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LACTC MINUTES

February 27, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Bacharach at 1:45 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
Councilman Marc Wilder
Wendell Cox
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
Heinz Heckerth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 13 were corrected under Public Comment that Bryan Allen commented on Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, asking whether a public hearing will be held on proposed impact mitigation measures and expressing criticism of the vehicle control study. No hearing will be held on the mitigation measures but written public comments will be accepted and reviewed. The minutes were unanimously approved, as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs. Bacharach announced that Commissioner Cox is leaving the Commission and a reception honoring him is being planned for March 27. Several Commissioners expressed their sentiments about Mr. Cox's departure.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Mrs. Bacharach presented resolutions to Gordon Jackson and Mike Lewis on behalf of the Commission in appreciation for their relationship and services to the LACTC.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

City of Santa Monica Prop. A Rail Reserve Memorandum of Understanding

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the City of Santa Monica for the establishment of a Local Return Rail Reserve fund. This MOU would include the allocation of \$504,916 for FY 1984-85 submitted by the City of Santa Monica.

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

Response to Letter from Judith Hopkinson, Chairwoman, California Transportation Commission

Approve letter to Judith Hopkinson regarding funding for Harbor Transitway, as revised by Committee members.

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

Mr. Bryan Allen (public comment) commented on staff's recommendations on the I-105 freeway and the proposal of the CTC to combine the Long Beach and Harbor Transitway.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that Mr. Allen's concerns on the Long Beach and Harbor Transitways have been incorporated in the response letter to Chairwoman Hopkinson.

SCRTD Fare and Service Changes for FY 1986

Request that staff report back to the Committee with additional information on the SCRTD's request for additional funds for FY 1985 and FY 1986.

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the Committee received a status report on the FY 1984-85 Proposition A Fare Reduction Program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

State Legislation

AB 76 (Vicencia) - This bill would extend competitive negotiation provisions of the Public Contract Code to buses and railcars purchased by the SCRTD. The purpose is to provide SCRTD flexibility when purchasing equipment which is undergoing rapid change or where cost is only one of the relevant purchase factors.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support AB 76.

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

SB 75 (Foran) - This bill would amend provisions of the Civil Code to provide that in civil actions involving personal injury, property damage, or death, noneconomic damages will be equally applied to the responsible parties. It would apply to all public agencies, including transit operators.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support SB 75.

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

SB 224 (Beverly) - This bill would increase the maximum fine for disorderly conduct on public transit vehicles from \$50 to \$250. It is sponsored by the Southern California Rapid Transit District and intended to bring the maximum fine for transit crime in line with the maximum fine for similar infractions which occur off transit property.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support SB 224.

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

SCA 12 (Foran) - This Senate Constitutional Amendment would allow a county to impose a tax on motor vehicle fuel by 2/3's vote of its board of supervisors, without the vote of its electorate. It would also restrict the

use of any county-imposed fuel tax to streets and roads purposes only. Currently, Article XIX of the Constitution allows any state-imposed or county-imposed fuel tax to be used for streets and roads guideway purposes. Current law also requires any county-imposed tax to be approved by 2/3's vote of that county's electorate.

The Commission recommended that the LACTC support SCA 12 if the bill is amended to allow tax revenues to be used for guideway purposes. The Committee also instructed staff to: (1) discuss with the League of Cities its position on provisions which would grant cities the authority to raise the fuel tax, and (2) report back to IRC, if necessary. Also, the Committee deleted references in the staff report to the Commission's ability to impose a tax on motor vehicle fuel.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval which was seconded.

All members present voted aye, with the exception of Commission Cox who voted nay.

SB 300 (Foran) - This bill is the implementing legislation for SCA 12 (Foran) and would only become law if SCA 12 were approved. It would specify that the county boards of supervisors, upon a 2/3's vote of its members, could impose fuel tax up to a maximum of five cents per gallon.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support SCA 12, with clarification by Senator Foran that the revenues raised would not be subject to the State Highway allocation process.

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

SR 8 (Watson)

This bill requires the Secretary of the State Senate to forward copies of a resolution to the President, Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and Members of California's Congressional delegation which calls for the continued support of public mass transit.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support SR 8 because it is consistent with previous positions of the Commission.

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

Federal LegislationAmendments to Contract of LACTC's Washington, D.C. Representative

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the amendments to the existing contract with Smith and Howard Associates, Inc. for advocacy services in Washington, D.C. for the period of March 1, 1985 to June 30, 1985. Staff will prepare an analysis on renewal of this contract for 1985-86.

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

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported that the Committee has been preparing for the March decisions and have been reviewing the environmental impact report and the mitigation measures. They have interviewed firms for risk management services and will be interviewing firms for construction management. The Committee will also be going on a tour of the Long Beach-Los Angeles corridor and Commission members were invited to participate.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

No report was made. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Workshop is planned for the full Commission on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail project following March 13 Commission meeting.
- B. Letter was received from SCRTD requesting a full formula allocation of Prop. A 40% Discretionary Funds beginning next July. This requires Commission's reconsideration of the policy that was adopted last November as it relates to the incentive provision which was to encourage base fare increase of not more than 50%. The fares adopted by the SCRTD on the 13th of February do exceed that amount.

This matter will be brought to the Commission through the Finance Review Committee at the March 27 Commission meeting.

C. Commission Travel Requests:

1. Approval requested for Commissioners Bacharach, Reed, Pierce, and Szabo to attend the APTA Legislative Conference on March 10-13 in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

2. Approval requested for Commissioners to visit Washington, D.C. to participate with SCRTD in support of Metro Rail funding in the upcoming budget and appropriations process. SCRTD is organizing this effort and asked the Commission to participate.

Mrs. Reed moved for a blanket authorization for Commissioners' travel to Washington, D.C. because of not knowing when the Commissioners will be asked go. Motion was seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Heckerth indicated that the Executive Committee of AASHTO did not accept the Commission's request to assume associate membership in that organization.

He also requested that Caltrans make a presentation on the proposed State TIP at the next Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bryan Allen commented that the Interstate Commerce Commission will be considering testimony on the proposed merger of the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railways on March 21. He proposed that the Commission authorize the Rapid Transit Committee act on Commission's behalf. He also commented on a rail route to link downtown Los Angeles with Pasadena Center via the 18 S.F. second district to Lincoln Heights center.

Mr. Wilder moved that this matter be referred to staff for investigation which was seconded.

Mr. Cox indicated that it would be appropriate for the Commission to delegate authority for a committee to speak on behalf of the Commission; however, staff and committee should direct recommendations unofficially to SCAG for their consideration to include in their submittal to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mr. Robert Swan commented on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail project, specifically the vehicular control study (concept of express train).

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that the Committee did request to review the vehicular control study.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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