



**Los Angeles County  
Transportation  
Commission**  
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LACTC MINUTES

June 26, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dana at 1:45 p.m. in the Board Room of the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Deane Dana  
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  
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Councilman Harold Croys, alternate to Mrs. Bacharach  
Heinz Heckerroth, 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

The minutes of June 12, 1985 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Dana indicated that he was pleased to sit in for Mrs. Bacharach as chair for today's meeting and is looking forward to being the chairman of the LACTC next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of June 24, 1985. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

Policy on Special User Group Transportation

- o Approve, in concept, Proposition A Local Return Special User Group criteria and review procedures as outlined in the staff report.
- o Direct staff to develop a specific set of guidelines for city and Commission committee review.

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

South Pasadena Proposition A Local Return Project Appeal

- o Disapprove the use of Proposition A Local Return funds for the City of South Pasadena's railroad crossing pads project.

Much discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes - Mr. Sanborn, Mr. King, Mr. Geoghegan, Mrs. Russell,  
Mrs. Reed, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Mednick, Mr. Remy,  
Chairman Dana

no - Mr. Croyts, Mr. Pierce

Motion was carried.

Request for Determination of Project Eligibility

- o Approve the use of Proposition A Local Return funds for the bus use program for trainable mentally-retarded students since this program would reduce the long-term use of high-cost transit services by training mentally-retarded individuals.

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

RTD Performance Audit Follow-up

- o Approve the RTD performance audit follow-up findings as proposed by staff.

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

**Follow-up Issues for the Fiscal Year 1987 Short-Range Transit Plan**

- o Approve Short-Range Transit Plan follow-up issues.

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

**Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines Fiscal Year 1985 Transit TIP Amendment**

- o Approve Santa Monica Municipal Bus Line's Transit TIP amendment which sets aside funds for a rail reserve and future bus capital purchases as proposed by staff.

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

**Ports Highway Improvements Financial Plan Amendment**

- o Approve the proposed amendments to the Ports Highway Improvements Financial Plan.

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

**Proposed Fiscal Year 1986 Operating Budget**

- o Approve the Fiscal Year 1986 Operating Budget as described in the agenda with the addition of one secretary/receptionist position.

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

**Final Approval of Long Beach-Los Angeles Project Public Affairs Plan and Budget**

- o Approve the Long Beach-Los Angeles Project public affairs plan and budget as proposed by staff.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the Committee received a draft of the Transportation Zone Guidelines which will be discussed at the next FRC meeting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC meeting of June 26. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

## State Legislation

- o The Committee considered the following bills which propose additional transportation funding for the elderly and handicapped:

AB 58 (Felando)

This bill appropriates \$3,210,000 from the General Fund on a one-time allocation basis, to area agencies on aging by "planning and service areas" for transportation services for elderly persons.

The Committee recommended that the Commission monitor AB 58, but expressed its concern that the bill would simply allocate funds for only one year, and thus create a program demand for subsequent years.

AB 750 (Duffy)

This bill appropriates \$6,000,000 from the General Fund, on a one-time basis, to Caltrans for demonstration transit services for elderly and handicapped persons. At least 50 percent of the appropriation must be for programs in rural areas. AB 750 would also establish an eight-member Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Committee composed of representatives of elderly and handicapped agencies.

The Committee recommended that the Commission oppose AB 750, citing concerns about the way the bill proposes to allocate funds, representation on the advisory committee, that the services must be coordinated with existing programs and funding following the first year.

SB 157 (Mello)

Beginning FY 1986-87, this bill annually appropriates an unspecified amount of revenues from the General Fund to Caltrans for "consolidated transportation service agency" (CTSA) services for transportation for elderly and handicapped persons.

The Committee recommended that the Commission monitor SB 157.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of the Committee's recommendations on AB 58, AB 750 and SB 157, which was seconded by Mr. Croyts.

## Roll call vote:

- yes: Mr. Sanborn, Mr. King, Mr. Croyts, Mr. Remy,  
Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Wilder, Chairman Dana
- no: Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Mednick

Motion passed.

o AB 56 (Roos) and SB 108 (Marks)

AB 56 would provide for the creation of local bond pooling authorities under regulations which would be issued by the State Treasurer to repair, refurbish, and rebuild local and state governmental capital structures.

SB 108 would enact the California Infrastructure Authority Act of 1985 and create the California Infrastructure Bond Authority.

The Committee recommended that the Commission monitor these two bills at this time. No Commission action was required.

o SB 1095 (Craven)

This bill originally proposed to create a study group to analyze and make recommendation on alternative modes of transportation in Los Angeles-San Diego corridor. Based on its belief that existing regional agencies could carry out the intent of SB 1095 without creating a separate study group and without appropriation of additional funds, the Commission adopted an oppose position on May 22. SB 1095 has not been amended to require the study group to identify specific improvements in the Los Angeles-San Diego rail corridor needed to improve running time, increase reliability and enhance the ability of passenger and freight trains to operate together.

The Committee believes that the idea of incremental upgrading of the Amtrak rail corridor has considerable merit, and that the Commission should support this legislation. The Committee recommended that the Commission change its position from oppose to support o SB 1095.

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

o AB 1576 (Lewis)

This bill would require public entities which acquire property through eminent domain action after January 1, 1986, to first offer such property to the original owner or the owner's heirs before selling the property as surplus. It also requires that the sale price offered to the original owner be equal to the price paid by the public entity, adjusted for inflation and that the original owner be properly notified of any resale attempt. Any costs incurred by a public agency to meet these requirements would be reimbursed by the State.

Because the Commission is pursuing legislation (SB 200) which deals with the eminent domain process, the Committee feels that this bill would benefit the Commission because it would enhance the fairness of the process. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the Commission support AB 1576.

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

o AB 2341 (Katz)

The bill proposes additional funds to meet the funding crisis facing State highways, local streets and roads, and to a lesser extent, transit.

Mr. Szabo recommended that members of the Commission review the contents of the bill, and that the Committee will keep the members up-to-date on the progress of the measure through the Legislature. Staff will continue to monitor AB 2341.

No Commission action was required.

#### Federal Legislation

o Federal Update

The House and Senate conference on the Federal budget has made little progress toward a compromise budget. At this point, it is uncertain how the conference will proceed on various budget issues, such as transit and highways, or what the outcomes will be.

The Committee expects some action by August or September and at that time will bring members of the Commission up to date on any new developments.

No Commission action was required.

#### SB 200

This bill will be heard in Sacramento on July 3 and Commissioners Bacharach, Mednick and Szabo will be attending the hearing.

#### Update of Legislative Matrix

The matrix was included in the agenda for the Commissioners' information.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mr. Wilder reported on both committees' meetings of June 14 and 19, 1985.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

## Closeout Budget for Project Development Phase

The Committee reviewed staff's report on the extent to which funding authorizations have been utilized through closeout of the project development phase activities; work to date has been accomplished within established budgets.

Public Affairs Plan

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the revised Public Affairs Plan for the Long Beach-Los Angeles project. Also, the Committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to procure office equipment and field vehicles according to a schedule for such procurement as determined appropriate.

Mr. Wilder moved for approval; seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

## Insurance Purchases for Property Acquisitions

At its meeting of May 22, 1984, the Commission authorized purchases of SPTC rights-of-way and the main yard site for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project for which the Commission must assume liability. The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to procure a property owner's liability insurance policy in the amount of \$10,000,000, for a premium of \$15,857 for the period July 1, 1985-June 30, 1986.

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

## Relocation of Facilities by Southern California Edison Co.

Initial construction at the main yard and shops in North Long Beach, scheduled to begin this fall, requires relocation of lines by Southern California Edison Co. The Committee recommended authorizing the Executive Director to direct Edison to perform the work at an estimated cost of \$9,500.

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

## Work Continuation Agreement

This item was held over to the Executive Session following the Commission meeting.

### Authorization to Initiate Construction Activities on the Century Rail Transit Project

Staff reported to the Committee that progress on the Century project is satisfactory and there is an opportunity to save money by placing rail electrification conduits in a major freeway interchange structure at this time. The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to direct Caltrans to proceed to negotiate a supplemental agreement to the I-105/I-110 Separation Construction Contract to furnish and install traction power, signaling and communication conduits in the bridge structure for the Century line at a cost not to exceed \$75,000, which amount has been included in the original budget for the project by LACTC.

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

### RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

#### Aerial Photography and Mapping Services for San Fernando Valley Route Refinement Study

The Committee recommended the Commission's approval for staff to enter into a contract not to exceed \$47,800 for aerial photography and mapping services with Vara Systems. The allocation for this contract is part of the budget the Commission authorized for the San Fernando Valley route refinement study.

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

#### Extension of Southern Limit of Century-El Segundo Environmental Impact Report

The Committee received a number of requests that the EIR for the location of a maintenance yard for the Century project be extended in geographic scope. Also, subsequent to the original scoping, Commission staff proposed looking at an alternate yard site location just north of Inglewood Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. Cities have discussed using Local Return monies to pay for an expanded EIR. The Committee discussed how city funding of this work might influence the Commission's implementation strategy and setting of priorities for construction. The Committee recommended that the Commission increase the scope of the Century-El Segundo study to include environmental clearance for the line south to Inglewood Avenue near Manhattan Beach Boulevard. Contingent on the cities' commitment of the additional \$40,000, this will increase the budget to \$227,791. Preparation of the EIR will begin in October, when engineering has been sufficiently advanced on the two candidate sites for the maintenance yard which it appears prudent to explore.

Mr. Wilder moved for approval which was seconded.

Mr. Richmond summarized the question before the Commission on whether or not to agree with these requests and authorize the environmental clearance of the Century-El Segundo extension south to Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

Much discussion followed.

Councilman Archie Snow, City of Redondo Beach, appeared before the Commissioners and indicated that the cities of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale, Hawthorne and El Segundo offered to pay the additional cost for the EIR as suggested by the Rapid Transit Committee.

Mr. Michael Jackson of TRW read a statement by Councilman Jack Siadek, City of El Segundo, in support of extending the southern limit of the EIR to Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

Much discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed offered a substitute motion, which is the staff's recommendation that was presented to the Rail Construction Committee. Staff recommended that the Commission increase the scope of the Century-El Segundo study to include basic environmental aspects as well as engineering for the line south to Manhattan beach Boulevard. This will increase the budget of \$20,000 to \$207,791 and require one additional month. The decision on environmental clearance of the extension to Manhattan Beach Boulevard will be made by early October. The principal determinant of that decision will be the relative attractiveness of the candidate yard sites. Substitute motion was seconded by Mrs. Russell.

Additional discussion followed.

Mr. Bryan Allen appeared before the Commissioners and offered a third point of view on the El Segundo extention.

Roll call vote on Mrs. Reed's substitute motion:

yes: Mr. Sanborn, Mr. King, Mr. Remy, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Wilder, Chairman Dana

no: Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Croyts, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Mednick

Substitute motion passed.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Nominations to Citizens Advisory Committee - Commissioner Dana had nominated Mr. James Carson and Mr. Glen Abel to serve as members of the Commission's Citizens Advisory Committee. He requested for Commission's approval.

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

- B. Summary of the First Three Years of the Proposition A Program - Copies of a summary report were distributed to the Commissioners.
- C. Presentation to Linda Pendlebury - On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Richmond presented Linda with a resolution in appreciation for her 5+ years of service with the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Howard Watts (citizen) commented on the bus service route to Valley College and asked the Commission to take a survey and coordinate funding for the bus service with SCRTD and the L.A. City Council.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at the Department of Water and Power on the 15th floor due to the unavailability of the Supervisors' Board Hearing Room.

A motion was made and seconded to recess into an executive session on the Work Continuation Agreement.

Meeting was reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

WORK CONTINUATION AGREEMENT

It was moved and seconded to approve the Work Continuation Agreement. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

  
RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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