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LACTC MINUTES

May 8, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Acting Chairwoman Mednick at 1:40 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Marcia Mednick
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Mayor Ernie Kell, alternate to Councilman Wilder
Councilman Harold Croyts, alternate to Councilwoman Bacharach
Councilman John Ferraro, alternate to Councilwoman Russell
Councilman Robert White, alternate to Mayor Reed
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Jim Sims, Director of Programming and Fiscal Analysis
Ronald L. Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Elyse Kusunoki, Senior Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 24, 1985 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSRAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mr. King reported on both Committee meetings which were held on May 3.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Risk Management Program Design

The Committee received a presentation on a preliminary assessment of the insurance program design appropriate to the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. The Committee agreed that an owner-controlled ("wrap-up") insurance program appears more cost-effective than a contractor-furnished ("conventional") insurance program. The Committee will be briefed in the near future regarding the specifications of an owner-controlled insurance program tailored to the characteristics of the Long Beach-Los Angeles project, for consideration of formal approval of the insurance program designed at that time. Because the Commission will be considering actions at its next meeting this month for execution of the SPTC agreements and main yard site acquisition for the project, the Committee approved staff's request for Commission's consultants to go into the insurance market for the coverages appropriate to these actions, for the Commission to consider purchasing such coverages in the near future.

Mr. King moved for approval of Committee's action which was seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Status Report on Long Beach-Los Angeles Project Authorization

The Committee approved the revised resolution (attached) authorizing project scope, budget and schedule for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. The Committee recommended that the Commission adopt the revised resolution.

The Committee also recommended that the Commission authorize the effort outlined under Option 2 on Page 2 of the staff report to begin immediately for an \$579,600 initial phase of a total \$2.2 million program for a subsequent EIR and for engineering development for the "Mealy Street" SPTC diversion alternative in Compton (MC-5). The initial phase would extend to

the Commission's meeting of July 24, 1985 at which time detailed environmental impact and feasibility/cost information on the MC-5 alternative would enable the Commission to consider continuation of the MC-5 program.

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

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan

A request was made by Mrs. Russell to hold this item over until the next Commission meeting.

Status of Century-El Segundo Engineering/Environmental

As an information item, the Committee received a status update of Engineering/ Environmental Clearance on the possible extension of the Century rail transit project into El Segundo.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mednick reported on the FRC's meeting of May 6:

Proposition A 40% Discretionary Program Guidelines

Approve the Proposition A 40% Discretionary Program Guidelines as proposed by staff.

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

Route 30, Foothill Freeway, Right-of-Way Protection

The FRC approved the following statement regarding the Route 30, Foothill Freeway, right-of-way protection cooperative agreement:

The LACTC would like to be on record that we believe that the CTC Right-of-Way Protection Policy, which requires a 50% local financial contribution toward the acquisition of right-of-way protection parcels, is a bad precedent and a deviation from the way State highways have been funded in the past. However, the Commission, in an effort to move forward with the Route 30, Foothill Freeway project, approves the Route 30 Cooperative Agreement for right-of-way protection with the condition that the environmental document be initiated within the next fiscal year

(FY 1985-86). If the environmental document is to be funded with local funds, the LACTC also conditions its approval of the cooperative agreement based on the understanding that those local funds would be credited toward the 50% local share for right-of-way protection on Route 30.

However, staff has worked with affected Los Angeles County elected officials and San Bernardino Associated Governments staff and has developed the following minor revisions to the FRC's version:

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Mrs. Mednick moved that the Commission approve staff's revised wording to the cooperative agreement.

Mr. Sims explained the reasons for the language change to the Route 30 Cooperative Agreement.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Remy made an amendment to the motion that the Commission follow-up with official communication with the California Transportation Commission relative to the potential of the amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanborn. Hearing no further objection, the amended motion was carried.

Mrs. Mednick also reported on the following information item:

The FRC discussed the FY 1986-90 Los Angeles County Short-Range Transit Plan which is scheduled for approval at the Commission meeting on May 22, 1985.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC's meeting of May 8. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

State Legislation

Update on SB 200 (Beverly) and SB 290 (Foran)

SB 200 - Public hearing is set for May 15 before the Assembly Transportation Committee.

SB 290 - Special hearing is set for May 21.

AB 43 (Mojonnier)

AB 43 would eliminate the exemptions provided for high-speed intercity passenger rail projects and for railroad corporations seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

The Committee recommended that the Commission take no position on AB 43 because of its relatively minor impact on projects in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Szabo indicated that no motion was necessary.

Mr. Bryan Allen appeared before the Commission and commented on the language of AB 43 and suggested that a legal opinion be asked from Legal Counsel.

Mr. Szabo indicated that there is no motion on this particular bill, but that staff should be directed to address the issue raised by the speaker.

AB 2329 (Stirling)

AB 2329 authorizes county board of supervisors to place on the ballot, following the approval of local jurisdictions, a 1/2% sales tax to supplement existing local revenues being used for streets and roads purposes.

The Committee recommended that the Commission monitor AB 2329 and direct staff to notify the author regarding LACTC's support of the use of State funds for highway maintenance, its concern regarding the use of sales tax revenues for streets and roads, and the inclusion of a specified allocation formula for the distribution of such revenues. Staff was also directed to determine the positions of the League of California Cities and County Supervisors' Association on the bill.

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

Federal Legislation

Federal Budget Review

The compromise budget package introduced three weeks ago by Republican Senate leaders and top administration officials was put to a test vote on April 30, when it received the narrow endorsement of the Senate by a single vote (50-49). Senate members of both parties are now introducing amendments to the least popular parts of the budget plan. The final vote on the amended package is not expected for at least a week.

The Committee recommended that the Commission direct staff to reaffirm the Commission's position to members of Congress that Section 3 capital project expenditures for transit be based on project merit rather than on a formula allocation.

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

H.R. 1776 (Howard)

) This bill creates a National Infrastructure Fund that will distribute funds to states on the basis of population. The fund would receive \$3 billion annually through an advance entitlement for a period of 10 years. It will then be distributed to states which must establish revolving loan funds, with a minimum of 30% of the money being distributed to local governments. States and the local governments will have the sole authority to decide whether the money will be spent on roads, bridges, mass transit systems, wastewater treatment or water supply systems.

The Committee recommended that the Commission take a position to monitor H.R. 1776 in view of current federal efforts to curb the national deficit.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

) Mr. Sims reported that the Commission, along with the City of Long Beach, has been sued by No Slo Transit, Inc. over a portion of the proposed construction of the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project. The Rail Construction Committee has

directed Counsel to defend the Commission in this matter. Counsel does not see any need for the Commission to hold back on its project activities at this point.

Mr. Remy asked that staff report back to the Commission on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Heckeroth made two announcements:

On May 17, a dedication of the Route 91/I-110 Interchange will be held and Commissioners are invited.

On Tuesday at 10 a.m., the American Public Works Association will be presenting the Contractor of the Year Award to Jeff Kasler in the Los Angeles City Council Chambers for double-decking the LAX roadway system. The Commissioners were invited to the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Edward Duncan commented on various ways to cut expenses on procurement, purchasing and leasing in regards to the 1985 LACTC operating budget.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on Section 21080B11 of the Public Resources Code regarding the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project's EIR.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



JIM SIMS
Director, Programming and
Fiscal Analysis

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Attachment