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## LACTC MINUTES

January 9, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Antonovich at 1:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Mike Antonovich
Supervisor Deane Dana
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman Marc Wilder
Wendell Cox
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Councilman Robert White, alternate to Christine Reed
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

### Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 12, 1984 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Outgoing Chairman Antonovich expressed appreciation to the staff for their cooperation, dedication and hard work over the past year. To the members of the Commission, he stated that it has been an interesting year. He remarked on the progress made toward L.A. County's light rail system. Indicating that we should not compromise those trying for federal support of Metro Rail, he suggested that we also begin looking at alternate plans that would be "affordable without federal financing." He mentioned certain possibilities worth considering and urged the Commission not to leave the eight million citizens of this county "hostage to a wish and a hope."

In closing, he turned the meeting over to new Chairwoman Jacki Bacharach, remarking that she would be working with a good support group.

On behalf of the Commission, Mrs. Bacharach presented Mr. Antonovich with a plaque in recognition of his year as chairman of the Commission.

## ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairwoman Bacharach asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Antonovich nominated Supervisor Deane Dana. Hearing no other nominations or objections, Supervisor Dana was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman by the Commission.

## REMARKS OF NEW OFFICERS

Chairwoman Bacharach introduced Mayor Harold Croyts, City of Lomita, as her new alternate.

Chairwoman Bacharach expressed feeling deeply honored to be chosen as chairwoman of the Transportation Commission. She remarked on the quality, sincerity and commitment of everyone involved in the Commission. She commended the Commission's handling of its increased responsibilities since Proposition A went into effect. She highlighted activities and issues of the upcoming year in the areas of public transit, local streets and roads, highways and rail projects. She reaffirmed her belief that "there will be a Metro Rail" and urged a concerted effort by all those supporting the project. She also underlined the importance of breaking ground this year on the Long Beach rapid transit project, which she said would demonstrate to the cities and the taxpayers of Los Angeles County, and to the state and federal governments, "that we want rail, that we are committed to rail and that we are going to have rail in Los Angeles County."

Mrs. Bacharach voiced her intention to work closely with cities, calling them our "new partners" in transportation. She spoke of the necessity for a strong countywide and statewide coalition to support transportation legislation at both the state and national levels. She commented that the size of the LACTC staff (about 50 people) in relation to its accomplishments, degree of commitment and scope of responsibilities makes it "one of the biggest bargains for the buck that any taxpayer is getting in L.A. County."

In closing, Mrs. Bacharach remarked, "A good transportation network is going to continue to make L.A. County a vital and vibrant place to work and to live. I think we are all

here because we're committed to working on that goal," and she congratulated Mr. Dana again on his vice-chairmanship.

Vice Chairman: Supervisor Dana thanked everyone for the unanimous vote of confidence. He affirmed his "avid support" of Metro Rail, and mentioned his participation in the Century Freeway project and his strong support of the light rail system--especially of the Long Beach-Los Angeles Light Rail Project, where he feels "we must proceed and cannot hold back." He also urged fighting for the Harbor Transitway, mentioned the need for greater rapport with the RTD, and stated his intention to learn the governor's stand on transportation.

In closing, Supervisor Dana stressed the goal of constant improvements to our existing transportation system, with the addition of light rail and, hopefully, Metro Rail. He then stated that he was looking forward to working with Jacki and "all of you" on solving the county's transportation problems.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

## FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of January 7. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Proposition A 40% Discretionary Program Memorandum of Understanding

Request that staff revise and return to the Committee for approval the Proposition A 40% Discretionary Program Memorandum of Understanding. The revised MOU will:

- Retain Commission authority to stop payment on discretionary grants due to continued and/or gross violations of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Incorporate by reference the Service Modification policy.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. White. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Service Notification Policy

Direct staff to revise and return to the Committee for approval the proposed Service Notification Policy. The revised policy will:

- Strengthen the requirements to notify the Commission and cities of proposed service changes;
- Revise the criteria for determining when notification and/or public hearings are required.

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

Proposition A Incentive Program Guidelines

Approve the proposed Proposition A Incentive Program Guidelines with changes recommended by the Committee to:

- Shorten the cover letter;
- Add this provision: "At its discretion, the Commission may consier reducing the 50% local matching requirement on projects which potentially result in exceptionally high-cost savings."
- Incorporate clarifications to the guidelines as requested by the Committee.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Implementation of California Transportation Commission's Highway Right-of-Way Protection Policy

Endorse the proposed implementation procedures for the California Transportation Commission's Right-of-Way Protection Policy, contingent upon the re-evaluation of these procedures after Janaury 1, 1986.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Geoghegan. Mr. Heckeroth indicated that on page 3 of the memo dated December 27 to Joint HFS/TAC, FRC, the first bullet concerning statewide implementation procedures should be reworded in order to be correct. He indicated that he will give the wording to the staff.

Hearing no other clarification or objection, motion was approved as amended.

- Mr. Sanborn also reported on the following information items:
  - o Committee was informed that the California Transportation Commission unanimously selected the Meridian Corridor as the route location for the Route 7, Long Beach Freeway, gap closure project.

o Committee was briefed on the status of discussions with the California Transporation Commission on the Harbor Freeway Transitway.

Mr. Richmond brought to the attention of the members a memo dated January 9 concerning the Harbor Freeway/Transitway, which was distributed. The CTC was briefed by Mr. Heckeroth on this matter and discussion by the CTC will be continued at their January 24 meeting in Sacramento. This Commission has been requested to respond to a number of questions.

# INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No meeting was held by the committee.

# RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that the two committees met and have been reviewing the draft mitigation measures and preparing for some workshop issues for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.

She invited the members to attend the last public hearing on the Long Beach alignments this evening at 6 o'clock at the Long Beach City Hall.

## SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

No meeting was held. The next meeting has been rescheduled to January 30.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Appointment of TDA Article 8 Hearing Board The recommendation was made that the board for all three hearings consist of:
  - (1) An at-large member of LACTC, appointed by the Chairperson;
  - (2) Supervisor Antonovich or his designee;
  - (3) Supervisor Dana or his designee;
  - (4) A representative appointed by SCAG;
  - (5) A member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, selected by the CAC.

Mr. Cox moved for approval; seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

- B. Citizens Advisory Committee Commissioner Antonovich had reappointed John Blalock to serve on the CAC for an additional two-year term and requested Commission's approval for this reappointment.
  - Mr. King moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Wilder. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.
- C. Commission Travel Request Commissioner Cox had expressed an interest iin attending the Transportation Research Board's Annual Meeting and the American Public Transit Association Symposium on January 11-15 in Washington, D.C. Commission's approval was requested for Mr. Cox's attendance at the two conferences.

Mr. Remy moved for approval; seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented about the public not being able to participate at a joint LACTC/RTD Rail Committee workshop. He also commented on the handling of security at the LACTC offices.

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

RICK RICHMOND

Executive Director

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