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LACTC MINUTES

August 21, 1985

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Bacharach at 1:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's 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
Blake Sanborn, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

1. Two breakfast meetings were held with regard to the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project; one was for the elected officials and the other for minority contractors. Both meetings were successful in providing information about the project.
2. A workshop was held with the California Transportation Commission, at which time they were briefed on all of the transit activities the Commission is undertaking in Los Angeles County.
3. Departure of Heinz Heckeroth to Sacramento upon his promotion to Chief Deputy Director in charge of Caltrans' programming and budget functions. Presentations were made to Mr. Heckeroth by Mrs. Bacharach on behalf of the Commission.

Status Report on Fiscal Year '85 Lapsing FAU Funds

- o Accept for review the staff report on the status of lapsing Fiscal Year '85 FAU funds;
- o Extend to January 1, 1986, the City of Cudahy's deadline for obligation of \$2,400 in lapsing FAU funds.

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

Proposition A Local Return Program Guidelines - Amendment Regarding Special User Groups Policy

- o Approve the proposed Special User Groups Policy as an amendment to the Proposition A Local Return Program Guidelines.

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

Caltrans' Proposed Project Delay List

- o Authorize the Chair to represent the Commission at the August 22, 1985 California Transportation Commission appeals hearing.
- o Direct staff to produce periodic status reports monitoring Caltrans' progress in delivering projects.

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

HIGHWAY ISSUES TASK FORCE

Mr. Wilder reported on the HITF's meeting of August 21. The Task Force's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

LACTC 10-Year Highway Plan

- o Approve the review schedule for the 10-Year Highway Plan.

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

State Highway Priority Setting Process

- o Revise the current State Highway Priority setting process to:
 - start the process earlier;
 - create subcategories of projects to increase comparison of similar types of projects;

- revise the project ranking factors; and
- direct staff to report to the Commission each year regarding how well funding levels are matching current needs.

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

Mr. Wilder also reported that the Task Force received reports on the following items:

1. Caltrans' priority setting process,
2. Status of State and Federal highway legislation,
3. California Transportation Commission's state highway project delay appeals hearing.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC meeting of August 21 as follows:

State Legislation

o SB 200 (Beverly)

SB 200 is scheduled to be heard on the Assembly floor either the week of August 19-22 or the following week. The bill has been amended to clarify LACTC's use of competitive negotiations and no problems are expected on the floor.

o SB 300 (Foran)

This transportation finance legislation appears to be in trouble in Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The bill is set to be heard in that committee on August 28 and staff was directed to send letters to committee members indicating LACTC support.

No Commission action was required for SB 200 and SB 300.

o Petroleum Violation Escrow Account (PVEA)

Staff presented six bills which propose PVEA funding for transportation-related purposes. However, only two of these bills meet the criteria suggested by the Commission for use of PVEA funds. SB 1147 (Presley) provides \$10 million for promoting the use of methanol in transit vehicles and AB 1371 (Frizzelle) provides \$90 million to help local agencies improve existing transportation systems, including improved signal timing and increased use of ridesharing.

Mr. Szabo moved for support of SB 1147 and AB 1371; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Federal Legislation

Mr. Irving Smith, consultant to the Commission on federal affairs, reported on the following:

- o Described the three processes currently going on in the Congress which will affect transportation in L.A. County -- the budget, appropriations, and authorization.
- o The latest budget compromise will likely result in a reduction of 15 percent in general authorizations for transit for 1986 and will require the authorizing committees to hold down spending in the highway program.
- o H.R. 3129 (Anderson) had been introduced before the Congress recessed.
- o Presented the upcoming calendar for the various committees which will approve transportation authorization and expenditures.

No Commission action was required.

Update on Legislative Matrix

The matrix was submitted as an information item.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC/RTC meetings of August 2 and 15:

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Safety/Security Design Concepts

The Committee discussed safety and security aspects of design for stations, light rail vehicles, parking lots, guideways, yards and shops and central control.

Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project: Status Report

Staff and the Committee held a formal presentation and discussion of progress, status and plans for action. This is the first of regular quarterly Committee meetings to be devoted largely to these subjects. We reviewed milestones met and not met, new issues and contingencies which have surfaced and how the schedule and budget look. The project status will be summarized in a workshop for the Commission after the meeting of September 11.

Development of a Project Visual Presentation and School Program

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve development of a new visual presentation on the Long Beach-Los Angeles project by AV Design at a cost of \$7,455 and that an RFP for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 be prepared for development of a school information program, a key part of our public affairs plans for the project.

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

Other Business

Staff has issued a draft technical specification to prospective manufacturers of light rail vehicles. The Committee advises that Commissioners and Alternates direct questions from manufacturers to designated staff persons and avoid meeting with persons employed by or representing builders of rail cars or components. This will ensure that all manufacturers are provided with equal information pertaining to the procurement and should lessen the likelihood of a lawsuit delaying project completion. Staff will hold a workshop for the Commission on light rail vehicle procurement after the meeting of September 11.

The comments presented to the Commission on July 24, 1985 by Mr. Bryan Allen were referred to and discussed by the Committee. The Committee wishes to thank Mr. Allen for his suggestions, but believes that the current design is more beneficial overall than the alternative he suggested.

Rail Construction Insurance Program Design

Staff and risk management consultants presented an insurance program design to the Committee for review. The Committee concurred in the program so that the consultants can proceed to market the program. Upon completion of the marketing process, staff will return to the Committee with recommendations for specific purchases of insurance; this will occur around the end of 1985.

Transportation Occupations Program

The Committee reviewed staff's proposal to work through the existing County Regional Occupation Program to offer thirty high school students technical instruction and on-the-job training as engineering aides with private firms contracted to design and build the Long Beach-Los Angeles project. The Committee authorized staff to enter into cooperative agreements to implement the program and to solicit interest in a personal services contract for one year at half time to coordinate this program on behalf of LACTC and our consultants. The estimated cost of \$15,000 is included in the Program Plan budget for the rail project.

It was moved and seconded to authorize \$15,000 for a personal services contract.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Update on Century/El Segundo Extension

The Committee received an update on route refinement work on the Century/El Segundo extension; findings will be reviewed with affected and interested parties in September with a Commission decision on the preferable route for EIR purposes scheduled to be made in October.

Commissioner Wilder's Study Request

The Committee reviewed staff's comments on the study recommendations by Commissioner Wilder. First, staff was asked to do further research on Mr. Wilder's recommendation regarding coordination of transit operations and bring the results to either the Service Coordination Committee or the Finance Review Committee at a later date. Second, staff indicated that various forms of rail or bus systems, such as those suggested by Mr. Wilder, will be considered as projects are developed--corridor by corridor--prior to completion of an EIR and authorization of each project. Third, the Committee accepted staff's program of incorporating appropriate technical support--both in-kind and contracted--in both project development and design stages of work.

Contract with Los Angeles City Department of Planning for SFV and Lincoln Heights Work

The Committee recommended the Commission approve a contract between LACTC and the City of Los Angeles, Department of Planning for planning services on the San Fernando Valley and Lincoln Heights route refinement studies. The amount of this contract is not to exceed \$29,000 and is included in the Commission-authorized budget for the two studies.

Mr. Wilder commented that he would like a clarification on the process of evaluating future corridors and alternative technologies.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that this matter can be discussed at the next Committee meeting again.

Mr. Bryan Allen appeared before the Commission and objected to staff's report on the proposed route refinement studies and endorsed Mr. Wilder's recommendation regarding alternative technologies with a minor misunderstanding regarding automation.

Mr. Wilder moved for approval of the contract between LACTC and the City of Los Angeles which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. "Seat Belts Work" Month Resolution:

The Automobile Club of Southern California has asked LACTC to support a public safety campaign urging seat belt use, being sponsored by the Auto Club during September 1985. The Auto Club has suggested a model resolution which could be adopted by the Commission as its expression of support.

Mrs. Reed moved that staff be authorized to communicate the Commission's willingness to participate in the "Seat Belts Work" public safety effort and further authorized that the resolution be approved and that staff be authorized to substitute language appropriate to Los Angeles County. Motion was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Geoghegan requested that the LACTC ask SCRTD to reinstate its policy of allowing off-duty police officers to ride free on buses and requested that staff investigate the various issues raised by the Commissioners in their discussion with the LAPD, L.A. County Sheriff, and SCRTD Transit Security. This matter was referred to the Finance Review Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Edward Duncan of Consumer Coalition of California appeared before the Commission for comment.

Mr. Bryan Allen also appeared before the Commission and commented on rail issues.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. to a workshop session on transportation zone guidelines.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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