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LACTC MINUTES

February 13, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman 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
Mayor Christine E. Reed
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, 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 Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Honda, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 23, 1985 were unanimously approved as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs. Bacharach commented that Gordon Jackson will be retiring as Director of Transportation of Norwalk Transit System. She asked for Commission's approval to make the appropriate recognition to him, which was unanimously approved.

She also indicated that Mike Lewis has resigned as a member of the SCRTD Board and asked for Commission's approval to have an appropriate recognition presented to him, which was unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ROBERT NIELSEN

Mrs. Bacharach introduced Mr. Nielsen, the new Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission.

Mr. Nielsen thanked the Commission for the opportunity to appear before the Commission. He indicated that the California Transportation Commission's role is statewide and that they should have a statewide perspective. In his position, he hopes to be visible and mobile with the people who interact with the CTC. In order to do what he thinks is best, he feels that high levels of communication and coordination have to be maintained. In July, he plans to have a one-day seminar session to take a 20-year look at the future because the CTC has a responsibility, along with the Department of Transportation and others, to look ahead and be prepared to do something about the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of February 11. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Transit Issues

- o Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Proposition A Discretionary Grant Program;
- o Approve Gardena Municipal Bus Line's increase in operating cost as an allowable expenditure in the Proposition A Fare Reduction Memorandum of Understanding;
- o Approve the attached Service Notification Policy as revised by staff and the Service Coordination Committee.

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

The Service Coordination Committee also recommended approval of this action.

Overall Work Program

- o Approve the staff recommendation regarding Fiscal Year 1986 Overall Work Program project recommendations to the Southern California Association of

Governments, including transmittal of the RTD's Elderly and Handicapped Needs Assessment project to SCAG without a priority recommendation.

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

California Association for Coordinated Transportation

- o Join the California Association for Coordinated Transportation.
- o Approve the \$50 membership fee for 1985.

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

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee also approved this item.

Administrative Items

- o Approve one additional Administrative Analyst position for the Finance and Administration Division;
- o Issue a Request for Proposal to obtain bids for proposed computer hardware and software and direct staff to report back regarding recommendations for computer vendor selection and cost;
- o Amend the Commission's Fiscal Year 1985 Budget as recommended by staff.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the Committee received information reports concerning:

- o The transit operator formula allocations;
- o The Proposition A user telephone survey;
- o The Fiscal Year 1986-90 Highway TIP process; and
- o The status of the Harbor Freeway Transitway.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC's meeting of February 13 as follows:

State Legislation

Analysis of SB 290, Senator Foran's Transportation Financing Bill

SB 290 is a comprehensive transportation finance measure intended to provide additional support for state highways, local streets and roads, and transit purposes. The bill would increase the state gas tax from 9¢ to 14¢, divide the increase between cities (3¢) and the State Highway Account (2¢), revise the gas tax formula to cities and counties, and establish a modified form of indexing of the gas tax to create a more stable revenue base. The bill would also increase the amount of monies transferred from the Retail Sales Tax Fund to the TP&D Account, include the sales tax levied on diesel fuel as part of the TP&D revenue estimate formula, and change the formula for allocating funds from the TP&D Account to transportation planning agencies and AB 1246 commissions.

The Committee recommended the Commission support the concepts of SB 290, and pursue the following amendments to: Remove the proposed change in the local tax formula which favors counties with large highway mileage and low vehicle registration; and add language to allow LACTC to continue to allocate, by formula, funds made available pursuant to PUC Sections 99313 and 99314, in accordance with AB 103, Section 6, 99285(d)-(g), and inform the author that the Commission's concerns regarding the County Minimum formula had not been addressed.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 91 (Elder)

AB 91 would require Caltrans to build a soundwall on Route 91 (Artesia Freeway) between Atlantic Avenue and Downey Avenue in Long Beach. This bill would circumvent the normal TIP process for setting highway funding priorities. It was recommended that the Commission take no position at the time, but that staff inform the bill's sponsor of the Committee's concerns and work with the sponsor to identify alternative funding mechanisms.

Staff was requested to report back to the Committee on the progress of work with the sponsor and to recommend a position on the bill in the event that negotiations to drop or amend the bill fails.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 119 (Floyd)

AB 119 would require Caltrans to dispose of property it owns along Route 405 (San Diego Freeway) within one year, if it will not be used for highway purposes. The City of Lawndale would have first option at acquiring this land. If the property is to be used for housing purposes, Caltrans would be required to sell this property to Lawndale at a price which would allow for the provision of low-income housing. This legislation sets a questionable precedent by using potential highway revenues from the sale of property to subsidize the cost of low-income housing at a time when transportation funds are in short supply. The Committee's recommendation was that the Commission oppose this legislation.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Federal Legislation

Presentation by LACTC's Washington, D.C. Rep.

Mr. Irving Smith presented a summary of the Federal transportation issues to the Commission.

Federal Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the proposed 1985 LACTC Federal Program, which is designed to coordinate staff efforts to achieve the Commission's federal legislative objectives, in close cooperation with the Commission's Washington, D.C. representative (Smith and Howard, Inc.). The advocacy activities specified under the program will likely require an increased scope of work for Smith and Howard, Inc. in 1985. Staff is reviewing the increased level of contract activity which would be needed and will present recommendations to the IRC on this matter at its February 27 meeting.

The Committee recommended that the Commission adopt the 1985 Federal Program.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Update on Federal Highway Legislation

The Reagan Administration and the United States Senate have introduced proposals to release Interstate Cost to Complete Estimate (ICE) funds for the last six months of the FY '84 and the entire 1985 federal fiscal year. The Senate proposals (S.J.R. 44 and S. 391) include ICE funds for 1986. The Administration proposes an Obligation Authority ceiling of \$14.45 billion for 1986, with additional categories of expenditure, which would likely result in less funds for projects in Los Angeles County. S.J.R. 44 was passed out of its Senate Committee as a 30-month "clean" ICE. S. 390, as amended, now closely resembles S.J.R. 44, but also established an Obligation Authority limit of \$12.75 billion for 1986, down from \$14.45 billion in the original bill.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support the concept of a "clean" ICE bill as embodied in S.J.R. 44 and portion of S. 391 and the Administration's Highway proposal; and that it opposes any efforts to reduce the Obligation Authority ceiling below \$14.45 billion or include additional categories of expenditures under the ceiling which are currently exempted from the ceiling.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC's meetings of January 31 and February 8:

Meeting of January 31, 1985

Mitigation Measures to be Identified for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

The Committee reviewed and approved those measures with minor revisions for inclusion in the project's Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, as required by CEQA. The Committee asked staff to offer this list of measures for review by the City of Long Beach.

The Committee also directed that the listing of optional project features be given to each local jurisdiction with an indication that, in considering these features later, the Committee will want to know of interest in participation by the jurisdiction.

Initiation of Procurement of Light Rail Vehicles

The Committee received a staff presentation and began discussing initiation of vehicle procurement activities. The first step in the process is for staff to issue to prospective suppliers a general vehicle description document, which the Committee is currently reviewing in detail. This begins a period of several months in which the Committee will negotiate technical requirements with all interested manufacturers prior to inviting bids.

Rail Transit Financing

The Committee held an informal workshop with the Finance Review Committee on rail transit financing. The staff's financial advisor, Public Financial Management, Inc., outlined issues for consideration in setting financing policies.

Meeting of February 8, 1985

Vehicular Control Study

The Committee discussed a concept for achieving light rail vehicle movement through the mid-corridor without adverse impact on automobile traffic. The Committee directed staff to investigate further other approaches, including signal pre-emption and grade separations, as the project moves into final design.

Presentation on Summary of FEIR

Staff and environmental consultants presented a summary section of the Final EIR and the schedule for LACTC's certifying it on March 13 and adopting a project for construction on March 27, at which time the public will be afforded an opportunity to be heard.

Draft Real Estate Procedures Manual

The Committee has taken under review a draft Real Estate Procedures Manual, which was prepared by LACTC staff and County Engineer staff.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that next Friday the Committee will be interviewing firms proposing to perform risk management services for the rail transit project.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. King reported on the SCC's meeting of January 30. The Committee's recommendation for Commission approval were as follows:

Service Notification Policy

This item was approved by the Finance Review and Service Coordination Committees.

Procurement of Equipment under the UMTA 16(b)(2) Program

Approve an LACTC position supporting Caltrans' retention of the position as primary procurement agent for paratransit providers receiving UMTA 16(b)(2) funds.

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

APTA Convention Agenda Item

Approve transmittal of a letter to the APTA Executive Director supporting a place on their convention agenda for elderly and handicapped issues.

LACTC staff will communicate with SCRTD regarding this matter.

SCRTD Survey of Paratransit Services

Approve LACTC endorsement of SCRTD Survey of Paratransit Services.

Mr. King moved for approval which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

APTA Western Conference - The Conference will be held on April 20-24, 1985 in San Antonio, Texas. The Commissioners were asked to contact staff if they are interested in attending the conference.

NEW BUSIENSS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT


Mr. Bryan Allen commented on Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The notice of meetings was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachment