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LACTC MINUTES

July 24, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Bacharach at 1:40 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
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
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:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Bill Pellman, Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Margarita Ortiz, Senior Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 10, 1985 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

1. A press conference was held on July 22 at the Los Angeles Press Club regarding the "no strike" agreement with the Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.

2. Proposition A, The First Three Years - A Report to the Shareholders: Asked Commissioners to try and use the report as an example of the Commission's accomplishments and what this agency is trying to accomplish in the future. She thanked staff for an excellent report.
3. Briefing Breakfast with elected officials on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project is scheduled for August 7. Commissioners were asked to notify staff of their attendance at the briefing.
4. A workshop with the California Transportation Commission is planned for August 16 in Los Angeles to discuss transit issues in Los Angeles County.
5. Resignation of Ted Pierce as alternate to Supervisor Antonovich, effective July 25. His replacement will be named soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of July 22. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

RTD Fiscal Year 1985 Memorandum of Understanding - \$7.6 Million Increase

- o Approve the staff recommendation regarding RTD's request for an additional \$7.6 million in Fiscal Year 1985 Proposition A Fare Reduction funds.

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

Mr. Greg Roberts appeared before the Commission and commented on the RTD's request for additional funds and on the RTD's bus routes and schedules to community colleges, specifically Valley College.

Proposition A Local Return - Fiscal Year 1984 Audit Summary

- o Accept the Proposition A Local Return Fiscal Year 1984 audits for review and file.

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

Mr. Edward Duncan appeared before the Commission and commented on the upcoming performance audit of transit operators.

Commission's Five-Year Objectives

- o Adopt the modified LACTC Five-Year Objectives (attached).

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the Committee received information on the following items:

1. Objectives for the upcoming performance audit of transit operators;
2. Transportation Zone Guidelines;
3. Air Quality Management District's Regulation 6; and
4. Vehicle accessibility policy of the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Council.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the IRC's meeting of July 24. The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

State Legislation

Update on SB 200 (Beverly), SB 300 (Foran) and AB 2341 (Katz)

SB 200 was heard before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on July 17 and approved by a vote of 12-0. The bill is now scheduled to proceed to the Assembly floor in late August. Staff will keep the Commission informed of the latest details concerning SB 200 as they become available.

No Commission action was required.

An amended version of SB 300 was approved by the Assembly Transportation Committee on July 17 and is now scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

No Commission action was required.

AB 2341 has been amended in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and may be considered at the next Committee meeting in late August.

No Commission was required.

1985-86 State Budget

On July 30, 1985, Governor Deukmejian will sign the 1985-86 State Budget into law. Commission staff presented an analysis on the budget and on transit and guideway budget programs.

No Commission action was required.

1985 STIP Adoption

Commission staff presented the results of the 1985 State TIP adoption by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on June 27, 1985 and discussed related funding issues. The CTC approved eight Los Angeles County projects totaling \$502 million for funding in the 1985 State Highway TIP.

In a related action, the CTC placed a hold on project development work for \$459 million of newly-approved TIP projects, including the Harbor Freeway-Transitway. The CTC also asked county transportation commissions and regional transportation planning agencies to help identify an additional \$200 million of projects for the statewide project delay list.

The CTC's reason for recommending project development delays is that low Federal Obligation Authority levels will prevent delivery of projects as programmed in the STIP. A related, ongoing problem is inadequate Caltrans staffing to allow delivery of all projects on schedule.

The IRC recommended that staff continue to work with the Commission's Federal representative and representatives of other affected jurisdictions to resolve Federal Obligation Authority shortfalls. The Committee also suggested that staff request the CTC and Caltrans to prepare a report on the issue of inadequate Caltrans staffing and explore alternatives to allow the delivery of all projects on schedule.

Federal Legislation

FHWA Policy Change - 85% Funds

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has asked for comments by August 5, 1985, regarding a June 21, 1985 Notice of Change in the methodology for determining the 85% minimum allocation of Federal-Aid Highway funds to the states.

The IRC recommended that the Commission write to the FHWA endorsing the Notice of Change, since the new proposed factors for determining the 85% minimum allocation of Federal-Aid Highway funds would benefit California and Los Angeles County.

Federal Budget Update

Commission staff presented a comparison of the Administration's proposal for highway and transit programs for FY 1986 versus the budget resolutions adopted by the House and Senate. Also presented was a summary of Federal transportation legislation prepared by the Commission's Federal Representative, Mr. Irving Smith.

No Commission action was required.

Federal Highway and Transit Reauthorization Proposals

Commission staff presented summaries of two proposals that have emerged from the Senate which call for the reauthorization of Federal highway and transit programs which are scheduled to expire at the end of this year. The highway proposal by Senator Lawton Chiles (D-Florida) is not yet in committee print. The transit proposal by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-New Jersey) was recently printed and made available on these proposals at the August IRC meeting. Staff will also provide an analysis of the reauthorization bills introduced in the House as they become available.

No Commission action was required.

Update on Legislative Matrix

Commission staff advised the IRC that the most recently amended version of AB 750 (Duffy) would require the bill to be placed under study.

The IRC therefore recommended that the Commission change its position on the bill from oppose to monitor.

Mr. Remy moved for approval of the IRC's recommendations; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC and RTC meeting of July 15. The actions taken by the committees were as follows:

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Indemnification Agreement with City of Long Beach

The Committee recommended that the Commission agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Long Beach from any claim, liability, cost or expense arising out of the action entitled No Slo Transit, Inc., Robert W. Lee and Raymond Trupp v. City of Long Beach, City Council of the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, et al.

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

Preliminary Assessment - "Mealy Street" Alternative

Staff presented a report to the Committee on the environmental impacts and engineering feasibility of this railroad alternative in Compton. The Committee discussed the requirements of Southern Pacific and commitments by Compton which need to be resolved before the Committee considers releasing a draft Subsequent EIR in September. The Committee recommended the Commission approve continuation of the EIR and engineering development efforts for the "Mealy Street" alternative and authorization of the second phase of consultant work, assuming commitments from Southern Pacific and Compton are confirmed.

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

Mr. Bryan Allen appeared before the Commission and commented on the "Mealy Street" alternative.

Staff was asked to report back to the Rail Construction Committee on Mr. Allen's comments.

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Master/Utility Cooperative Agreements

Staff has been negotiating Master/Utility Cooperative Agreements with various public and private agencies whose facilities along the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail corridor will be physically affected by development of the rail transit project. To date, four of these agreements have been finalized and prepared for official authorization: City of Long Beach, CommuniCom (cable), Pacific Bell and Southern California Gas Company. The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute the four Master/Utility Cooperative Agreements and begin to issue work orders for necessary activities including design work, which should be done by LACTC-controlled forces to the maximum extent possible.

Mr. Wilder moved for approval which was seconded. All members present were in favor of the motion with the exception of Mrs. Mednick who abstained.

Design Status Report on Flower Street Subway

LACTC staff and consultants have begun preliminary design of the Flower Street subway with SCRTD staff and Metro Rail consultants. The Committee reviewed work to date, which is necessary under any of four scenarios for construction of the 7th and Flower Light Rail-Metro Rail station complex. In September, we will consider requesting minor design

modifications to the Metro Rail portion of the station. Decisions on timing of construction activities do not need to be made before the end of this year.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Increase Scope of Work for Rail Operations Consulting Services

The Committee recommended the Commission extend the scope-of-work of the contract with Manuel Padron/George Krambles by an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for continuing rail operations consulting services.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. American Public Transit Association's Annual Conference is scheduled for October 6-10 in Los Angeles at the Westin Bonaventure. Interested Commissioners are requested to notify staff regarding arrangements for their attendance.
- B. LACTC Meetings - In lieu of meetings previously scheduled for September 25 and October 9, the meeting date has been changed to October 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hall of Administration.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts appeared before the Commission and commented about the SCRTD bus routes and LACTC's five-year objectives, and asked about the status of the Service Coordination Committee. He was informed that the Service Coordination Committee has been inactive.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachment