

MINUTES



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December 18, 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
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Marcia Mednick
Blake Sanborn, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
John Stodder, 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
Lloyd W. Pellman, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Elyse Kusunoki, Senior Secretary

Mr. Richmond indicated that he was in receipt of a letter from Supervisor Edelman designating John Stodder to serve as his alternate for today's Commission meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 27, 1985, were unanimously approved as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

1. A presentation was made to Mr. Neil Bjornsen for serving as Chairman of the LACTC Citizens Committee for two years (1984 and 1985).

2. Appointed Marcia Mednick to represent the Commission on SCAG's Transportation and Communications Committee.
3. Reported on SCAG's Alameda Corridor Task Force.
4. Reported on the San Diego-Los Angeles Rail Corridor Study Group.
5. Reported on the SCRTD/LACTC Liaison Committee. Mr. Leonard Panish and Mr. John Day are the new additional members representing SCRTD.

PRESENTATION BY CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION

Mr. Paul Phillips, City of Lawndale, appeared before the Commission on behalf of the California Contract Cities Association and requested that the Commission make further studies on the issues presented regarding proposed changes to the Proposition A Local Return Guidelines to allow for use of Prop. A funds to repair streets.

A motion was made by Mr. Szabo, which was seconded, to refer this matter to the Finance Review Committee. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of December 16. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

RTD Discretionary Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Amendment

- o Amend the RTD Fiscal Year 1986 Discretionary Grant MOU to increase funding by \$2.8 million.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded.

Mr. Goldy Norton of the United Transportation Union appeared before the Commission and expressed hope that the Commission would at least give the Executive Director the authority to commit the additional \$1.9 million to RTD if the conditions specified in the staff report are met.

Hearing no objection to Mr. Sanborn's motion, the motion was carried.

Transit Performance Measurement (TPM) Program - Readoption

- o Adopt the TPM Program as recommended in Attachment A of the staff report, adding the words "allocated for this purpose" to the first sentence on page 28 of the Commission agenda.

Mr. Richmond summarized the TPM Program.

Mr. Goldy Norton appeared before the Commission and commented that he agreed with the incentives concept and that the TPM Program should have more public exposure.

It was moved and seconded to approve the committee's recommendation.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Sanborn, Stodder, Szabo, Donley, Remy, Russell, Mednick, Bacharach

Nays: None

Motion was carried.

Response to Anticipated Reduction in Federal Transit Funding

- o Approve the concept described in the staff report for two-month bridge funding; however, omit specific dates since a federal decision is still unknown.
- o Instruct staff to evaluate level of interest in city funding for lines to be canceled, to allow elimination of bridge funding for lines with no hope of receiving city funds.

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

Commission Comment on Route 2 Environmental Document

- o Approve the proposed Commission response to the Caltrans Draft Environmental Impact Statement, as modified by the Technical Advisory Committee (Attachment B).

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Mednick.

Mr. Bryan Allen appeared before the Commission and requested that the motion be amended to include the recommendations he had submitted to the Commission.

Mr. Sanborn amended his motion to instruct staff to review Mr. Allen's comments and make the necessary factual corrections, which was seconded. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Federal-Aid Urban (FAU) Fund Trade Agreement with San Jose

- o Authorize Executive Director to enter into an agreement giving \$30 million of FAU funds to the City of San Jose in return for receiving \$30 million of non-federal funds in 1989, subject to the conditions listed in the staff report.

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

Federal-Aid Urban (FAU) - Proposition A Fund Trade

- o Conceptually approve a staff proposal to allow local agencies to trade Proposition A Local Return funds for Regional FAU funds, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, for regional ridesharing support under the procedure outlined by staff. The next step is to circulate the proposal to cities to determine interest.

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

Renewal of State Legislative Representative Contract

- o Refer to the IRC, with the committee's approval, a 1986 contract extension with Smith and Egan Associates, Inc.,

Modification to Commission Salary Structure and Finance-Administration Staffing

- o Establish the proposed positions and salary ranges in lieu of those currently assigned to the Finance and Administration Division (see Attachment C). This adds two positions to our authorized level, with two additional recommended positions to be considered later.
- o Establish a provisional position of Acting Director of Finance and Administration at a salary of \$45,415 per year.
- o Upgrade the current Rail Development Engineer position to the "Manager" level (\$45,415 - \$62,599).

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

As information items, Mr. Sanborn reported that the committee received reports on the following:

- o Final CTC approval of State Transportation Improvement Program delay appeals;

- o CTC adoption of the 1986 State Transportation Improvement Program estimated funding level;
- o Status of social service paratransit coordination efforts. A recommendation regarding potential Commission continuation of these efforts will be made in January;
- o Commission Fiscal Year 1985 audit.

HIGHWAY ISSUES TASK FORCE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the HITF meeting of December 18 as follows:

Scope of Work for 10-Year Highway Plan Local Streets and Roads Needs Inventory

Approve the scope of work and issues to be studied for the local needs inventory, including distribution of a local needs survey and a recommendation for Finance Review Committee's approval of \$10,000 for consultant assistance.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded.

Mr. Remy raised some concerns on this issue. Much discussion followed. Mr. Remy requested that staff gather additional evidence of local support for the needs inventory prior to the Finance Review Committee's approval of consultant assistance.

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

LACTC Comments on Route 2 (Santa Monica Boulevard) Environmental Document

Approve the comments on the Route 2 (Santa Monica Boulevard) Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This action was also taken by the Finance Review Committee.

Mrs. Bacharach also reported that the Task Force discussed highway funding issues raised in the California Transportation Commission's 1986 State TIP Fund Estimate and Annual Report. The committee was informed that the California Transportation Commission had approved all of the Commission's landscaping delay appeals.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC meeting of December 18 as follows:

State and Federal Legislative Program for 1986

The final version of the LACTC Legislative Agenda for 1986, as adopted by the Commission on November 27, 1985, was presented to the Commission

as an information item. The agenda 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.

1986 State Legislative Consultant Contract

Approve the 1986 contract with Smith and Egan Associates, Inc., as amended, for legislative consultant services in Sacramento. The contract includes a five percent increase in the retainer fee from the current level of \$3,000 per month to \$3,150 per month in 1986. The 1986 agreement also reflects a change in the Commission staff person responsible for managing the contract.

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

Update on Federal Appropriations Legislation

The Commission received an update on two congressional measures which impact on federal funding for transportation programs. H.J. Res. 465 is the continuing resolution funding Department of Transportation programs, and five other federal programs, for FY 1986. This measure, which includes allocations for the construction of the Los Angeles Metro Rail Project, failed to pass the House on Monday, December 16. Congress will vote on H. J. Res. 465 again before December 20.

H.J. Res. 372, legislation to extend the federal government's borrowing authority, was signed into law by the President on December 12 (P.L. 99-177). This debt limit extension resolution includes a provision known as the Gramm/Rudman Amendment which will have a far-reaching effect on the budget process and on the current and future funding of federal programs, including transportation programs.

Mr. Remy moved that a telegram be sent to the President indicating the Commission's support for the transportation title of the FY 1986 continuing resolution and urging the President to sign the measure. The motion was seconded by Mr Szabo. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of December 12. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Master/Utility Cooperative Agreements

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute cooperative agreements with City of Huntington Park; L.A. County Sanitation Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 8; Dominguez Water

District; Southern California Edison Company; Texaco Trading and Transportation, Inc.; and Western Union Telegraph Company and begin to issue work orders for necessary activities including design work.

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

Augmentation of Quality Assurance Services Contract

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to reprogram (advance) funds within the budget for Deloitte, Haskins & Sells/Kellogg Corp. in the amount of \$590,000. This will provide \$439,000 to complete procedures writing, audit the engineering contract for the Environmental Impact Report phase of the project, continue ongoing project oversight monitoring and other contract administrative functions;

Also, it will provide \$151,000 to accomplish value engineering studies of two construction contracts prior to proceeding with final design and will permit the implementation of a central records management system for transit development projects.

This will advance the contract amount for the first year of services to \$1,240,000; Program Plan Line Item 12 contains a budget of \$3,373,000 for quality assurance services, which remains unchanged.

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

Selection of Consultant for Joint Development Services

The Committee recommended:

- (1) The Commission's designation of the joint venture team of Cordoba Corporation/Shimpeler-Corradino Associates/Kennard Development Group as consultant for joint development services for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project; and
- (2) The Commission's authorization of the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with the designated consultant providing these services from January 15, 1986 to June 30, 1987 with the option for contract renewal for two additional years, and to execute the contract for initial phase of these services for the first eighteen months not to exceed \$200,000. Total budget for these services is included in Line Item 15 of the Program Plan.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Mednick. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Management Report and Update of Program Plan

The RCC reviewed the progress, schedule, and budget for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project and recommended the budget and schedule revisions contained within the December 1985 update of the Program Plan. This is the committee's quarterly project review.

Mr. Paul Taylor gave an update of the Program Plan.

Professional Liability Insurance

As part of the Commission's owner-controlled insurance program, the committee received information on purchasing professional liability insurance in today's insurance market. Staff is studying others' experience in placing insurance and evaluating the best way to obtain necessary protection. The committee will have further information and a probable action recommendation next month.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Commission meetings for January are scheduled for the 3rd and 5th Wednesdays (January 15 and 29).

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the proposed change in restrictions on use of Proposition A Local Return Funds. He indicated that if the Commission proposes to open the Local Return funds for use on road maintenance on streets where buses are used, there will be a number of organizations including the Sierra Club that will take strong legal action against the LACTC.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission meeting was recessed at 3:15 p.m. until January 13.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachments