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LACTC MINUTES

June 12, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Bacharach at 1:50 p.m. in the Board Room of the Department of Water and Power.

Members in attendance were:

Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Mayor Christine E. Reed
Councilman Marc Wilder
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
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections were made to pages 7 and 8 of the May 22 minutes (attached). Copies of the corrected pages were distributed to the members. The minutes of May 22 were approved unanimously, as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

RECOGNITION OF JAMES RAGAN

On behalf of the LACTC, Chairwoman Bacharach presented a resolution to James Ragan in appreciation for his serving as an alternate to Wendell Cox on the Commission for five years.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 1985-86 LACTC BUDGET

Mrs. Bacharach opened the public hearing for any comments from the public on the Commission's budget for FY 1985-86. Mr. Richmond briefly introduced the budget.

Mrs. Reed moved to continue the hearing to receive comments on the budget to the Finance Review Committee meeting, which is scheduled for June 24. The Commission will take action on the budget at its meeting on June 26.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of June 10, 1985. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

Extension of FAU Unobligated Balance Loan to Caltrans

- o Approve an extension through Fiscal Year 1989 of the current \$30 million FAU funds unobligated balance loan to Caltrans with the following conditions:
 1. That the California Transportation Commission approve all \$14 million of the Commission's Interstate 4R and Primary funded projects;
 2. That Caltrans agrees to administer the unobligated balance loan as described in the agenda;
 3. That the Los Angeles County FAU Committee approve this loan; and
 4. That a full Environmental Impact Report be prepared -- for the Route 710 -- Southern Avenue off-ramp project prior to its construction.

Mrs. Reed made an amendment to the Committee's recommendation on item #1 due to information received by staff after the FRC meeting. The substitute language to item #1 is as follows:

- 1a. That the CTC program in the 1985 STIP of each of LACTC's five new Interstate projects valued at \$12 million; and
- 1b. That the LACTC continue to negotiate with the CTC on the programming in the 1985 STIP of our three Primary projects, but as a separate activity from the \$30 million FAU loan.

Mr. Sanborn moved that items 1 (amended), 2, and 3 be approved which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Regarding item #4, Mr. Sanborn gave background information on the Southern Avenue off-ramp project. Mayor Barb, City of Downey, and Lisa Ann Spirito, City of South Gate, appeared before the Commission. Several community members from City of South Gate representing the Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission, Ministerial Association were in attendance to support the project.

Questions were asked by the Commissioners.

Mrs. Reed moved that the full EIR process be prepared for the Southern Avenue off-ramp, which was seconded by Mr. Sanborn.

Much discussion followed.

The motion was amended to state that a pre-environmental conference be held with the Cities of South Gate and Downey by Caltrans before the EIR process is prepared. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried, as amended.

STATUS OF LAPSING FAU FUNDS

- o Direct staff to contact all cities with potentially-lapsing funds and inform them of the status of their FAU funds;
- o Direct staff to prepare quarterly reports on the status of FAU funds;
- o Re-cal lapsing funds which have not been obligated or granted an extension by July 1, 1985 for reallocation to local highway projects of county-wide significance.

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

PARATRANSIT OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- o Dismiss with regret, South Bay Special Transit and the City of Gardena from membership;
- o Accept the resignation of Southern California Edison Company and Mary Sandoe;
- o Retain the membership of Get-About Transportation based on their assurances of improved attendance.

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

Position Reclassification in the Highway Section

- o Upgrade one of the two Analyst positions in the Highway Section to a Senior Analyst position, effective June 16, 1985.

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

Authorization to Employ Outside Legal Counsel

- o Authorize the Executive Director to hire outside legal counsel on an hourly, as needed basis, to deal with legal issues which fall outside the scope of the contract with County Counsel.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported, as an information item, that the Transit Performance Measurement Program was discussed by the Committee. This program is scheduled for adoption at the Commission's August 21 meeting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC's meeting of June 12 as follows:

State Legislation

Update on SB 200 (Beverly)

The Commission-sponsored bill to enhance the authority of the LACTC, in the areas of contacting, eminent domain, and equal opportunity, was amended to delete provisions which would have permitted the use of competitive negotiation for the purchase of railcars. With the amended bill now in print, it is expected that legislative consideration will occur on Wednesday, July 3.

No Commission action was required.

SB 300 (Foran)

The bill proposes a major infusion of new funds for street and road maintenance and a moderate increase in funding for transit programs.

The League of Cities has adopted an informal "support in concept" position on the bill. The County Supervisors Association of California (CSAC) supports the concept of SB 300, but SCAC staff indicates that they have reservations concerning the matching requirements and allocation provisions.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support SB 300 because it represents a positive step toward solving the short-term funding crises facing local roads and transit. The Committee also recommended that

staff encourage the author to work with representatives of the League and CSAC to reach agreement on those parts of the bill which require a local match and which determine the allocation of street and road funds.

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

SB 1045 (Torres)

This bill would enlarge the voting membership of LACTC to include (1) the Governor's representative, (2) an appointee of the Assembly Speaker (3) an appointee of the Senate Rules Committee, and (4) an additional selection of the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. The bill has been heard before the Senate Transportation Committee. After some discussion regarding the need for State representation on the LACTC, Senator Torres withdrew the bill from Committee consideration and agreed to make it a two-year effort. Therefore, AB 1045 could conceivably be taken up later this year or sometime next year.

The Committee recommended that the Commission formally oppose SB 1045 because State representation on local transportation commissions is inappropriate.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. Sanborn. Mrs. Bacharach thanked Mr. Szabo and Mrs. Mednick for representing the Commission at the Senate Transportation hearing in Sacramento. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 2341 (Katz)

This bill would provide additional funds for State and local highway transit improvements. Some major provisions of the bill would: temporarily transfer \$100 million from the General Fund annually for five years for local road maintenance, increase truck weight fees by 50%, providing an additional \$125 million annually for local roads; transfer revenue (\$70 million annually) from the sales tax on diesel fuel from the General Fund to the State Highway Account; and transfer \$555 million from the General Fund to the State Highway Account over a four-year period (1986-90).

Once AB 2341 is in print, staff will return with an analysis and formal recommendation.

No Commission action was required.

Federal Legislation

H.R. 923 (Gray)

This bill would eliminate obligation limits for Federal highway expenditures and allow the construction of new toll highways with Federal funds.

H.R. 923 would provide greater flexibility to complete major State highway projects such as the Harbor Freeway Transitway and Century Freeway.

The Committee recommended that the Commission support this bill because it will expedite the completion of major highway projects in L.A. County.

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

S. 926 (Symms)

This is a "clean" ICE bill with a one-year approval for the distribution of construction funds for the Interstate program which would become available to states on October 1, 1985.

No action is required until the outcome of S. 927 is known.

S. 927 (Symms)

This bill would change the funding source for transit-related Interstate Substitute projects from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund. This change would decrease the level of funds for highway projects through the Interstate Completion projects such as the Century Freeway and Harbor Freeway Transitway.

The Committee recommended opposition to S. 927 because of its negative impact on the Commission's two major projects.

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

S. 928 (Spector)

This bill would modify the Interstate 4R Fund apportionment formula in a manner that would probably reduce California's Interstate 4R allocation, and would favor rural and northeastern states.

The Committee recommended that the Commission oppose S. 928 because of its overall negative impact on highway projects in California.

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

S. 849 (Hart)

This bill is the National Infrastructure Act which would provide states with \$30 billion in interest-free loans for the construction and rehabilitation of roads, bridges, mass transit facilities, wastewater treatment plants and water supply systems.

The Committee recommended that the Commission monitor this legislation at this time. Should the bill become a legislative priority and begins to progress through the Senate, the bill will be referred back to the Commission for reconsideration.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Both committees will be meeting on June 14 and 19, 1985.

Mrs. Bacharach reminded the Commissioners to attend the June 19 Signing Ceremony.

HIGHWAY ISSUES TASK FORCE

Mr. Wilder reported that the Committee a report from Caltrans on the Federal allocation and funding process and a report from LACTC staff on the State funding process.

The Committee has formalized an agenda and will be addressing the various issues at its next meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Richmond proposed for a single meeting in August which would be August 21 and possible a meeting adjustment in September. Staff will confirm with the Commissioners as to their availability on August 21.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilder reported on the Route 91 commuter lane project which opened on Monday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m. He complimented Caltrans for this demonstration project and for establishing an advisory board on which Mr. Wilder is a member.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

Chairwoman Bacharach reminded the Commissioners that a workshop on the Commission's objectives for next year will immediately follow the meeting.

She also announced that Joe Leach, formerly on LACTC staff, has passed away and adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. in his memory.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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.