

# MINUTES



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JANUARY 11, 1989

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schabarum at 1:55 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room of the Hall of Administration.

Mr. Taylor indicated that he is in receipt of letters from Supervisor Edelman designating Richard Callahan as his alternate and from Mayor Bradley designating William Bicker as his alternate for today's meeting.

### Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Peter Schabarum  
Councilmember Christine E. Reed  
Mayor Jacki Bacharach  
Councilman Ray Grabinski  
Councilman Nate Holden  
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Richard Callahan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
John La Follette, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
William Bicker, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Jerry Baxter, Ex-Officio for State of California

### Staff members present:

Paul Taylor, Acting Executive Director  
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Barbara Norris, Senior Administrative Secretary

**ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Reed indicated that Mr. Szabo has advised her that he would like to introduce a motion, as is required by the Brown Act, to add an item to the agenda. He received information this morning which needs to be transmitted to the Commission in executive session on personnel matter at the end of the agenda.

Mr. Szabo requested for an executive session on the personnel matter. Mr. Kelsey indicated that addition of this matter would require eight affirmative votes of the Commission.

Hearing no objection, the executive session was added to the agenda.

**SELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION**

Mrs. Reed indicated that in the eight-point plan, one point requires the establishment of a specific committee with the task of discussing the reorganization issue. The SCRTD Board of Directors have selected Chair Swanson, Marvin Holen, and Joseph Dunning to represent the District. She recommended the selection of Vice Chair Edelman, Jacki Bacharach and Barna Szabo. As chair of the Commission's Government Relations and Finance Committee, Mr. Szabo will serve as chairman of the LACTC's delegation to the Joint Committee on Organization.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of December 9, 1988 were approved as submitted.

**AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR NORWALK-EL SEGUNDO RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT:**

Mr. Taylor made the following announcement (pursuant to the rule adopted by the Commission):

"If anyone present is involved in non-competitively bid contract award on today's agenda and has made a contribution of \$250 or more in the past 12 months to any member of the Commission, please rise and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contribution was made and to identify the item involved."

Mr. Schabarum indicated that his campaign committee received contributions from the firms of Parsons, O'Brien-Kreitzberg, and Bechtel.

**REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Schabarum remarked that it was a pleasure serving once again as chairman of the LACTC and believed that the Commission had accomplished much over the last 12 months. Most significantly, this Commission, in its relations with the RTD and other transit operators, has recognizably ascended to the region's predominate transportation agency. As the County's transportation treasurer and fiscal watchdog, this higher profile is as desirable as it was inevitable. Not one to dwell on the past, he is looking forward to a new year of transportation challenges. And though he does not want to preempt the goals that are certain to be articulated by Ms. Reed in a few minutes, he did want to mention that he hopes this body will analyze future major decisions with the highest degree of fiscal prudence. It is his hope that the Commission will settle on a definitive and prioritized agenda for rail development as he had proposed two months ago and that the Commission will continue to aggressively pursue the creation of the Rail Subsidiary Corporation, as well as funding guidelines that require exemplary service on the part of the region's transit providers. He also hopes that this policymaking body will keep a tight reign on the day-to-day activities of the LACTC, insuring vigilance of our mandated responsibilities.

Mr. Schabarum passed the gavel to Mrs. Reed and asked that she place on the next meeting's agenda an item on the federal grant application involving bus shelter structures along the Long Beach thoroughfare.

On behalf of the Commission, Mrs. Reed presented to Mr. Schabarum gifts in appreciation for his dedicated service as chairman for 1988.

As incoming Chair, Mrs. Reed remarked that in this past year, the Commission has seen the San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone start up and once it is fully implemented, it will be the largest privately-contracted for transit service in the United States which is a credit to the Commission and Mr. Schabarum. One of her goals as Chair for the coming year is to insure this zone service is fully implemented and that the court challenges are resolved in favor of the Commission and the Zone. Of equal importance, is the Commission's effort to set cost-effective funding policies for transit by tying the release of funds to the conditions aimed at reducing operating costs. This will be of great benefit to the Commission in the future as we have declining subsidies for transit. On the highway side, the Commission adopted the "Road to the Year 2000" Plan. A goal for the coming year will be to work hard in both Sacramento and Washington to see that the necessary highway revenues are provided so that the Road to the Year 2000 comes true. LACTC Minutes

In addition, during her year as Chair, she wants to lay the groundwork and build the support for the other half-cent on the sales tax to fund our highway needs and to provide a guaranteed local share for street and road maintenance in Los Angeles County. If the Commission builds support this year, then the decision to ask for the tax, which would need to be made in 1990, should not be too painful; and she is committed to working hard to see that it can be done. Last of all, in terms of accomplishments made by Mr. Schabarum and most recently in time, he led the Commission through the dispute with the RTD, which brought about the eight-point plan as a settlement to our disagreements. He and his staff are to be commended for the time and effort that went into that negotiation. It will be up to the Commission in the coming year to implement that eight-point plan and, as the new Chair, she pledged to work hard to see that it is implemented and to improve the communication and the cooperation between this agency and the District. The Commission will be called on to make trips to Washington to insure that Metro Rail Phase 2 is fully funded. She supposed that the President's budget was no surprise but since everybody said that it was dead at the doorstep, she thinks that it will give the Commission an avenue to go back and work hard and make sure that the Phase 2 funding is in the new budget and allocated by the Congress. It will be a joint effort that LACTC will undertake with the RTD to insure that that funding is there and that the Metro Rail project continues to move forward. The Commission can be proud that its light rail projects are on schedule and within budget and that course will certainly not change in the coming year. She is also committed to a full review of the blueprint for action for rail projects which was initiated by Mr. Schabarum. She agrees with him that the Commission needs a rail plan which encompasses not only construction priorities but also commuter rail opportunities so that everyone who lives in this county knows what LACTC's rail plans are for all parts of the county. It will be a busy year for everyone on the Commission. She is pleased to welcome Councilman Holden, from the City of Los Angeles, who will be the full-time member of the Commission and Mike Woo is going to be the alternate member. She is looking forward to working with Nate and with all of the members in the year ahead.

#### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Chair Reed asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Mr. Szabo nominated Supervisor Ed Edelman, seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Edelman was unanimously elected as Vice Chair. Mr. Callahan thanked the Commission for their unanimous support for Mr. Edelman.

A representative from O'Brien-Kreitzberg indicated that in addition to Mr. Schabarum, a contribution was made to Mr. Nate Holden's campaign.

Construction Management Consultant

Mrs. Bacharach reported that at the RCC meeting, presentations were heard from three of the four firms who submitted proposals for this contract. The RCC met again today and ratified the staff's recommendation. Mrs. Bacharach moved approval that the Commission authorize the Acting Executive Director to execute a contract with O'Brien-Kreitzberg to perform Phase I of the Construction Management Services under contract No. R23-S12-MC01 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,396,800, seconded by Mr. Grabinski.

The following persons appeared before the Commission:

Mike Stephenson of Bechtel Civil, Inc., representing the  
Bechtel/North Pacific Construction Management J/V  
Gary E. Griggs of The Parsons Construction Management  
Team  
Fred C. Kreitzberg of O'Brien-Kreitzberg & Assn., Inc.

Mr. King offered an amended motion to delete the last sentence in the recommendation on page 7 of the agenda; motion failed with no second.

Mr. La Follette offered a substitute motion to table this matter for another two weeks, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Roll call on the substitute motion:

Yes: King, Callahan, Szabo, La Follette, Bicker

No: Grabinski, Bacharach, Reed

Abstain: Holden, Schabarum

Substitute motion failed for lack of majority.

Mr. Callahan requested for a summary report of the hearing held by RCC prior to the Commission meeting today.

Mrs. Bacharach explained the contract proposal evaluation process and the presentations made by the firms today. Mr. Callahan asked about the experience of the O'Brien-Kreitzberg team on the Guadalupe project.

Mr. Al Scala, Manager of Contracts, gave staff's impression of the O'Brien-Kreitzberg firm.

Other Commissioners also asked questions of Mrs. Bacharach and Mr. Scala.

Mr. Scala explained the evaluation criteria and the cost proposal evaluation.

Mr. King offered an amended motion to make the authorization of the Phase 2 contract subject to Commission approval, seconded by Mr. La Follette. Hearing no objection, the amended motion was carried with Schabarum and Holden abstaining.

Further discussion followed on the evaluation process.

Roll call vote on the motion to award the CM contract to O'Brien-Kreitzberg which includes the amendment that Phase 2 contract work will be subject to Commission approval was taken:

Yes: King, Callahan, Szabo, Bicker, Grabinski,  
Bacharach, Reed

No: (none)

Abstain: La Follette, Holden, Schabarum

Motion was carried.

#### Vehicle Consultant

Mrs. Bacharach reported that the Rail Construction Committee also heard a report on rail vehicle design and procurement management services for the Norwalk-El Segundo rail line. The firm that is selected will help with the specifications for that vehicle and working with staff over the course of the production of that vehicle on site and at LACTC monitoring the production of the vehicle until acceptance. The evaluation process was done in the same manner with firms proposing, staff reading the proposals and evaluating them, and then having interviews and evaluating them. Staff is recommending and the RCC has ratified that the award be made to LTK Engineering Services, under Contract No. R23-S11-E001, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,990,402, to design, assist in procurement, and manage the contract for rail vehicles on the Norwalk-El Segundo project. The award of the contract shall be contingent upon satisfactory negotiations of a contract agreement, and resolution of any bid protest filed in a timely manner with the Commission.

Mrs. Bachabach moved approval of the recommendation, seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Schabarum offered an amended motion to clearly specify that the contract amount is limited to \$3,990,402 and that if there is any need for any contract reserve, staff will return to the Commission with a reason why, seconded by Mr. La Follette.

Mrs. Reed asked if there were any parties of interest who had made a contribution of \$250 or more in the past 12 months to any member of the Commission, to come forward and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contribution was made and to identify the item involved. (None)

Mrs. Reed asked for a vote on the amended motion to reduce the authority of the staff slightly. Hearing no objection, the amended motion was carried.

Vote was asked on the main motion to approve the recommendation to award the contract to LTK Engineering SVE. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

#### **DISCUSSION OF POLICY AND PLANNING TO BETTER INTEGRATE THE COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Mr. Taylor indicated that staff believes LACTC should set an overall policy and plan to better integrate the countywide transportation system (streets, highways and public transportation) and make it more understandable to the user.

A draft paper was prepared by staff on countywide system integration which proposes strategies to achieve a number of goals.

1. Develop easy-to-use information channels that let individual passengers and businesses know how to make the most efficient trip on public transit.
2. Provide fare structures and transfer systems that are understandable to the user and cost-effective for the operators.
3. Improve the safety and convenience of physical transfer facilities.
4. Integrate local and social service agency systems for the transportation-disadvantaged so that the most people are able to travel the furthest distance using the least amount of public and agency resources.

5. Improve traffic flow on arterial streets by developing uniform systems for signal timing, signing, parking and turning regulations among local jurisdictions.
6. Increase the integration of public transit and land use decisions by assisting and strengthening the city role in the process.

This discussion paper was reviewed by the Bus Operators' Subcommittee and Technical Advisory Committee; and members of those committees and the Paratransit Operation Subcommittee were present to participate in the discussion with the Commissioners. Staff recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve an overall approach whereby LACTC will work with all service providers to strengthen coordination and management of the transportation system as a whole.
2. Identify one or two specific objectives for improving system integration to be accomplished in 1989.

Patricia McLaughlin, Manager of Local Assistance, highlighted issues in the draft discussion paper.

The following committee representatives appeared before the Commission:

Art Leahy, SCRTD  
Jim Parker, Gardena Municipal Bus Lines/BOS  
Don Rogers, Chairman of Paratransit Operation Subcommittee  
Chip Hazen, Association of Local Transit Administrators  
Jim McLaughlin, City of Los Angeles DOT/TAC  
Marta Espantman, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

Mrs. Bacharach offered a motion to approve the concept as outlined in the discussion paper, ask the staff to separate the issues and refer them to the appropriate committees, and bring the issues back to the Commission quarterly; which was seconded.

Mr. Bicker suggested that the telephone people be incorporated into the discussions.

Mr. King suggested that parking policy issue also be added to the discussion.

Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

**REVIEW PUBLIC INFORMATION MATERIAL ON COMMISSION'S RAIL  
DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

Mr. Taylor explained the material which was distributed to the Commissioners at the meeting.

Mrs. Reed suggested that the Commissioners review the information contained in the handout packet and let the Transit Committee know of any suggestions.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Commission Travel Request

Commissioner Bacharach has been asked to participate at the Transportation Research Board's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on January 22-26, 1989 and Commission approval was requested.

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

2. Notice of Meetings was received and filed.

On Saturday, January 14, there will be a ceremony unveiling the mock-vehicle for the Long Beach-Los Angeles light rail line at the Kenneth Hahn Shopping Center in Willowbrook.

On February 22, LACTC is planning to host a tour of rail transit construction projects in Los Angeles for the California Transportation Commission. There will also be a reception and dinner inviting the Commissioners that evening. A suggestion was made to call the members if the Commission meeting time that day can be changed to 9:00 a.m. so the members can participate in the planned activities with the CTC.

3. Bond Sale - Today, all of the bonds were sold with a true interest cost of 7.49%, contrasted with last year's percentage of 7.93%. By conservative estimate, this is a savings of \$9 million in debt service by the Commission.

Mrs. Bacharach asked about the independent audit of the Metro Rail project by DKJV.

Mr. Taylor indicated that this audit would be a separate undertaking by DKJV from their current contract with LACTC. It is anticipated that staff will negotiate a scope with them at less than \$50,000 value which is within the authority delegated to the Acting Executive Director. A report will be made to the Commission at its next meeting concerning this contract.

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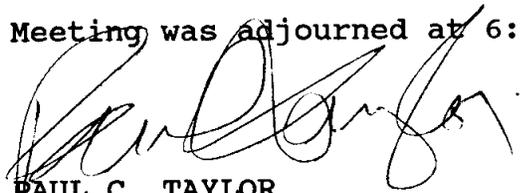
Mr. Schabarum requested a copy of the RFP that was used to invite bidders on contracts that were awarded earlier in this meeting and also requested staff to inquire as to what other ways are being used for a construction/design management contract.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission recessed to a closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



PAUL C. TAYLOR  
Acting Executive Director

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