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LACTC MINUTES

May 22, 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
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Mayor Christine E. Reed
Councilman Marc Wilder
Marcia Mednick
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 8, 1985 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs. Bacharach announced that she has appointed Marcia Mednick to serve as the Vice Chairwoman of the San Fernando Valley Transportation Corridor Steering Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC's meeting of May 20. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

City of Maywood, Proposition A Local Return Project Appeal

- o Approve 50% of the operating cost, or \$4,250, of the City of Maywood's Proposition A Local Return dial-a-ride project for the period the service operated prior to project approval.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Wilder.

Mr. Leonard R. Loehner, City Administrative Officer, City of Maywood, requested full funding (\$8,500) of the project cost.

Much discussion followed.

By voice vote, all members present voted in favor of the Committee's recommendation with the exception of Mr. Geoghegan. Motion was carried.

Short-Range Transit Plan and Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Richmond provided a brief introduction to the program and expressed appreciation to SCRTD for presenting their SRTP Plan. Copies of SCRTD's plan are available to interested Commissioners.

Sharon Neely of Commission staff briefly summarized the Short-Range Transit Plan and Transit Transportation Improvement Program.

- o Approve the staff recommendations regarding the Fiscal Year 1986-90 Short-Range Transit Plan and Transportation Improvement Program with the following amendments:
 - Approve an extension of Culver City's Marketing and Pricing Demonstration TOPIF project to September 30, 1985.
 - Support the Bus Operations Subcommittee's recommendation to reconsider the transfer facility at Torrance Del Amo Fashion Square at the mid-year reallocation.

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

Fiscal Year 1985-86 Unmet Transit Needs Hearing Article 8 Recommendations

- o Approve the allocation of FY 1985-86 Transportation Development Act Article 8 funds for streets and roads purposes as recommended by the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing Board.

- o Release FY 1983-84 and 1984-85 Article 8 funds for the City of Avalon for streets and roads purposes if so desired by the City.

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

Proposition A Incentive Program Projects

- o Approve the allocation of the Proposition A Incentive Program projects as recommended by staff with the three following exceptions:
 - Change the Central City Shuttle funding amount of \$333,785 as indicated on Page 2 of the staff report;
 - Request that staff report back on the coordination of identification procedures or user-side subsidies;
 - Extend the deadline for acceptance of incentive program projects until December 31, 1985;
 - Change the deadline for disbursement of Incentive funds held in reserve for the County to October 30, 1985 in order to resolve outstanding issues; and
 - Instruct staff to report back on guidelines on Commission subsidization of vehicles for contracted services.

Mr. Geoghegan asked what outstanding issues are involved in the County program. Mr. Richmond explained the three issues involved in the County program.

Much discussion followed.

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

Policy on Commissioner Per Diem and Expense Reimbursement

- o Adopt the policy on Commissioner per diem and expense reimbursement. The policy has been changed to add reimbursement for testimony as requested by the Commission.

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

Partial Approval of Staffing for Long Beach-Los Angeles Project Public Affairs Plan

- o Approve certain staffing elements of the Long Beach to Los Angeles Rail Transit project's public affairs plan as recommended by staff.

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

As an information item, Mrs. Reed reported that the Committee received a report on the Transit Operator Performance Measurement Program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC meeting of May 22. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

State Legislation

SB 290/SB 300 (Foran)

Staff reported on the present status of SB 290 which would increase State taxes on motor fuel by 5¢ per gallon to support local streets and roads (3¢) and State highways (2¢) improvements. Staff explained that SB 290 has been shelved and that SB 300 has been amended to include provisions which would provide additional funding for local streets and roads and transit. Staff was directed to continue to watch its progress and report back to the Committee on June 12 on specific provisions of SB 300.

No Commission action was required.

SB 1000 (Robbins)

The LACTC adopted a "monitor" position on SB 1000 which would create a Caltrans District 13 in the San Fernando Valley. The bill was amended to require the California Transportation Commission to determine a highway funding minimum for the San Fernando Valley.

In late April, the author withdrew SB 1000 from the Senate Transportation Committee. Senator Robbins did not request reconsideration for a later committee date and thus it appears that SB 1000 will not be taken up this year.

No Commission action required.

AB 91 (Elder)

This bill would enact that the State Noise Attenuation Bond Act of 1986 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of an unspecified amount of bonds to be paid from the State Highway Account of noise attenuation facilities.

The Committee recommended that the Commission continue to monitor the progress of AB 91 and directed staff to determine what position the State Treasurer has taken on the measure.

Mr. Szabo moved to have staff monitor the bill which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 750 (Duffy)

Consideration of this bill was held over until the June 12 IRC meeting.

SB 661 (Bergeson)

This bill would increase apportionments to counties and cities for prescribed street and highway purposes from funds appropriated from the Highway Users Tax Account in the Transportation Tax Fund. On April 22, SB 661 was amended to transfer diesel fuel sales tax revenues to the TP&D Account.

The Committee recommended that the Commission continue to support SB 661 in concept pending the outcome of SB 300.

No Commission action was required.

SB 1095 (Craven)

This bill will create the Los Angeles-San Diego Transportation Corridor Study Group which will be responsible for analyzing and studying transportation needs within the Los Angeles-San Diego corridor. The group would consist of representatives of the LACTC, Orange County Transportation Commission (OCTC), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), with the Director of Caltrans or his designee as the chairperson of the group.

The Committee recommended that the Commission oppose SB 1095 and directed staff to contact the bill's author to recommend that SCAG and SANDAG should undertake this task within existing resources.

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

Update of Legislative Matrix

AB 1020 (Clute): Bill failed in committee.

SB 399 (Mello): Bill failed in committee.

Federal Legislation**Federal Budget Update**

On May 10, the U.S. Senate passed a revised deficit-reduction plan by a final vote of 50-49. The plan calls for a \$56 billion reduction in the 1986 projected deficit of \$230 billion. About \$295 billion in savings over three years is projected. The plan mandates transit reductions for approximately 20% in Section 9 operating assistance and 27% in Section 9 capital funds for FY 1986. Further reduction would occur in subsequent years. As for the Section 3 funding, initial indications are that the FY 1986 level will be at least \$1.2 billion. The House must now prepare its version of the budget, after which

Senate and House members will likely confer to produce a compromise budget plan.

No Commission action was required.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mrs. Bacharach reported on both Committee meetings which were held on May 17.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Yard and Shops Site Acquisition

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that she received a letter on the Carson site. Staff was asked to look at it again and the Rail Construction Committee has looked into the Dawson site versus the site that the Committee will be recommending in Long Beach, although this letter was received after the Rail Construction Committee had met. A memo was handed out that lists three reasons for the Committee's recommendation: operations criteria, capacity, and environmental approvals.

Mr. Kenneth Zommick, attorney representing the Harry W. A. Dawson Trust, owners of the Carson site, appeared before the Commission and presented his proposal, as indicated in his May 21 letter to Mrs. Bacharach. He requested that the Commission postpone its action today until they are given an opportunity to assist in the Commission's evaluation by providing some engineering reports that deal with the concerns of the project.

Much discussion followed.

The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute the following agreements for assembly of the main yard and shops site for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project:

1. Agreement for purchase and sale of approximately 13 acres of land located at 1003 West Carson Street, Long Beach, from Eugene and Harry Toy, for an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000;
2. Agreement for purchase and sale of approximately 5 acres of land located at 1003 West Carson Street, Long Beach, from Stan Mattox, for an amount not to exceed \$693,180;
3. Agreement for purchase and sale of approximately 9 acres of land located at 1003 West Carson Street, Long Beach, from the Regency Sign Company, for an amount not to exceed \$1,186,500;
4. Agreement for purchase and sale of approximately .5 acres of land, and for an aerial easement for main yard site LRT access, located at 1003 West Carson Street, Long Beach, from the L.A. County Flood Control District, for an amount not to exceed \$94,500;

5. Agreement to assume an existing surface rights lease with the Carson Estate Company for extraction of subsurface minerals at 1003 West Carson Street, Long Beach, but with quitclaim of approximately 75% of the existing surface rights area, and providing for relocation of oil production facilities, enclosed housing of such facilities and instrumentation with safety devices tied into the main yard control tower, all to be furnished by the Carson Estate Company, for an amount not to exceed \$182,310.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the recommendation which was seconded.

Mrs. Bacharach also indicated that the Committee has adopted a program plan with budget estimates in the program plan and these all fall within the adopted budget for this item.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on a storage and satellite yard for the project at the Carson site.

By voice vote, the Committee's recommendation was approved, with Mr. Geoghegan dissenting.

LACTC-SPTC Agreements

The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute the following agreements:

1. Right-of-Way Agreement with the Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTC) providing all of SPTC's right, title, and interest (except minerals below 500 feet, without surface entry rights) for 15.8 miles of reserved, dedicated rights-of-way for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, in accordance with established civil engineering requirements for mid-corridor alignment MC-1 for the project, from Washington Boulevard in downtown Los Angeles to Long Beach Boulevard in Long Beach, along SPTC's Wilmington and East Long Beach branches, including sites for 12 passenger stations, 7 traction power substations, and a satellite yard, and including exclusive ownership and use of bridge structures over the Long Beach Freeway and the Los Angeles River, for an amount not to exceed \$25,877,788.

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

2. Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the SPTC, providing for agreement between LACTC and SPTC for the established civil engineering requirements for mid-corridor alignment MC-1 for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, to be accommodated within SPTC's existing Wilmington and East Long Beach branch rights-of-way, including all necessary design/construction coordination and cooperation for relocation of existing SPTC facilities as required, and

providing terms for operation of the rail transit project upon completion of construction. The Executive Director is authorized to execute SPTC force account work requests, as provided under the agreement, as necessary for design/construction of the project, not to exceed an accumulation of \$1,400,000.

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

3. Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Southern Pacific Industrial Development Company (SPIDC) providing for fee acquisition of 2.9 acres at the northeast corner, intersection of Del Amo Boulevard and Santa Fe Avenue, Rancho Dominguez, as a 450-500 car freeway park/ride station site and traction power substation site for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, for an amount not to exceed \$1,121,300.

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

Mr. Szabo suggested that purchased site be used for park-and-ride service before the actual rail line is completed.

Mrs. Bacharach announced that the Commission is tentatively planning a signing ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on June 19 and asked the Commissioners to reserve the date.

Public Affairs Plan Early Action Items

The Committee recommended the Commission approve elements of the LB-LA project Public Affairs Plan proposed as follows:

1. One field representative and one secretary be hired in the Community Relations Section;
2. The Community Relations Representative position in Government and Public Affairs be upgraded to a Community Relations Officer;
3. The Executive Director be authorized to procure office equipment for additional community relations staff, according to a schedule for such procurements as determined appropriate by the Executive Director;
4. That \$51,000 be appropriate for expenditures until a final budget is approved.

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

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that at the Rail Construction Committee meeting, a motion was made and passed that the staff be directed to plan trips overseas (Europe and Japan) to see vehicle manufacturing facilities and light rail in operation. Mrs. Reed moved that this matter be tabled which was seconded. All present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of two noes.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan

At the last Commission meeting, this item was carried over. The RCC recommended the Commission support the Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan Ordinance proposed by the City of Los Angeles as follows:

1. The Commission support the establishment of a Transportation Trust Fund and the levying of developer fees to help mitigate the traffic impacts of these developments;
2. The Commission support the provision that at least 50 percent of the fees generated within one quarter-mile of the rail line be used to support development of that project consistent with LACTC's guidelines for reserving local funds for rail development;
3. The Commission support new street standards that provide the extra width necessary to incorporate a rail line.

Mr. Wilder moved for approval which was seconded.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on this item and the route refinement studies. He also requested that staff reply to his letter of April 24 concerning alternative analysis for the route refinement study.

Mr. A. Man of FOCUS also appeared before the Commission and asked that the Commission not take action on this matter today and instead hold a public hearing.

Mrs. Russell explained the coastal corridor specific plan and welcomed any comments from Commission members.

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

Mrs. Bacharach tabled the rest of the RTC items and reported that the Highway Issues Task Force held its first meeting today and it will be reported by Mr. Wilder. She also announced that Keith Gilbert of the Automobile Club of Southern California and Paul Shay of the Los Angeles County Taxpayers Association will serve on the Highway Issues Task Force.

HIGHWAY ISSUES TASK FORCE

Mr. Wilder reported that the purpose of the Task Force is to take a long-range look at the highway situation in Los Angeles County, establish what the issues are, lay them out clearly, and deal with them particularly in the first year in three areas: planning, programming, and implementation. Specific issues which the Task Force will be reviewing include:

- o A Ten-Year Highway Program for Los Angeles County;
- o The LACTC's current programming process and criteria for project selection; and
- o The status of major State highways.

The Task Force will be meeting on a monthly basis.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE (continued)Status Update Century/El Segundo Engineering/Environmental Clearance

Staff reviewed for the Committee the implications for the Century-Coast Line of a raised AT&SF railroad bridge at Imperial and Aviation in El Segundo. The project was sponsored by the City of Los Angeles as a candidate for State railroad grade-separation funds. Santa Fe supports the project although it is unclear how much money it will contribute. The raised Santa Fe rack will preclude both the Aviation Station and a direct Century-to-Airport track connection. The Committee instructed staff to seek clarification of the City's position in light of these impacts.

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

Following up on a request for clarification on the cost and schedule implications of extending the southern limits of the Century-El Segundo EIR clearance, staff reported that at a minimum it would add \$40,000 and one month, respectively. If the limit is extended to Hawthorne Boulevard, it would add \$100,000 and three months to the study. A decision to proceed would be needed by June in order for these estimates to remain valid.

Route Refinement Studies

On April 24, the RTC recommended Commission approval of the route refinement studies of the San Fernando Valley and Downtown Los Angeles/Lincoln Heights Corridor. Action was held until affected city council members could be consulted by staff, which has been completed; further, staff has opened discussions with city staffs to define right-of-way protection procedures acceptable to affected

cities. In order to move ahead on rail transit development throughout the county, the Committee recommended that staff be authorized to solicit proposals from consultants interested in assisting staff in the studies at a cost not to exceed \$700,000 from the LACTC Proposition A rail transit account.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Commission Travel Request

Chairwoman Bacharach was invited to join a recently-concluded tour of European rail transit systems due to a last minute vacancy. Approval was requested for her trip.

Also, the following Commissioners and Rail Construction Committee members had expressed an interest in attending the APTA Rapid Transit Conference on June 2-6 in Atlanta. A visit to Pittsburgh's rail transit system is also being arranged as part of this trip.

Jacki Bacharach	Manuel Perez
Charles Abbott, Jr.	Ted Pierce
Allan Jonas	Roger Stanard
Walter King	Marc Wilder

In accordance with Commission policy, Commission approval of these travel requests are requested.

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

B. Departure of Staff Member

Mr. Richmond announced that Linda Pendlebury will be leaving the Commission staff the first of July to Sacramento.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on the bus service in San Fernando Valley and asked Commission to take an interest in this problem.


Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the agenda of the Rapid Transit Committee, there was no mention made on the Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan nor the route refinement study.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to a discussion workshop on the work continuation agreement that the Commission is attempting to negotiate on the L.A.-L.B. rail transit project during its construction phrase.


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Executive Director

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