry Fitzgerald and Mr. Irving Jones to the Transit Productivity Committee.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee

Mr. Oliver Herman Weiss has been nominated by Mayor Bradley to serve on the Commission's Citizens Advisory Committee. Approval of this appointment by the Commission has been requested by Mayor Bradley.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve Mr. Weiss' appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

2. Commissioners' Travel Request

The following Commissioners' travel requests have been submitted for Commission's approval:

Wendell Cox	- APTA Planning and Policy Committee Meeting, October 3, in Chicago
Jacki Bacharach	- APTA Annual Conference, October 23-27, in Denver
Wendell Cox	
Robert Geoghegan	
Ted Pierce	
Barna Szabo	

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Commissioners' travel requests be approved.

3. Introduction of New Staff Member

Erica Goebel was introduced as the new Communications Officer for the Commission staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

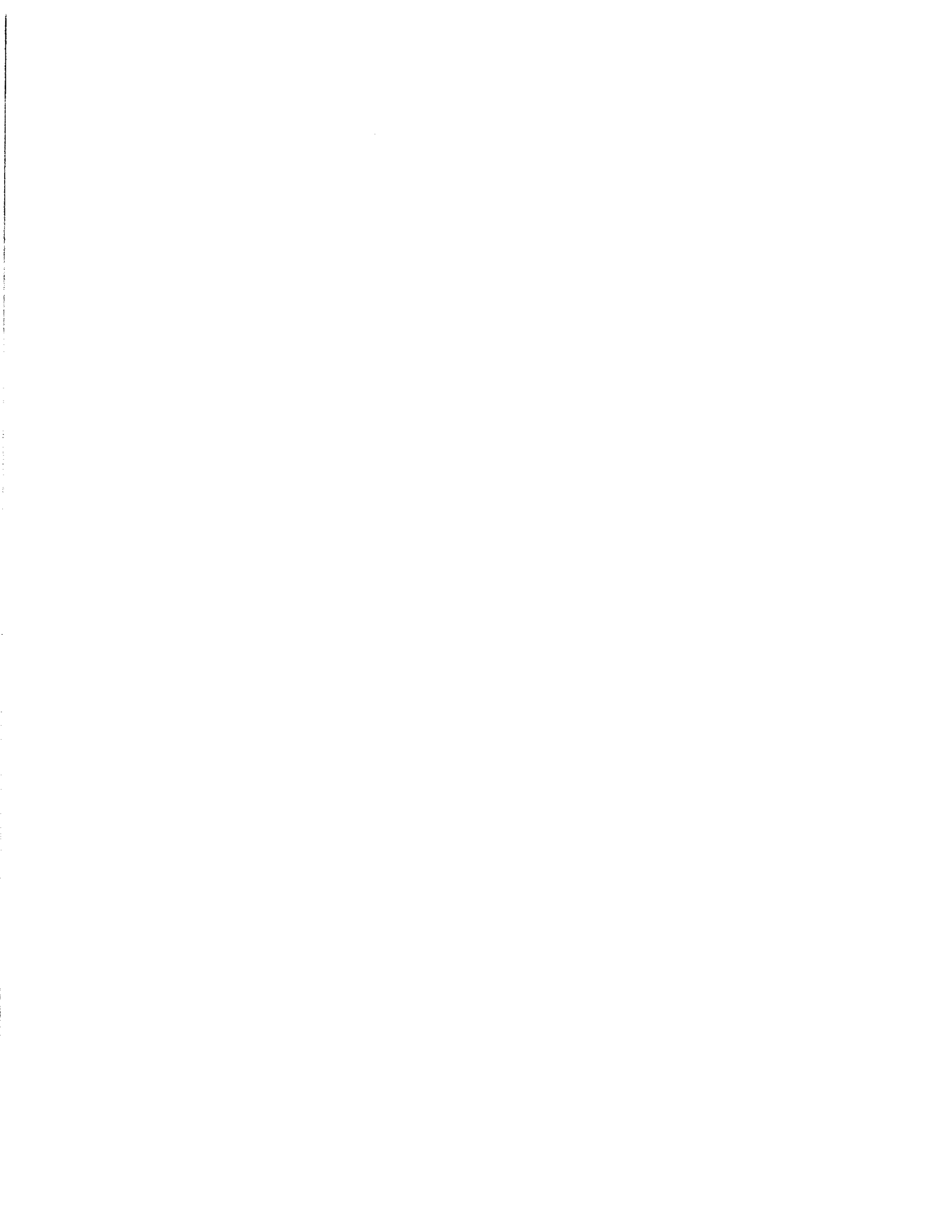
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. at which time the Commissioners went into a workshop for a discussion on Rapid Transit Vehicle Technology.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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October 12, 1983

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Members in attendance were:

Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Council Member Christine E. Reed
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
Margarita Ortiz, Senior Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 28, 1983 were approved unanimously as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of October 6. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

Request to Amend the 1984-88 Los Angeles County Highway TIP to include a Soundwall on Route 405

- o Defer consideration of a request by Assemblyman Gray Davis to fund a soundwall on Route 405 until the 1985-89 Highway TIP development process, which starts in January, 1984.
- o Request additional technical information regarding this and other soundwall projects from Caltrans.

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

Biennial STIP Proposal

- o Notify the California Transportation Commission that the LACTC believes that a biennial, or every 2 years, State TIP (STIP) process by itself will not solve the problem of inadequate project information on potential STIP projects.
- o Support the concept of a 10-year Highway TIP time frame instead of the current 5-year time frame.
- o Support a 2-year Highway TIP annual element in order to reduce the frequency of amendments to the current 1-year annual element.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Mr. Remy questioned the method by which a 2-year annual element would reduce amendments.

Mr. Heckerth explained that the 2-year annual element would, in effect, double the number of projects approved for funding, thereby reducing the number of amendments. He also clarified that this 2-year annual element provision would only affect the Federal version of the TIP, not the State version of the TIP.

Hearing no other questions, the motion was carried.

Proposition A Local Return Project: City of San Dimas

- o Reject the staff recommendation that the City of San Dimas be allowed to fund the in-county portion of an out-of-county recreational transit trip out of Proposition A Local Return funds contingent upon conformance to conditions described in the staff report.

The motion to approve the staff recommendation failed with 2 in favor (Sanborn and Reed) and 2 in opposition (Cox and Kell). The matter is now before the Commission for action.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of staff recommendation; seconded by Mr. Sanborn.

Much discussion followed.

All members present voted in favor of Mrs. Reed's motion with the exception of Mr. Cox.

Mr. Sanborn also reported on the following information item:

Action Plan Status Report

FRC reviewed the September 22, 1983 letter from Rick Richmond to John Dyer informing RTD that the Action Plan submitted September 1 does not conform to LACTC guidelines. Staffs of the two agencies are meeting weekly to resolve this issue. The Committee emphasized the importance of this Transit Operator Performance Audits.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The IRC did not have a meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 1983.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meeting of October 6.

Stage 2 of the Rail Transit Implementation Strategy

The Committee received staff's report and recommendations on this project. First, staff recommended for each high-priority corridor a representative route which best serves the rail transit needs of the corridor. These routes combine with the Metro Rail and Long Beach-Los Angeles projects to form an "interim rail system" which could be well along toward completion by the year 2000. Second, staff received estimates of revenue from all sources for rail transit construction which LACTC can expect to realize by 2000.

Once the Commission adopts representative routes for an "interim rail system", staff will compare the cost to construct each route with the estimates of revenues to prepare several scenarios for ways to develop the rail system. This "Stage 3" analysis will also look at system operational considerations (including mode options on the Century Freeway) and refine ridership estimates. It is expected to be completed before January.

At the conclusion of today's Commission meeting, staff will brief all Commissioners on the results and recommendations of Stage 2. On October 17, at 10 a.m., the Rapid Transit Committee will meet to hear from representatives of agencies and organizations which have been involved in reviewing Stage 2 analyses and recommendations. On October 21, the Committee will consider its recommendations for the Commission meeting of October 26.

Mrs. Bacharach also mentioned that public meetings on the preliminary concepts for design on the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project have been scheduled:

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.	-	Compton
Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.	-	Long Beach
Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.	-	Watts/Willowbrook/ Florence
Friday, October 28, 11 a.m.	-	Downtown Los Angeles

Mr. Remy indicated that the Community Redevelopment Agency had sent a letter to the Commission relative to the Los Angeles-Long Beach rail transit project, expressing an interest in looking at some of the alternate routes. After much discussion, Mr. Remy moved that staff initiate discussions with the CRA, USC, and Central City Association and prepare some cost estimates as to the cost of the work involved for those alternatives so that it can be given to those agencies for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Mr. Geoghegan.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that she had received the communication and a meeting has been scheduled for next week with those agencies.

Vote was unanimous to approve Mr. Remy's motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Joint SCRTD/LACTC meeting is scheduled for November 7.

Commission meeting on October 26 will start at 2:00 p.m. instead of 1:30.

Notice was received and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:17 p.m., the Commission recessed into Executive Session.

At 3:00 p.m., the Commission meeting reconvened.

Mrs. Russell reported that the Commission had decided unanimously to increase the Executive Director's salary by 5% and continue LACTC payment of the Executive Director's PERS contribution, effective July 1, 1983.

WORKSHOP

Workshop discussion on Rail Transit Implementation Strategy immediately followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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