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LACTC MINUTES

April 10, 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  
Councilwoman Pat Russell  
Councilman Marc Wilder  
Marcia Mednick  
Blake Sanborn, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Walter King, alternate for Supervisor Hahn  
Deborah George, alternate for Supervisor Dana  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Ted Pierce, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich  
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley  
Heinz Heckerth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Mr. Richmond indicated that a letter was received from Supervisor Dana, appointing Deborah George as his alternate for this meeting only.

Staff members present were:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 27, 1985 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs. Bacharach welcomed Marcia Mednick to the Commission. Mrs. Mednick's appointment was confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council today.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that she is establishing a LACTC Highway Issues Task Force, commencing on May 1, 1985 for a trial period of one year to review and report back to the Commission on a quarterly basis.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of April 8. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

##### Reconsideration of State Highway Funding for Southern Avenue Off-Ramp

- o Approve \$265,000 of Interstate 4R Trade funds for the Long Beach Freeway (Route 710) Southern Avenue off-ramp project in the 1986-90 Los Angeles County Highway TIP contingent upon endorsement of this project by the City Council of Downey on April 9, 1985.

Downey's City Council opposed the off-ramp at their meeting of April 9; however, Mr. Sanborn recommended that the Commission approve the Southern Avenue off-ramp with the condition that construction will not proceed until the City of Downey endorses the project. This recommendation is consistent with the intent of the FRC recommendation.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded.

Mr. Geoghegan made a substitute motion to approve the recommendation contingent upon the Cities of Downey and South Gate working out an agreement between themselves. Motion was seconded. Hearing no objection, the substitute motion was carried.

##### Reconsideration of RTD's Increase in FY 1985 Fare Reduction Funds

- o Approve RTD's FY 1985 Proposition A Fare Reduction increase of \$7.6 million.
- o Request staff to develop cost control measures for operators who have had a history of repeated cost increases.

Mr. Sanborn moved for purposes of discussion, seconded by Mr. Wilder.

Mr. Sanborn offered a substitute motion which states as follows:

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Mrs. Reed seconded the substitute motion.

Mr. John Richeson, Assistant General Manager of SCRTD, spoke regarding SCRTD's Prop. A request for the additional \$7.6 million.

Much discussion followed.

Mrs. Bacharach called for a roll call vote on the alternative recommendation by Mr. Sanborn.

Ayes: Sanborn, King, Pierce, Reed, Bacharach,  
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Nays: Geoghegan, Remy, Russell, Wilder, Mednick

Substitute motion passed 6-5.

- o Request staff to develop a policy to require Board approval of MOU amendments prior to submittal to the Commission.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. Wilder. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

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- o Direct staff to:
  - Review the Caltrans notification process to potential applicants; and
  - Inform the Commission's Elderly and Handicapped Technical Advisory Committee of FRC's discussion regarding full accessibility of vehicles under the UMTA Section 16(b)(2) Program.

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

Automated Accounting/Data Management System - Procurement Selection

- o Approve the purchase of computer hardware and software components from IBM at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. Wilder. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

South Coast Air Quality Management District's Proposed Regulation 6

- o Direct staff to return to the Finance Review Committee with recommendations regarding the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Proposed Regulation 6 after the Los Angeles City Council takes a position on this issue.

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

Ms. Sabrina Schiller of the South Coast Air Quality Management District appeared before the Commission and spoke about the Proposed Regulation 6.

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the Committee received a status report on Regional Highway TIP Adoption by the Southern California Association of Governments.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC's meeting of April 10 as follows:

State Legislation

- o SB 661 (Bergeson) - Requires that revenues collected from diesel fuel sales taxes be deposited in the TP&D Account, rather than in the General Fund.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support this bill in concept to redirect transportation-related revenues into transportation accounts and to monitor the bill in relation to SB 290 (Foran).

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

- o SB 964 (Morgan) - Requires Federal-Aid Urban (FAU) funds to be obligated by recipient agencies within three years of their apportionment by FHWA. The bill further requires Caltrans, with the approval of the FAU Systems Advisory Committee, to reapportion funds not obligated within three years to other projects.

The Committee recommended the Commission's support with the following amendments:

- (1) that the recipient agency of any reapportioned funds obligate those funds within one year, consistent with LACTC policy; and
- (2) that the local programming agency be given first call on any reapportionment of lapsing funds within its jurisdiction.

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

- o SB 1000 (Robbins) - Creates State Transportation District 13 in the San Fernando Valley area (Los Angeles City boundaries) with the intention of increasing funding to that area under the county minimum return-to-source funding mechanism.

The bill presumes San Fernando Valley would benefit from its provisions because Los Angeles County is currently restricted from receiving new highway projects due to the predominance of the Interstate Completion Program (the Century Freeway and Harbor Freeway Transitway). However, staff reports that unless the county minimum requirement statute was changed to recognize the San Fernando Valley as a separate county for calculation purposes, SB 1000 would not have a substantial effect on increasing State highway funding for the Valley.

The Committee recommended, and Mrs. Reed moved, that the Commission adopt a "support in concept" position on the bill.

Commissioner Russell moved for a substitute motion to adopt a "no" position on SB 1000 since it would be more valuable to direct efforts toward the increased allocation of State highway funds for the entire County of Los Angeles, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan. By voice vote, the substitute motion was carried with two no votes.

- o SB 1268 (Morgan) - Sets a new schedule of fare ratio requirements so that:
  - (1) Operators serving urbanized areas must generate 21% of their operating cost from farebox revenues beginning January 1, 1986, and an additional 1% for each subsequent year through 1998, when they must achieve a 33% fare ratio; and
  - (2) Operators serving non-urbanized areas must generate 11% of their operating cost from farebox revenues beginning January 1, 1986, and an additional 1% every two years thereafter, until they have achieved a 17% fare ratio in 1988.

The Committee recommended a monitor position for this bill at this time.

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

#### Right-of-Way Protection by LACTC

Staff felt that Mr. Bryan Allen's suggested recommendations have merit and a Right-of-Way Protection Policy report is being prepared which will go through the Rapid Transit Committee.

Mr. Allen commented on his letter to the Commission and suggested that staff be directed to incorporate options for legislation and examination of legal issues in the Right-of-Way Protection Policy report.

#### Federal Legislation

Mrs. Reed indicated that LACTC's Washington Rep. has advised the following on the FY 1986 Transportation Budget: The White House and the Senate have agreed on a policy regarding budget; operating assistance will be phased out over a 5-year period; capital funding assistance is to be capped at \$1.7 billion in FY 1988.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC's meeting of April 10. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

Status Report on Long Beach-Los Angeles Project Authorization

The City of Compton had requested more time to develop a new potential alternative. The Commission staff is seeking to conclude a satisfactory Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Compton prior to the Commission meeting of April 24. The Committee recommended granting the City's request, extending to April 23, 1985, the deadline for City agreement to the MOU.

Mr. King moved that this matter be tabled for two weeks while further discussion goes on with the City of Compton and further work goes on to study this new alternative, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mr. Pierce moved that staff report back to the Rail Construction Committee on various options for developing alternate Proposition A rail system development in the event that the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail line does not proceed. The additional motion was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Draft Affirmative Action and Disadvantaged/Women-Owned Business Enterprise Implementation Plans

The Committee recommended that staff be authorized to distribute the draft implementation plans to interested parties.

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

Staff, Office Space and Related Authorizations for Design/Construction

The Committee recommended that staff come up with job descriptions and advertising in order to begin the recruitment of additional staff as the light rail project proceeds. Also, the Committee authorized the Executive Director to negotiate, but not execute yet, an amendment for additional office space.

Mr. Wilder moved for approval of the recommendation which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Authorization of General Engineering Services for Design/Construction

The Committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate a contract with the joint venture of Parsons Brinckerhoff/Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall/Kaiser Engineers (California) Corporation for general engineering services for design/construction of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, and to execute the contract for the first quarter of the year (through June 30, 1985) at a cost not to exceed \$2,419,000.

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

The Committee also asked staff to consider first quarter authorizations only until the status of the light rail project is firmly established.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. King reported on the SCC's meeting of April 10. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

FY 1984-85 UMTA Section 16(b)(2) Applications

This item was approved under the Finance Review Committee report.

Selection of Members for Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Council

Approve the following organizations for membership on the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Council (E&HTAC):

- o Human Services Association
- o La Clinica Familiar del Barrio
- o L.A. County Developmental Disabilities Board 10
- o L.A. County Committee on Affairs of the Aging
- o Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center, Rancho Los Amigos Hospital
- o United Cerebral Palsy/Spastic Children's Foundation
- o Westside Jewish Community Center
- o L.A. Unified School District, Office of the Handicapped (as ex-officio member)

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Commission Member Travel Request - Approval was requested for the following travel requests:

- O Barna Szabo to attend the Independent Cities Association Silver Anniversary Seminar on May 2-5, 1985 in San Diego.
- O Walter King to attend the National Parking Association Convention on May 19-22, 1985 in Orlando, Florida.

It was recommended that a staff person attend the Contract Cities Association Conference.

It was moved and seconded to approve the two Commission member travel requests. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

B. APTA Rapid Transit Conference - Conference is scheduled for June 2-6 in Atlanta, Georgia. Interested Commissioners were asked to notify staff as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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