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LACTC MINUTES

December 7, 1983

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reed at 1:47 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Council Member Christine E. Reed
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
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
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio, for State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Lloyd Pellman, Deputy County Counsel, for
Ronald Schneider
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Honda, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 23, 1983 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of December 5, 1983. The recommendation from the committee is as follows:

LACTC Publications Project Request for Proposal

Authorize staff to publish a Request for Proposal, to solicit bids from graphic design consultants to design and print: A general information brochure, a newsletter and folders for publications. The estimated cost of these services is to be no more than \$30,000. Proposals submitted to LACTC are to indicate how the contractor would design the materials, in keeping with the Commission's cost-conscious image, especially in matters of paper stock.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the FRC was introduced to the following upcoming issues:

- o Recommendations from the LACTC Salary Survey
- o Transit Operator Action Plans
- o Criteria for Allocating State and Federal Transit Subsidies

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The IRC did not have a meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 1983.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meeting of December 5.

Additional Comments on Concept Design Report for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

The Committee discussed the remaining comments on the Concept Design Report for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project. The last design review public meeting was held on November 21, 1983 in the Florence/Firestone area. Neither the public meeting nor the additional comments required any action by the Commission today.

Request to Add a Project Alternative to the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

The Committee considered the request from the Community Redevelopment Agency to add to the Environmental Impact Report for the project a route alternative linking Exposition Park and USC to the line. The original request came from the CRA and was followed by resolution of support from the Central City Association, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the University of Southern California (including its Student Senate).

Staff presented an analysis comparing the proposed modification with the current project alternative. The proposed routing and alignment increase the "street car" nature of the project, resulting in longer travel time, and run counter to LACTC's efforts to upgrade the line to "rapid transit" standards where feasible. Staff fears that the proposed modification may not meet even the objectives put forth by its proponents, due to interference from traffic on the streets. Because of the limited opportunities for street widening, to meet its objectives, the route would have to be modified to replace the proposed "in-street" operation on Slauson and Figueroa with a grade-separated facility.

Furthermore, our evolving rail transit implementation strategy envisions the Exposition Park area being served by the Harbor Freeway Transitway, which will be built as a busway convertible to rail transit operation.

Therefore, the Rapid Transit Committee agreed with staff that the current proposal does not warrant inclusion in the Long Beach-Los Angeles project at this time. However, should the proponents of the modification wish to pursue their request further, the Committee recommended that the Commission entertain--within two months' time--amending the project alternatives in the EIR to include the proposal. Before the Committee could consider such an action, additional details would need to be provided by the proponents. These include four specific items:

1. Definition of alignment and profile acceptable to the City of Los Angeles;
2. An estimate of costs for the alternative consistent with the methodology used by the Long Beach-Los Angeles project team;
3. An estimate of ridership prepared consistent with the methodology being used by the project team; and

4. Specific commitments for the actions cited by proponents, as necessary, to realize the potential they ascribe to the proposed route (e.g., parking availability at Exposition Park and downtown Los Angeles, expansion of the Hoover Redevelopment project along Figueroa Street, financial commitments from joint development or other mechanisms expected to enhance the attractiveness of the route).

The Community Redevelopment Agency has responded to this recommendation, saying that it does not have the staff resources to meet these information needs and would need to hire a consultant to prepare the data. CRA concludes that this process would take too long a time to enable their request to be considered seriously by the Commission; the Agency reluctantly has decided not to pursue this request with the Commission at this time.

Mrs. Bacharach moved that the Commission approve the Committee's recommendation that the proposal not be included among project alternatives and that the project work currently underway proceed without change of scope. Motion was seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Mr. Heckeroth indicated that Caltrans will follow-up on the Harbor Busway project and their objectives in the Coliseum area with CRA.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox indicated that the SCC had no items to report and is planning to have a meeting on December 14.

SELECTION OF COUNSEL FOR LEGAL OPINION ON ELIGIBLE USES OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS

Mr. Richmond indicated that at the November 9 meeting, Commission staff was directed to report on law firms that Commission might retain to provide a legal opinion on the eligible uses of Proposition A Local Return Funds. Staff contacted four firms which either had experience in public transportation issues or experience with LACTC's development of the transit sales tax. Responses from Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott and Lawler, Felix & Hall were received by staff. Staff believes that both firms are qualified to do the legal opinion.

Mr. Szabo moved that the Commission retain the firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott; seconded by Mr. Sanborn.

Mr. Geoghegan offered a substitute motion for the Executive Director to informally poll all of the Commissioners and retain the firm that receives the most support.

Mr. Geoghegan withdrew his first substitute motion and offered a second substitute motion that this issue be held over until the next Commission meeting; seconded by Mr. Fukai.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Fukai, Mr. Geoghegan

Nays: Mr. Szabo, Mr. Remy, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mr. Kell, Mr. Cox

The substitute motion did not pass.

Chairwoman Reed then asked for a voice vote on Mr. Szabo's motion to retain the firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott. All present voted in favor of the motion with one vote in opposition. Motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Commission Travel Report - Mr. Cox had expressed an interest to attend the following meetings:

Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting
January 16-19, 1984 in Washington, D.C.

APTA Planning & Policy Committee Meeting
January 17, 1984 in Washington, D.C.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bacharach; seconded by Mr. Kell to approve Mr. Cox's travel request. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

2. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment and Reappointments - Supervisor Schabarum has nominated Neil Bjornsen, John P. Doran, and Charles Stapleton to be reappointed for two-year terms and nominated George Adams as a new member of CAC. He requested for Commission's approval of these appointments.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bacharach; seconded by Mr. Sanborn to approval the above nominations. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

3. Press Clips - Two news clips on recent discussions at SCRTD on bus service policies and our Reduced Fare Agreement were distributed to the Commissioners. Subsequent to the meeting mentioned in the news clips, there has

been further discussion on this issue and staff anticipates bringing some specific SCRTD requests for changes through the appropriate committee to the Commission in the next month or so.

4. Anticipated Major Issues for the First Half of 1984 - An estimate of the schedule was distributed to the Commissioners. Staff will work through the appropriate committees with more detail on the nature of the decisions as the dates approach.

NEW BUSINESS

Martin Luther King Day - Mr. Fukai moved that Martin Luther King Day be designated as a holiday for the LACTC employees; seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachment