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LACTC MINUTES

April 24, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Bacharach at 1:55 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 to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
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 were:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In the April 10, 1985 minutes (page 3), a correction has been made to Mr. Sanborn's motion (attached). The minutes of April 10 were unanimously approved as corrected.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs. Bacharach announced that she had appointed the following LACTC members/alternates to serve on the newly-created Highway Issues Task Force:

Marc Wilder, Chair
Ted Pierce
Blake Sanborn
Marcia Mednick
Jacki Bacharach

She also appointed Heinz Heckeroth to represent Caltrans on the Task Force.

She will be appointing two representatives from outside interest groups/agencies within the next couple of days to also serve on the Task Force.

The first meeting of the Highway Issues Task Force is scheduled to begin in May.

Chairwoman Bacharach indicated that Mrs. Mednick has agreed to serve on the Finance Review Committee and the Rail Construction/Rapid Transit Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of April 22. The following recommendations for Commission's approval were as follows:

Proposed FY 1986 Transportation Development Act Article 4.5 Projects

- o Allocate \$906,000 of FY 1986 Transportation Development Act Article 4.5 funds to subregional paratransit systems as recommended by staff.

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

Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project: Staffing, Office Space and Related Authorizations for Design and Construction

This item is reported under the Rail Construction Committee.

Mr. Sanborn also reported on the following information items:

1. The Committee discussed the FY 1986-90 Transit Capital project. The Transit TIP will be adopted at the Commission's May 24, 1985 meeting.
2. The Committee received notice from SCRTD regarding their concerns with the adopted Service Notification Policy. Staff will evaluate the transcript from the SCRTD Board meeting, review the legal opinion and report back.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC's meeting of April 24. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

State Legislationo AB 1975/AB 1979 (Elder)

AB 1975 permits local agencies to issue bonds for grade separations and AB 1979 authorizes additional State expenditures for railroad grade separations which serve ports.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support AB 1975 and AB 1979, as amended.

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

o AB 1436 (Mountjoy)

Bill requires Caltrans to construct the Route 7 (Long Beach Freeway) gap in the City of South Pasadena along the Meridian Corridor. City of South Pasadena remains opposed to the Meridian Corridor.

The Committee recommends that the Commission monitor the bill.

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

o AB 1460 (Rogers)

Changes the way State gas tax funds are apportioned to counties for use on their local streets and roads by calculating the final 25% of the apportionment entirely on the basis of miles of maintained county roads without consideration of total registered vehicles in the county.

The Committee recommended that the Commission oppose AB 1460, and that the Commission urge the author to work with the California County Supervisors Association of California on their evaluation of SB 290 and its impact on the local streets and roads apportionment formula.

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

o SB 829 (Ellis)

Allows Caltrans to construct a a freeway without a local agreement if certain conditions are met. No projects in Los Angeles County would be affected by this bill.

The Committee recommended that the Commission take a monitor position on SB 829.

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

o AJR 37 (Alatorre, et al)

This resolution memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to continue support of mass transit operating subsidies in recognition of the economic, environmental and social benefits furnished by public transit.

The Committee's recommendation is that Commission support AJR 37.

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

Federal Legislation

o S. 352 (D'Amato)

This bill increases Section 3 discretionary program levels for Fy 1985-87, extends the 3-for-2 trade-in of capital for operating funds, expands the definition of eligible capital maintenance costs, and earmarks a portion of Section 3 for transit crime prevention.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support S. 352 to increase transit authorization levels, but oppose transit crime prevention provisions.

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

Legislative Matrix

AB 750 (Moorhead) - Amendments have been put into the bill and may change the bill. Staff will bring it back for IRC's review at the next meeting.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC and RTC meetings which were held on April 24:

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEEStatus Report on Long Beach-Los Angeles Project Authorization

The Committee reviewed the proposed agreement concerning the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project adopted by the Compton City Council on April 23. Compton's adopted agreement supports the Mealy Street Bypass (MC-5) and recommends that if the Mealy Street Bypass does not prove to be workable, that the Commission agree to continue negotiations. The proposed agreement also does not provide for a binding commitment from both parties to approve specific project alternatives and does not meet the original purpose for which the Memorandum of Understanding was proposed. In view of this, the Committee recommended the following:

1. Not approve the agreement proposed by Compton for the reasons cited above;
2. Direct staff to continue with the necessary actions to move ahead on the project (staffing, design, and pre-construction activities), and;
3. Direct staff to report back for the next Commission meeting on a recommended amendment to the March 27 project authorization resolution and the necessary steps to simultaneously develop the "Mealy Street" alternative (and possibly other(s)) and, in so doing, maintain the project development schedule to the maximum feasible extent.

Mr. Ed Sotelo, City of Compton, requested to speak before the Commission. He indicated that two items were inadvertently omitted from the MOU. He also presented a short scenario of the position that the City of Compton had taken.

Mr. Szabo asked if staff could explain why the alternative MC-1 was chosen instead of MC-3.

Mr. Richmond briefly summarized the positions that were taken on MC-3 and how MC-1 was chosen.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the alternative MC-3 and asked staff to examine the mitigated version of MC-3 which he had outlined.

Mrs. Bacharach repeated the Committee's recommendation and moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Szabo requested that staff take another look at the MC-3 alternative issue in light of some of the comments that were made.

Hearing no further discussion or objection, the motion was approved.

Status of the Contract Authorization

1. Amend its April 10 authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the joint venture of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas; Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall, and Kaiser Engineers (California) Corporation for general engineering services for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, to provide for such services through March 30, 1986 (rather than through June 30, 1985 as authorized on April 10), for an amount not to exceed \$15,250,000 (rather than \$2,419,000 as authorized on April 10).
Source of Funds: Program Plan, Line Item 19.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that as authorizations are made on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail project, each authorization will refer to the Program Plan line item.

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

2. Pending execution of the LACTC-SPTC Construction and Maintenance agreement, authorize staff to issue an SPTC force account authorization providing for relocation of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's designated resident engineer for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project to Los Angeles and to initiate reimbursement of salary costs for the SPTC resident engineer upon his full-time assignment to the project (Source of Funds; Program Plan, Line Item 13). The total cost is \$80,000 plus overhead and relocation.

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

Staffing, Office Space and Related Authorizations for Design/Construction

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that at the last Commission meeting, the RCC recommended that the Commission authorize staff to draw up job descriptions and start advertising for positions but filling of those positions were not authorized. The Committee now recommended the Commission authorize the following:

1. Authorize the filling of the positions as detailed in the Program Plan and staff report;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an amendment to LACTC's lease for office space at 403 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, for up to one and one-half (1½) additional floors (one-half to be sublet to consultants), to accommodate the Commission's administrative office space needs for rail transit construction; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to procure five field vehicles and office equipment for support of staff activities in administration of rail transit construction, according to a schedule for such procurements as determined appropriate by the Executive Director in relation to the rate at which the rail transit construction staff positions and offices are occupied.

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

Joint Development Action Plan

The Rail Transit Committee approved a Joint Development Action Plan to guide the staff's activities in implementing the Commission's policies on the rail transit joint development and recommended that the Commission authorize staff to solicit and select a consultant for joint development program services for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project and for the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract not to exceed \$200,000 for services through March 30, 1986.

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

Status Report on Century Project

The Committee received an extensive status report on the Century Freeway project from staff. The project is moving along well and probably some construction activity will be starting in the fall.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Right-of-Way Protection Program

The RTC recommended that the Commission approve the right-of-way protection procedures and policies as outlined in the staff report. Its concluding recommendations are as follows:

1. Encouraging local jurisdictions to initiate right-of-way protection procedures for future light rail lines;
2. Establishing a policy of purchasing land in high-priority corridors it cannot otherwise protect, subject to specified criteria and priorities;
3. Authorize staff to undertake additional Route Refinement Studies for the San Fernando Valley light rail route and for the Downtown/Lincoln Heights Segment of the Pasadena light rail route;
4. Suggested staff add refinement of the Coastal Route between El Segundo and Hawthorne Boulevard;
5. Support the City of Los Angeles in passage of its proposed Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan which provides in its proposed street standards additional right-of-way for the transit facility in the Airport-Marina area and establishes a Transportation Fund.

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on the San Fernando Valley Route Refinement Study and asked that bus coordination be included in the study.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the Right-of-Way Protection Program and asked the Commission to not adopt the program until responses have been asked from the communities.

Mrs. Russell moved that this item be referred back to the Committee, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mr. Heckeroth indicated that staff should ask Counsel as to how this matter fits into the environmental process.

Much discussion followed.

Hearing no objection, Mrs. Russell's motion was carried.

Route Refinement Studies

This item was also included in Mrs. Russell's motion to refer it back to the Committee.

LACTC 1985-86 OPERATING BUDGET

The budget was received by the Commissioners for review. Mr. Richmond asked that a public hearing date be set for June 12 on the budget. A workshop is planned following the Commission meeting on May 22.

It was moved and seconded to schedule June 12 as the public hearing date for the LACTC budget. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Commission Member Travel Requests:

1. Commissioner Mednick has expressed an interest in attending a seminar for Transit Board Members in Jacksonville, Florida on May 1-3.
2. The Commission has been invited by the El Segundo Employers Association to participate in a tour of German and French cities with rail transit systems. Commissioner members who are designated to participate on the tour are Commissioners Dana, Reed, and Wilder.

It was moved and seconded to approve the above-mentioned travel requests. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Robert commented on follow-up on bus route coordination for various community colleges. He asked LACTC staff contact the L.A. Community College District Board concerning a district-wide study coordination.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented again on the Right-of-Way Protection Program and suggested this issue should also receive input from the private sector.

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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Attachment