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LACTC MINUTES

November 13, 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
Mayor Christine E. Reed
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman Marc Wilder
Marcia Mednick
Walter King, Alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Dana
Roy Donley, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Don Watson, Ex-Officio for 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 October 23 should be corrected to indicate that John Michaels represented the Route 30 Coalition (page 3). The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

1. Groundbreaking mementos were presented to the members who were not able to attend the groundbreaking ceremony which was held on October 31.
2. A video about the LACTC, which was presented at the APTA Conference by Mrs. Bacharach, was shown to the members.

3. A joint LACTC/SCRTD workshop on the transportation zone guidelines was held on November 1. The workshop went well and the members from both agencies agreed to continue holding workshops to discuss this matter.
4. Mr. Wilder has resigned from the Finance Review Committee and Mrs. Bacharach has appointed herself to serve on the Committee.
5. SCAG's Transportation Policy Committee has requested that a member of LACTC serve on the Transportation and Communications Committee. Mrs. Bacharach asked any interested members to contact her. An appointment will be made at the next Commission meeting. The committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at SCAG.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC's meeting of November 5. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

RTD Division 6 Relocation Study

- o Approve \$400,000 in study funding, subject to the modified conditions listed in Attachment A.
- o Affirm the Commission's intent that the study be completed without any unnecessary delay.

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

Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Fund Actions

- o Approve the staff recommendations concerning recall, extension, and allocation of Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds. (Recommended actions are listed in Attachment B.)

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

Appointment of PAROS Ridesharing Representative

- o Appoint Commuter Computer to PAROS membership in the At-Large membership category.

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

Mrs. Reed also reported that the Committee received information concerning the following items:

1. Possible options for readoption of the Transit Performance Measurement Program. This issue will be discussed at the next two FRC meetings and come before the Commission for action on December 18.
2. Status of the Regional Bikeway System.
3. Caltrans' findings regarding Route 91 High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane operation.

HIGHWAY ISSUES TASK FORCE

Mr. Wilder reported on the HITF's meeting of November 13. The recommendations of the Task Force were as follows:

Revised 10-Year Highway Plan Schedule and Outline

- o Lengthen the 10-Year Highway Plan Schedule. This will allow more time for in-depth research, including a survey of local agency's streets and roads funding needs. Under revised schedule, the Highway Issues Task Force will hold a public hearing in November 1986 and take comments on the plan. Commission adoption is scheduled for December 1986.
- o Revise the organization of the 10-Year Highway Plan. The report will now be divided into three separate elements: 1) Needs Assessment; 2) Funding Alternatives; and 3) Action Plan, including legislative program.
- o Extend tenure of the Highway Issues Task Force until December, 1986 to coincide with the adoption of the plan by the Commission.

LACTC Legislative Goals for 1986

The Task Force endorsed a set of Highway Legislative objectives for 1986.

Route 91 - Commuter Lane Status Report

Reviewed an interim report on Caltrans' Route 91 Commuter Lane.

Mr. Wilder moved for approval of the Task Force's recommendations, which was seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC meeting of November 13 as follows:

State and Federal Legislative Program for 1986

A summary of the proposed 1986 LACTC Legislative Program was presented to the Commissioners. The legislative program proposal is a composite of (1) previous positions taken by the Commission, (2) new initiatives for 1986, and (3) future issues which may warrant the Commission's attention. This preliminary draft is currently being presented to several Commission committees, LACTC consultants, and transportation agencies for comment and review. The IRC will take these comments into consideration when the final draft is reviewed by the committee on November 27.

State Legislation

The Senate Committee on Transportation is holding a hearing on "Public Transit Financing" on November 21 in San Francisco. Senator Foran has invited Chairwoman Bacharach to testify on behalf of LACTC.

Federal LegislationTransportation Appropriations Bills

The Conference Committee on H.R. 3244, the transportation appropriations legislation, was scheduled to meet on November 13 to resolve the differences between the Senate and House versions of the measure. A progress report will be made by staff at the next meeting.

Reconciliation Legislation and Action on the Debt Ceiling

The Conference Committee on the debt ceiling (H.J. Res. 372) had not completed deliberations by November 13. This measure contains a budget-cutting provision which may directly impact current and future transportation programs. An update report will be made by staff at the next meeting.

Legislation to Reauthorize the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) of 1982

The IRC is continuing to monitor the progress of legislation to reauthorize the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) of 1982 -- H.R. 3129 (Anderson), S. 1359 (Lautenberg), and S. 1488 (Chiles). These measures will most likely be considered by Congress in early 1986.

Interstate Cost Estimate (ICE) and Interstate Substitute Cost Estimate (ISCE) Legislation S. 1514 (P.L. 99-104)

S. 1514, a measure to release funding for the Interstate Cost Estimate (ICE) and Interstate Substitute Cost Estimate (ISCE) programs, was signed into law by the President on September 30.

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 November 8, 1985. The recommendations of the committees were as follows:

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that drawings and a model of station design concepts will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting.

Design Integration with Metro Rail at Seventh and Flower Station

Mr. Richmond explained the background of this project.

The Committee recommended the following:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with SCRTD providing for final engineering design and preparation of construction contract documents for the Seventh and Flower Station on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project to be performed by SCRTD; SCRTD would prepare a fully integrated design for a single, combined Metro Rail/light rail subway station facility at Seventh and Flower Streets, including final design services by Metro Rail Transit Consultants (MRTC) at a cost not to exceed \$2,350,000, and up to \$900,000 in other costs. Funds for this action are to be provided from the approved Program Plan budget for the light rail station design of up to \$2.1 million from line item 11, General Engineering Services, and up to \$1.15 million from line item 13, Design/Construction Coordination Services.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to amend the Commission's general engineering services contract with Southern California Rail Consultants (SCRC), to delete final engineering design effort for the Seventh and Flower Station from the scope of SCRC's services, for a negotiated reduction of \$2.1 million in the budgeted cost for SCRC service under line item 11 of the Program Plan budget.

3. Amend the approved Program Plan description of the Seventh and Flower Station of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project to include patron entrances directly serving the light rail subway platforms in final design work, but withholding commitment to construct these additional entrances pending confirmation of costs of construction and right-of-way acquisition, and potential for joint development.
4. Direct staff to prepare plans for right-of-way acquisition and joint development associated with patron entrances directly serving the light rail subway platforms at Seventh and Flower, in consultation with the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. King moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded. by Mr. Geoghegan. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Contract R-1-T02-0490 Utility Exploration Program

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award Contract R-01-T02-C490 to the lowest responsible bidder, Herman Weissker, Inc., of Long Beach, CA, in the amount of \$289,541 and authorize a total of \$385,000 for expenditure including provision for extra work and change orders. Funds for this authorization are within the budget allocation for Program Plan line item 4, Utilities Relocations.

It was moved and seconded to approve this recommendation. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Master/Utility Cooperative Agreements

The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute cooperative agreements with Chevron U.S.A., DWP-Water Systems; GATX Terminals Corp., GTE-Sprint Communications Corp., Mobile Oil, Southern Pacific Pipelines Company, Golden Eagle Refining Company, and U.S. Defense Department (USAF); 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. The budget for these agreements has been provided in Program Plan line item 4, Utility Relocations and line item 13, Design/Construction Coordination Services.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Committee's recommendation. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mrs. Bacharach invited the Commissioners to attend a public hearing on the MC-5 Alternative at 7 o'clock this evening at Compton City Hall.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEERight-of-Way Protection Policies

As requested by the Commission in April, 1985, staff has solicited comments from affected cities and incorporated them into a final version of policies. The City of Los Angeles' Planning Department was particularly helpful to staff. The Committee recommended that the Commission adopt the following policies with regard to right-of-way protection for the future rail transit lines in high-priority corridors:

1. Request local jurisdictions to adopt right-of-way protection designations on their general plan maps and ordinances as necessary for future rail lines which serve them once route refinement studies have been done by LACTC. Protection actions can range from "specific planning" to land purchase; if purchase is involved, Local Return funds may be used with Commission concurrence.
2. Purchase land in high-priority corridors when it cannot otherwise be protected. LACTC would purchase a parcel only after determining that it meets specified criteria; LACTC will adhere to the following priority: (1) maintenance yard sites, (2) trackway sections, and (3) stations sites.
3. Support the affected cities in the development and implementation of their right-of-way protection programs. This would be in the form of technical guidance, streamlining review of potential conflicts, and timely action when protection may require the Commission to acquire certain properties.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Bryan Allen appeared before the Commissioners and commented on his proposed version of the Right-of-Way Protection Policies.

Much discussion followed.

Hearing no objection to the recommended policies, motion was carried.

Century-El Segundo Extension: Recommendations of Alignment and Length Alternatives to Carry Forward into Environmental Clearance

The Committee adopted the following alternatives as the ones to be further studied:

1. Alternative B1 (at-grade along Nash Street),
2. Alternative B2 (aerial over Nash Street),

3. Length Option #1 (south to El Segundo Boulevard) with a yard in the vicinity of El Segundo Boulevard),
4. Length Option #3 - modified (south to Compton Boulevard with a yard between Rosecrans Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard).

Staff will bring back a recommendation on the increased budget necessary to complete the EIR with these alternatives.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of this recommendation which was seconded.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Richmond suggested a rewording to No. 4: Length Option #3 - modified (south to a logical terminal station based on a yard between Rosecrans Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard).

Mr. Bryan Allen appeared before the Commission and presented his comments on the Century-El Segundo Extention.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Donley, that staff recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3 be approved and that No. 4 be modified to state: Length Option #3 - a yard in the vicinity between Rosecrans and Manhattan Beach with the length option going to Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

Roll call vote was taken on Mr. King's motion:

Ayes: King, Szabo, Donley, Bacharach

Nays: Geoghegan, Remy, Russell, Reed, Mednick

(Mr. Wilder left early.)

Motion was defeated.

Mrs. Reed offered a motion to approve Alternative Nos. 1, 2, 3 and Mr. Richmond's modified version of No. 4 - Length Option #3 which is south to a logical terminal station based on a yard between Rosecrans Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Mednick.

By voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

Lincoln Heights Route Refinement Study - Selection of Consultant

The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract not to exceed \$125,000 for engineering services on the Lincoln Heights route refinement study with

STV/Seelye Stevenson Value & Knecht; in association with Transmetrics, Inc.; DKS Associates; Myra L. Frank & Associates. The FY 1985-86 LACTC budget includes all funds necessary for this contract.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented about the public not being involved at the SCRTD/LACTC workshop on November 11, on public access to LACTC documents, incidents at the recent APTA Conference, and that the Commission was in violation of the Brown Act on October 23 with regard to SCRTD's request for 50 additional buses. Legal Counsel advised the members that the Commission was not in violation of the Brown Act because the meeting was held on a regularly scheduled meeting date.

Mr. Goldy Norton of United Transportation Union commented on privatization.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachments