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LACTC MINUTES

March 13, 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
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
James Ragan, alternate to Wendell Cox
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 February 27, 1985 should be amended as follows: on page 6, the word should be "inappropriate" instead of appropriate and under public comment, the wording should be "via the A.T. & S.F. second district to Lincoln Heights and Highland Park centers." On page 7, it should be amended that the Committee will want to further review the vehicular control study. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Hearing no objection, minutes of February 27 were approved, as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

No meeting was held. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 1985.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

State Legislation

SB 228 (Garamendi)

This bill would create an Infrastructure Commission to administer a special fund for infrastructure and to develop long-range strategic infrastructure plans. It would appropriate \$150 million from the General Fund to the special fund to support specified clean water projects, and the Transit Capital Improvement Program which funds projects such as Metro Rail.

The Committee recommended that the Commission monitor this bill and have staff report back to the Commission should the bill begin to progress through the Legislature.

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

SB 80 (Boatwright)

This bill would renew the partial sales tax exemption previously granted for gasohol products, commencing July 1, 1985 through July 1, 1990, with any revenues lost to the Transportation, Planning, and Development Account (TP&D) to be repaid from the General Fund. The bill would also recoup all of the \$4.5 million that Caltrans officials estimate was lost to the TP&D Account from the previous tax exemption provided for gasohol.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support SB 80.

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

SB 399 (Mello)

This bill would expand the eligible uses of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds to include contributions to the State for the construction and development of a State highway, at the discretion of the local jurisdiction. It is intended to increase the flexibility of local jurisdictions in meeting their transportation needs.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support SB 399.

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

Information Bills

The Committee considered two information bills, SB 429 (Seymour) and AB 750 (Moorhead).

SB 429 would authorize the expenditure of the interest accrued on Orange County's local transportation fund reserves to be used to support public streets and highways, and exclusive mass transit highways. AB 750 would appropriate \$6 million from the General Fund to Caltrans to support the transit needs of elderly and handicapped persons in rural and urban areas.

The Committee requested staff to identify the positions of various transportation agencies on SB 429, and to monitor the progress of both bills.

Legislative Matrix

The Committee requested staff to monitor the progress of AB 87 (O'Connell), which would require Caltrans to construct a \$3 million truck inspection and weigh facility on Route 101; and AB 91 (Elder), which would require Caltrans to build a soundwall on Route 91 between Atlantic and Downey Avenues in Long Beach. The Committee also requested staff to prepare a letter to Los Angeles members of the Senate Transportation Committee on SB 290 (Foran), urging passage in that Committee so that the bill's fiscal implications can be considered in Senate Appropriations.

Federal Legislation

Federal Update on ICE Bill HR 1251

This legislation would approve the release of over \$7 billion in Interstate Cost Estimate and Interstate Substitute Cost Estimate funds for 18 months. Described as a "clean ICE," the bill does not contain special demonstration projects or any other provisions not directed related to Interstate highway construction. On March 5, the measure was sent to the President for signature.

The Committee recommended that the Commission urge the President to sign HR 1251.

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

Commissioners Szabo, Reed and Bacharach reported on their trip to Washington, D.C. where they met with various legislators and attended the APTA Legislative Conference.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the Committee's meetings of February 28, March 8 and 13. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

Status Report on Century Freeway Rail Transit Project

The Committee received a status report on the Century Freeway rail transit project, on which preliminary engineering is proceeding in support of Caltrans' design for the freeway itself. A number of issues were discussed concerning design matters and the slow process of approval of the rail project by the Federal Highway Administration.

Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit ProjectReal Estate Procedures

The Committee recommended that the Commission adopt proposed policy and procedures governing the acquisition and disposition of real estate for rail project facilities. These are incorporated in a real estate procedures document prepared by staff with the assistance of the County Department of Facilities Management. It sets the policy framework for real estate activities and incorporates the County Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Rules and Regulations by reference.

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Selection of Consultant for Quality Assurance

The Committee recommended designation of the joint venture of DeLoitte, Haskins and Sells and Kellogg Corporation as consultant for quality assurance services, and further that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract providing for these services for the duration of the rail transit project and to execute the contract for an initial phase of the services over the period April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986 for an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

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

Selection of Consultant for Risk Management Services

The Committee recommended designation of JKOR Transit Insurance Administrators as consultant for risk management services. JKOR is a joint venture of Fred S. James and Company of California; Kakowaki and Associates International; Akasaka, Ortiz and Ciocatto Insurance Associates; and Rideau and Associates Insurance Agency. It was further recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with the designated consultant providing for these services over the duration of the rail transit project and to execute the contract for an initial phase of these services over the period April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986, for an amount not to exceed \$450,000. The contract negotiations are to include investigation of the possibility of a joint procurement of these services by LACTC and SCRTD, which has selected the same joint venture as risk management consultant for the Metro Rail project.

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

Certification of Final Environmental Impact Report

The Rail Construction Committee recommended that the Commission concur in its findings that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project (which incorporates the Draft and

Supplemental Draft EIRs) has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and that it adequately and completely identifies the probable environmental impacts of implementation of the project.

Further, the RCC recommended that the Commission resolve to review and consider the FEIR, findings of fact, mitigation, statement of overriding considerations, and staff's preferred alternative recommendations for the project prior to taking action scheduled for March 27 on adopting the preferred alternative alignment for the project with specific impact findings, mitigation and overriding considerations.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mr. Wilder reported that the Long Beach City Council continues to find the document inadequate in several areas as it applies to Long Beach, mainly along the Long Beach Boulevard corridor. A letter will be submitted in that regard. He indicated that the Long Beach City Council will be supporting the whole document as it stands.

Mr. Bryan Allen (public comment) commented that he believed there are inadequacies in the FEIR.

Mrs. Bacharach asked for a voice vote on the resolution which was unanimously approved.

Public Hearing Prior to Project Adoption

The Committee recommended that the Commission hold a final public hearing on March 27, prior to adopting preferred alternative routings for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project with specific impact findings, mitigation, and overriding considerations.

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

Mrs. Bacharach informed the Commission met with the Regional Planning Commission of Los Angeles County in a joint session on the status of LACTC rail transit planning and coordinating efforts between transportation and land use planning.

Copies of the Alternative Evaluation Report for the Long Beach portion and the draft of the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations were distributed to the Commissioners for their review. These items will be considered at the next Commission meeting on March 27.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. King reported on the SCC's meeting of March 8. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

Monitoring Local Jurisdiction Compliance with Section 4500 of the California Government Code

Approve the staff recommendation that LACTC continue to require local jurisdictions to identify accessibility of Local Return Projects.

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

List of Potential Transit and Paratransit Contractors

Approve list of potential transit and paratransit contractors for distribution, upon request, to local jurisdictions.

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

AMENDMENT TO LACTC SALES TAX ORDINANCE

Mr. Richmond indicated that the State Board of Equalization has requested that the Commission amend the Proposition A Ordinance No. 16 to reflect a change in the State law. The County Counsel has reviewed the amendment and has approved the proposed language. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the amendment to Proposition Ordinance No. 16, Section 8 (a).

Mrs. Reed moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. King.

A roll call vote was taken which was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF CALTRANS' FY 1986-90 PROPOSED STATE TIP

Mr. Heckerath gave a presentation on the Caltran's five year proposed State TIP. Copies of his report with charts were distributed to the Commissioners.

At 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Reed was asked to chair the Commission meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on some of the items that were discussed at the Rail Construction Committee meeting with the Regional Planning Commission.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next regular Commission meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m., followed by a reception honoring Mr. Wendell Cox at 5:00 p.m.

The notice of meetings was received and filed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. in memory of Mr. Robert Swan, to the planned workshop.

The workshop discussion was on the Long Beach-Los Angeles light rail project.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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