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LACTC MINUTES

November 23, 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
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
Councilwoman Eunice Sato, alternate to Mr. Kell
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

An error on page 5 of the minutes was brought to the attention of staff and has since been corrected. The corrected page was passed out to the Commissioners for their approval. The minutes of November 9, 1983 were approved as corrected.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of November 21. The committee's recommendations for the Commission's approval were as follows:

Proposition A Local Return FY 1982-83 Audit Results

- o Receive and file staff's report on the FY 1982-83 Proposition A Local Return Audit which shows that there are no significant problems with the individual city's management of Local Return funds.

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

Regional Bikeway Fund Expenditures

- o Approve the recall of unexpended funds from finished or fully funded Regional Bikeway Projects.
- o Approve a one-year extension of the expenditure deadline for the Los Angeles River Regional Bikeway and the Laguna Dominguez Bicycle Trail.
- o Request that staff report on actual usage of previously funded Regional Bikeway Projects during next year's review of the Regional Bikeway Program.

The FRC also discussed the recall of Regional Bikeway Funds from the City of Los Angeles and Mr. Sanborn recommended that this item be held over if there were no objections from the Committee members.

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

FY 1983-84 TDA Article 3 (Pedestrian and Bicyclist Facilities) Fund Allocation

- o Allocate \$1,318,360 of TDA Article 3 funds to local agencies on the basis of their population;
- o Allocate \$1,358,862 of TDA Article 3 funds to the following bikeway projects of regional significance contingent upon the conditions outlined in the FRC agenda:

- Los Angeles River Bikeway	\$ 729,000
- South Bay Regional Bikeway Reconstruction Project	400,000
- West Los Angeles Beach Bikeway	161,200
- East San Gabriel Valley Bikeway	66,386
- South Bay Regional Bikeway - Palos Verdes Estates Segment	2,276
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TOTAL	<u>\$1,358,862</u>

The Commission will reconsider all unfunded requests if additional funds become available this year.

It was moved and seconded to approve the staff's recommendation.

Mr. Geoghegan inquired about the West Los Angeles Veloway bikeway project and indicated that the Phase II study report is almost complete. He asked that the allocation of \$1,358,862 of Regional Bikeway funds be held over.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Sanborn amended his motion to approve the allocation to the local agencies and hold over the allocation of the Regional Bikeway funds for two weeks, which was seconded. Hearing no other objections, motion was carried.

Initiating the Process for Readoption of the Route 126
Freeway Location

- o Endorse Caltrans' efforts to initiate the readoption process of a new freeway/expressway location for Route 126.
- o Direct staff to monitor and help expedite the Caltrans short-term study on the Route 126 location.
- o Request that Caltrans not dispose of any right-of-way until the location of Route 126 is determined.

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

Air Quality Conformity Review Procedure for the FY 1985-89
Regional Transportation Improvement Program

- o Support the concept of SCAG's revised Air Quality Conformity Review Procedures for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, but request a one-month

delay in SCAG's adoption of the procedures, to allow time to evaluate the impact on Los Angeles County projects.

- o If SCAG is unwilling to delay adoption of these procedures, direct staff to send a letter to SCAG requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee's concerns about the procedures be resolved.
- o Request that SCAG adopt these procedures on a trial basis for one year.
- o Request that SCAG include Los Angeles County Proposition A Local Return fund expenditures in their conformity evaluation, even though these funds are not programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program.

The vote for this item was not unanimous at the FRC meeting. Commissioner Reed, who voted against this recommendation, expressed concern with the one-month delay.

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

FY 1982-83 and FY 1983-84 County of Los Angeles Short-Range Transit Plan and Transportation Improvement Program

- o Amend the FY 1982-83 Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, to complete the operating revenue program for the Antelope Valley service.
- o Amend the FY 1983-84 Los Angeles County TIP to program operating revenues for both Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita Valley services.

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

Final FY 1985-89 LACTC Supplemental Short-Range Transit Plan Guidelines

- o Approve the Final FY 1985-89 Los Angeles County Supplemental Short-Range Transit Plan Guidelines.

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

The following information item was reported by Mr. Sanborn:

Definition of Special Event Service under the Fare

Action on the definition of Special Event Service under the Fare Reduction Guidelines was held over for one month.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the results of the design review public meetings held in October for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project. The Committee recommends the following policies for Commission's adoption:

1. Policies should be established in the near future for affirmative action and economic development programs to apply to design/construction of the project.
2. Staff is directed to take steps to insure notification of property owners adjacent to the various project alternatives when the EIR is available and public hearings on the EIR are scheduled.
3. A Hill Street Station is to be added to Long Beach alternatives LB-1, LB-2, and LB-4.

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

Mrs. Bacharach also reported that the Committee is considering results of the Stage 2 analysis of representative rail transit routes in the Pasadena Corridor. The Committee has asked staff to conduct a small amount of further analysis and to discuss their findings with certain additional groups in the communities. A staff recommendation in this corridor will be made in the near future.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC's meeting of November 16. The Committee recommends the following action for Commission's approval.

Status Report on Culver City Line 6 Service Dispute between Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines and Culver City Municipal Bus Lines

- o Approve the continuation of Culver City Municipal Bus Line's service along the Line 6 extension and release both operators from the requirement of submitting further reports in the Short-Range Transportation Plan which is due March 1, 1984; and

Disapprove the use of regional funds by Culver City Municipal Bus Lines to operate additional Line 6

service. The issue of use of Local Return Funds to operate such service will be brought to the SCC at a future date.

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

FOLLOW-UP ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Mr. Richmond explained that the Commissioners received and approved the report from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on the proposed LACTC comments on the Section 504 Federal Regulations for the Handicapped. At that time, it was requested that staff report back with additional information on costs of accessible transit and it was decided to hold the forwarding of the proposed comments on the guidelines until the next Commission meeting because the deadline had been extended. A summary of information provided by APTA and DOT is as follows:

- o The average cost-per-passenger trip by service type is:
 - fixed-route handicapped - \$10-50
 - paratransit handicapped - \$ 5-25
 - fixed-route non-handicapped - \$ 1
- o Annual average operating cost per bus is \$2,000 per year.
- o Incremental capital cost per lift for a new bus is \$8,000-20,000.

The Commissioners heard comments from the public and representatives of transit operators.

Sue Ridenour, L.A. County Commission on Disabilities
Lou Nau, LACTC Elderly & Handicapped Advisory Committee
Yvonne Nau, L.A. City Council for the Handicapped
Priscilla Adler, SCRTD
Bob Hildebrand, City of Torrance, Vice Chair of LACTC BOS
Jack Gabig, Long Beach Transit
Irwin Rosenberg, Director of Community Service Medi-Ride
and Chair of LACCN Trans.
Greg Roberts

There was much discussion following the comments.

Mr. Cox moved that one minor modification with regard to UMTA supporting the development of a lift which can be utilized by semi-ambulatory people with some safety be made and expand that comment to include a request that they vigorously support

the development of improved lift technology to improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of the lift technology; seconded by Mr. Szabo.

2:55 p.m. - Mrs. Russell turned the chair over to Mrs. Reed.

Regarding cost cap, Mr. Geoghegan suggested that the Commission should delete the issue of the cap and that the Commission should reaffirm the fact that we in California are the leaders on this issue, that this Commission should remain in the forefront of this issue and that we should ask the rest of the nation to follow our lead. Therefore, Mr. Geoghegan moved that we delete the cost cap requirement and that we call on Section 504 Regulations to include 100% accessibility. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fukai.

Chairwoman Reed indicated that no action was taken on Mr. Cox's motion relating to the vehicle technology on wheelchair lifts. Hearing no objections, Mr. Cox's motion was approved concerning the inclusion of added language in the proposed comments.

Mr. Geoghegan moved that the proposed comments to the Section 504 Regulations be amended to include 100% accessibility rather than 50% accessibility now called for the regulations and to delete the cost cap language; seconded by Mr. Fukai.

Mr. Cox offered a substitute motion that the Commission approve the staff's recommended language with one change which is to eliminate the cost cap where a transit operator decides to meet the requirements of the Section 504 regulations through the option of accessible vehicles on the fixed-route system (as described in the regulations). However, the concept of the cost cap be retained where an operator chose to provide paratransit-type service to satisfy (fully or partially) the requirements of the regulations. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Roll call vote on Mr. Cox's substitute motion:

Ayes: Mr. Szabo, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mrs. Sato, Mr. Cox

Nays: Mr. Fukai, Mr. Geoghegan

Motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Suggested that Commission meetings be changed to December 7 and 21 from December 14 and 28. Motion was made by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to change the December meeting schedule to December 7 and 21. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

2. Workshop with the various cities has begun on the Prop. A 1985 City Options Plan (end of the Reduced Fare Program). Notices for the workshops (West Los Angeles, South Central Los Angeles, and San Fernando Valley) scheduled for December were distributed to the Commissioners.
3. A briefing session on the revenue bonding legislation is scheduled for December 8, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Offices.
4. A poster on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project will be made available to elected officials and organizations in the corridor area. Posters will be made available to individuals at cost.
5. The proposals for Legal Counsel for opinion on eligible uses of Prop. A Local Return Funds will be presented at the December 7 Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on cut back of service and vehicle hours by SCRTD.

Mr. Edward Duncan commented that the summary tabulation of public comments should be more accurate, informative and responsive in detail.

Mr. Bryan Allen requested that his comments on the Downtown alignment be submitted to the Rapid Transit Committee for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice of meeting was received and filed. The next LACTC meeting will be December 7 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachment