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LACTC MINUTES

October 2, 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
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
Don Watson, representing the State of California

Staff members present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 21 and September 11, 1985 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons appeared before the Commission in regard to the public hearing, which was held by the SCRTD on September 28 concerning possible service cuts and/or fare increases.

Goldy Norton, United Transportation Union
Frank R. Brohman, People Against Rail
Zahrina Machadah, Concerned Citizens League

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of September 30, 1985. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Transportation Zone Guidelines

- o Approve the recommendations concerning transportation zone issues listed in the staff report;
- o Endorse the concept of preapplication screening process to identify potential conflict areas prior to completion of a full application.

Final approval of the Transportation Zone Guidelines is scheduled for next month.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Mr. Geoghegan spoke in opposition to the recommendation. All members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Geoghegan who opposed it.

Approval of Consultant for Fiscal Year '86 Performance Audits

- o Approve the selection of Price Waterhouse as consultant;
- o Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with this firm to conduct the Fiscal Year '86 performance audits, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.

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

Letter to RTD Board of Directors

- o Send a letter to the RTD Board of Directors addressing the points outlined in the staff's memo;
- o Send a letter to the cities offering Commission assistance in initiating discussions with RTD regarding potential service cuts and possibilities for replacement services and funding.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Mr. Geoghegan commented that the letter should include a reference to the need for SCRTD to also consider the relative degree of transit dependency and the importance of trip purpose (for example, health versus recreational trips) in assessing services for retention or deletion. Hearing no objection, the motion was approved with the inclusion of Mr. Geoghegan's amendment.

Air Quality Management District's Proposed Regulation VI

- o Modify the previous Commission position to make Commission support contingent upon the Air Quality Management District:
 1. Amend the proposed regulation to provide that alternative measures, such as modified work hours and telecommuting, count towards increasing a firm's average vehicle ridership when such measures bring an equivalent air quality improvement; (Note: This amendment is unchanged from the previous Commission position.)
 2. Amend the proposed regulation to prevent penalties if employers act in good faith, but cannot comply with every provision of their approved plan; and
 3. Address the issue of how to insure that employers are not forced to adopt unreasonable incentives.

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

Appeal to State Highway Improvement Program Delays

- o Approve additional project delay appeals and proposed delays, as listed on the attached chart.

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

Los Angeles Harbor Area Intracommunity Transit Study

- o Endorse Alternative J, as proposed in the final draft report.

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

Conflict of Interest Code

- o Adopt the proposed Conflict of Interest Code;
- o Include the four Rail Construction Committee members as designated filers.

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

Amendments to Commission Administrative Code

- o Adopt Ordinance No. 22 to the Commission's Administrative Code as indicated in the revised staff report. Significant changes are the replacement of a Standing Service Coordination Committee with an as-needed committee, and relaxation of the specific appointment requirements for the Finance Review and Rapid Transit Committees.

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

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

1. Proposition A Fare Reduction Program Status Report and Summary;
2. Oral report on potential Local Return Program guidelines legal issues.

HIGHWAY ISSUES TASK FORCE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the Task Force's meeting of October 2. The Task Force recommended that the Commission:

- o Direct staff to report back with revisions to the proposed process for selecting projects for the 10-Year Highway Plan.

The Task Force also endorsed the:

- o Finance Review Committee's recommendation to approve additional State highway project delay appeals and proposed delays; and
- o Intergovernmental Relations Committee's recommendation to support Congressman Anderson's federal reauthorization legislation, HR 3129.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC meeting of October 2 as follows:

State Legislation

SB 200 (Beverly), which clarifies the Commission's authority in the area of contracting, equal opportunity and eminent domain, was signed into law by Governor Deukmejian on September 19 and was assigned Chapter No. 773.

AB 76 (Vicencia), which would allow the RTD to negotiate competitively on buses and railcars, was vetoed by Governor Deukmejian based upon his determination that "competitive negotiation does not appear to be necessary or appropriate for railcars or buses."

SB 300 (Foran), which provides additional funds for local street improvements and public transit systems, was passed by the Legislature on September 13. The Governor is expected to either sign the bill or allow it to become law without his signature.

Federal Legislation

H.R. 3129 (Anderson), S. 1488 (Chiles) and S. 1359 (Lautenberg)

Mr. Szabo indicated that although S. 1488 and S. 1359 would provide additional transit and highway funds in Los Angeles County, H.R. 3129 is the favorable to this region. H.R. 3129 is scheduled to be considered by the House in mid-October, while the Senate bills will likely to be taken up early next year.

Mr. Szabo moved for support of H.R. 3129 and a monitor position on S. 1488 and S. 1359; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Update on Federal Appropriations Bills

As no spending bill was approved before the start of FY 1986, Congress must temporarily extend funds with a continuing resolution. On September 12, the House approved a transportation appropriations bill for FY 1986 and that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation approved an appropriations measure on October 1. There are major differences in the funding levels of the two bills. In addition, the House bill also includes strong language supporting funding for construction of the Metro Rail Project. Eventually, all differences will have to be resolved in a conference report.

No Commission action was required.

Update on Legislative Matrix

The matrix was included in the agenda as an information item.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC and RTC meetings of September 20:

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Century-El Segundo Extension Route Refinement Report

The draft report on route refinement was presented to the Committee for review. Preferable alternatives will be recommended to the Committee in mid-October after affected and interested parties have commented on the report. An open house in the community will present and review the report on October 3.

System-wide Fare Collection System Study

The Committee reviewed a summary report evaluating three fare collection alternatives to see which works best for the Metro Rail/light rail system the Commission is developing. Staff has concluded that a no-barrier (self-service) fare collection for both would be the most cost-effective. They recommended that SCRTD should test a no-barrier system on the initial segment (MOS-1). The Committee will seek concurrence in the recommendation from the SCRTD.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Release of Draft Subsequent EIR on Mealy Street Freight Diversion (MC-5)

In accordance with the schedule for the draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report--which the Committee and LACTC directed in early May of this year be prepared for the Mealy Street freight diversion (MC-5) alternative for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project--the Committee authorized staff to issue the draft Subsequent EIR.

A public hearing will be conducted by the City of Compton on October 19 at Compton City Hall.

Design of Flower Street Subway

The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a cooperative agreement with SCRTD to initiate revisions to Metro Rail contract documents for the 7th and Flower Station to accommodate construction of the Flower Street subway element of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, for a cost not to exceed \$150,000. Sufficient funds for this work are included in our project budget.

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

The Committee directed staff to continue studies of right-of-way acquisition costs and joint development potential for additional station entrances. Staff will provide the Committee with a recommendation in early November on whether the Program Plan should be amended to include the additional entrances for final design of the light rail elements of the combined station.

Design Concept for Overhead Contact System

The Committee approved design concepts for the overhead contact system (wires and poles) to be used for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. This system would also be applied in general to the Century rail project.

Mr. Szabo asked for an update on a motion adopted by the Board of Supervisors regarding grade separations along the Long Beach-Los Angeles light rail line.

Mr. Richmond reported that the motion was adopted originally on September 24 and was clarified at the next Board meeting on Thursday, September 26. The Commission was requested to work with the County Department of Public Works to investigate the possibilities of funding sources for additional grade separations for the corridor with City representatives and report back to the Board every ninety days as to their progress.

Master Cooperative Agreements

The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute cooperative agreements with Caltrans, the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles and Shell Oil Company 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.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Suggested that the Commission meeting in December modified to one meeting only and be held on December 18.
2. Congratulated Erica Goebel, Communications Officer, for winning second place in a statewide competition by the California Association of Public Information Officers. She submitted the Commission's public information program which included the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bryan Allen appeared before the Commission and commented on the El Segundo Extension Project.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:50 p.m., the Commissioners went into a closed session, pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) of the Government Code.

Meeting was reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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