

# MINUTES



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 22, 1989

The meeting was called to order by Chair Reed at 9:15 a.m. in the auditorium of the Department of Water and Power.

Mr. Sims indicated that he is in receipt of a letter from Supervisor Edelman designating Richard Callahan as his alternate for this meeting.

### Members in attendance were:

Councilmember Christine E. Reed  
Mayor Jacki Bacharach  
Councilman Ray Grabinski  
Marcia Mednick  
Mike Lewis, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
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  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley

### Staff members present:

Jim Sims, Acting Interim Executive Director  
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Annette Crockett, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING re. Necessity for the Acquisition of the Real Property Interests described herein (Slope Easement and Permanent Fee) in, to, over and through certain real property which is located at 2200 East 124th Street, Los Angeles County, California; estate of Herman Wyche and estate of Beulah M. Wyche, owners (Commission File No. R01-R21-AS208).

Mr. Sims reported that in order to authorize the acquisition of the subject property interest, the Commission must, based upon all the evidence before it, find and determine that:

1. The public interest and necessity require the proposed project;
2. The proposed project is planned and located in the manner that will be the most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury;
3. The property interests sought to be acquired are necessary for the proposed project; and
4. The offer to the property owners required by Section 7267.2 of the Government Cost has been made.

He further stated that the public interest and necessity require the project for the following reasons as shown on the attached staff report.

The property interests are necessary in order to increase the curb return radius of the southeast corner of this intersection of Willowbrook Avenue and East 124th Street. The slope easement is necessary to provide for proper drainage of the larger 2200 parcel once Willowbrook Avenue and East 124th Street are raised.

Staff recommends that the Commission find that the acquisition of the subject property interests are necessary.

Chair Reed asked for public comments on this property acquisition. Receiving no requests to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the staff recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Mednick.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Lewis, King, Callahan, Szabo, La Follette, Remy,  
Bacharach, Mednick, Reed

No: (none)

Motion was carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Discussion at Commissioner or Public Request)

Mrs. Mednick asked that Item 11 be held for discussion. Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of Items 1 - 14 with the exception of Item 11, which was seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, the consent calendar was approved.

1. Approval of Minutes of January 11 and January 25, 1989.
2. Transit Committee recommended the Commission approve expenditure of \$1.8 million from STA interest earnings for the LOSSAN rail improvement program as follows:
  - a) Authorizing the Executive Director to sign an amendment to the existing multi-party contract with the Santa Fe railroad for \$1.1 million providing funds for Phase II retrackage;
  - b) Authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts with Caltrans and other agencies and seek professional services, if necessary; for the eight grade-crossing projects;
  - c) Authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts with Caltrans and other entities and seek professional services for the Union Station access study.
3. Transit Committee recommended approval of the FY 1989 Transit TIP Amendment, a request by City of Norwalk to replace four lift-equipped buses at a total cost of \$660,000.
4. Transit Committee recommended that the recommended candidates be ratified for membership on the Rural Social Services Transportation Advisory Council.

5. Transit Committee recommended that the FY 1989-90 TDA Article 8 Hearing Board consist of:
  - a) Supervisor Antonovich or his designee;
  - b) Supervisor Dana or his designee;
  - c) Chip Hazen, a member of the LACTC Citizens Advisory Committee, selected by the CAC.
6. Transit Committee recommended authorization for staff to request a Letter of No Prejudice from UMTA for the Commuter Transportation Implementation Plan Section 3 capital grant; and commit up to \$2.3 million in additional incentive funds as a contingency to ensure timely project implementation.
7. Rail Construction Committee recommended approval of the following contracts for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit projects:
  - a) Contract No. R01-T01-C495 to Crown Fence & Supply Co. for construction of fencing on private right-of-way in the mid-corridor and private property at five park-and-ride lots and nine TPSS sites;
  - b) Contract No. R01-S15-MP019 to West Oaks Security Service for security services at the main yard site and other locations.
8. Rail Construction Committee recommended approval of an increase to the current Authorization for Expenditure (A.F.E.) amount of \$180,000 to a revised Total A.F.E. of \$1,220,875 for Contract No. R01-T01-C4700 (contractor): Coleman Industrial Construction). This increase in A.F.E. will enable staff to process pending and anticipated changes. The \$180,000 required as additional funding will be transferred from the project reserve.
9. Rail Construction Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Acting Executive Director to execute the cooperative agreement with the City of Hawthorne 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 compensation has been provided in the Program Plan, Line Item No. 23 (Force Accounts) for the Norwalk-El Segundo project.

10. Rail Construction Committee recommended the Commission reject the following claims:
  - a) Claim of Bill Waldrup for damages relating to a March 14, 1988 injury sustained by claimant while employed by Morrison-Knudsen.
  - b) Claim of Southern California Edison Company Graham Street for estimated damages of \$2,000 sustained in an accident on November 8, 1988.
  - c) Claim of Southern California Edison Company Graham Street for estimated damages of \$5,000 sustained on or about October 10, 1988 at their Carson substation in Compton.
12. Street & Highways Committee recommended approval of a contract between Caltrans and LACTC transferring an annual installment of PVEA funds for the "Smart Street" Demonstration project along the Santa Monica Freeway corridor.
13. SAFE Contract with County of Los Angeles - Information. Streets & Highways Committee deferred action on the SAFE until next month, pending further negotiations between staffs of LACTC and County Department of Public Works.
14. Streets & Highways Committee recommended the Commission approve inclusion of \$8,000 in the FY 1989-90 budget for co-sponsorship of the proposed UCLA invitational symposium.

**DISCUSSION CONSENT ITEM**

11. Streets & Highways Committee recommended the transmittal of a letter to the California Transportation Commission expressing opposition to any efforts to remove or modify the north/south split and county minimums and a similar letter to all State Senate and Assembly members representing Los Angeles County.

Mrs. Mednick indicated she had no problem with the recommendation but this item was discussed at length at the Committee meeting. She wanted to call the Commission's attention to the fact that the recommendations going to the California Transportation Commission do deal with changes in the north/south split for highway funding, and possibly with the changes in county minimums.

Mrs. Mednick moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Chair Reed reported that she had attended the first meeting of several scheduled transportation summit meetings with the Governor. This issue is of adjusting or doing away with the formula at least with regard to any new funds generated by new gasoline taxes. Caltrans is not attacking the formula for the existing level of funding but they are actively putting forward recommendations which essentially directs the funding to highest ranked of projects on congestion relief projects, which she has been told would be beneficial to Los Angeles County, but doing away with these long-standing political compromises that were made vis-a-vis the formula. She will know more after she attends the working sessions next week in Sacramento.

Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

#### STAFF OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Mike Lewis reported that the Transit Committee heard public testimony and made several changes to the staff recommendations on the San Fernando Valley rail transit project EIR, revised alternatives for the Notice of Preparation. Staff revised its recommendation to reflect several changes to the alternatives including modifying the aerial alternative along the Ventura Freeway so that those segments adjacent to residential neighborhoods be in subway. It also recommended deferring action on this item until March 8 when several related issues can be discussed.

The following persons appeared before the Commission:

Julie Fine, Western Sector Transit Coalition, and also represented the Eastern Sector Transit Coalition  
Catherine Wing, Western Sector Transit Coalition  
Peter Ireland (private citizen)

Mr. Lewis moved to defer action on this item until March 8, seconded by Mr. La Follette. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

16. Mr. Lewis reported that the Transit Committee received public testimony from William Forsythe, Acting Executive Director of the Foothill Transit Zone. The Committee recommended approval of Foothill Joint Powers Authority's request that LACTC act as short-term guarantor for the procurement of 30 buses with the understanding that the procurement follow UMTA guidelines.

Mr. Lewis moved approval of the Transit Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Mr. Callahan spoke in opposition to the Committee's recommendation.

Discussion followed.

Mr. William Forsythe was present to answer any questions from the Commissioners.

Mr. Goldy Norton of the United Transportation Union appeared before the Commission.

Roll call vote was taken on Mr. Lewis' motion:

Yes: Lewis, King, Szabo, La Follette, Remy, Grabinski,  
Bacharach, Mednick, Reed

No: Callahan

Motion carried.

17. Mr. Lewis asked staff to report on the strategy for funding bus capital needs of bus operators in Los Angeles County between 1989 and the year 2000. The report is divided into four strategies:

- (1) Seek additional capital funding from federal, state and local sources;
- (2) Reduce the need and cost of capital projects;
- (3) Establish clear priorities and procedures to ensure that available funds are allocated to the most cost-effective projects;
- (4) Obtain new sources of funding to meet the needs for service expansion.

The Transit Committee directed staff to make the following changes:

- a) Strategy 1, regarding the federal gas tax, the Commission should not seek an increase in the federal gas tax but should support the continued use of the tax for transit as currently structured.

- b) Review Strategy 3, which calls for establishing clear priorities and procedures to ensure that funds are allocated to the most cost-effective projects, with amendments requested by the Bus Operations Subcommittee.

The Transit Committee recommended approval of Strategy 3, as amended, for funding bus capital needs in Los Angeles County and deferred action on Strategies 1, 2, and 4 until action is taken by the Bus Operations Subcommittee.

Mr. Lewis moved approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. La Follette. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

- 18. Mrs. Bacharach reported that the Imperial Highway Grade Separation Agreement was discussed at the Rail Construction Committee meeting. The Committee recommended:

- a) Commission authorize the agreement with Caltrans, the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Los Angeles to design and construct the Imperial Highway Grade Separation project; and that
- b) That the Executive Director be authorized to commit the sum of \$6.7 million to finance Commission's share of the estimated project construction cost following receipt of notice from the County and City that: 1) all environmental approvals as may be required have been obtained in order to proceed with construction, and 2) funding for their respective shares of the cost of project construction have been authorized for expenditure.

Mrs. Bacharach added that this money is not currently budgeted anywhere and will probably come out of the Norwalk-El Segundo rail project. A budget review is scheduled of that project in March and this item will come back as part of that budget.

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

- 19. Mrs. Bacharach reported that the Rail Construction Committee recommended the Commission recognize general contractors with outstanding safety performance on Long Beach-Los Angeles contract sites during 1988 as determined by the Director of Design and Construction. The following general contractors received awards at the Commission meeting: Morrison-Knudsen, L.K. Comstock and Company, Herzog Contracting Company.



20. Mr. Szabo reported that the Government Relations & Finance Committee recommended the following:

- a. Amend the FY 1988-89 LACTC budget by adopting the line item adjustments listed on Attachment I and I(A) and by appropriating the unanticipated revenues listed on Attachment II;
- b. Add ten new positions; and
- c. Adjust pay scales for the Manager of Real Estate and Administrative Aide.

Mr. Szabo moved approval of the Committee's recommendations, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Mr. Remy requested that as the Commission considers the budget for next year, he would like to see some projection on either a three or five-year basis of both the internal staffing needs as well as the contractual staffing needs.

Mr. Szabo indicated that he would add Mr. Remy's request into his motion.

Mr. Lewis asked that the motion be divided into two parts. He would like to hold the eight new positions in the Rail Development and Contracts Division until the Executive Director comes on board.

The first motion was to approve Items a, c, and Mr. Remy's request to include out-year projections in LACTC's budget next year on staffing and contracting. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

The second motion was to approve Item b - to add eight new positions in the Rail Development and Contracts Division.

Mr. King offered an amended motion to approve the positions of Office Assistant II and Contract Administrator under the first motion, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Remy suggested that the Commission approve the eight rail positions with the condition that no job offers be made until the new Executive Director has had an opportunity to review the positions.

Mr. King's amended motion and Mr. Szabo's motion which includes Mr. Remy's suggestion were incorporated into one main motion. The main motion was approved with an objection by Mr. Lewis.

21. Mr. Szabo reported that the Government Relations & Finance Committee recommended the following:

1. Monitor SB 1 and work with Senator Alan Robbins to incorporate amendments into SB 1;
2. Continue to work with local agencies to reach agreement on reorganization legislation;
3. LACTC present to the League of California Cities - Los Angeles County Division for review and comment a proposed amendment to specify that one of the two MTA board members appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, excluding the members representing the Cities of Long Beach and Los Angeles, would represent an included municipal operator;
4. The Commission approve a four-year binding agreement guaranteeing that the current Proposition A Discretionary Grant formula remain unchanged. The implementation of the four-year agreement would be contingent upon SB 1 or comparable reorganization legislation becoming law.

These recommendations are part of a package worked out between LACTC staff and the Commission's Bus Operations Committee.

Mr. Szabo moved approval of the four recommendations, which was seconded. Motion was carried with opposition by Mr. Callahan.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

27. The Institute of Traffic Engineering Conference is scheduled for March 12 - 15 in Dallas, Texas. Interested Commissioners are to notify Kathy Torigoe so that arrangements can be made.
28. The APTA Western Conference is scheduled for April 9 13 in Reno, Nevada. Interested Commissioners are to notify Kathy Torigoe so that arrangements can be made.
29. Notice of Meetings: The Streets & Highways Committee meeting has been changed to March 17, 1989 at 10:00 a.m.

**REPORTS FROM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS**

(none)

**NEW BUSINESS**

(none)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(none)

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 11:00 a.m., the Commission recessed into closed session to:

- (1) Authorize an offer of just compensation for two properties located in the City of Long Beach -

Parcel No. R01-R21-AS331 (located at northeast corner of Pacific Avenue and 9th Street), Fritz H. & Louise Meyers (owners)

Parcel No. R01-R-21-AS34 (located at southeast corner of Long Beach Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway), James Herley, Betty Scott, Security Pacific Bank, and Chevron Corp. (Owners/Lessee)

- (2) Discuss real estate matters; and
- (3) Discuss personnel matters.

At 11:20 p.m., the Commission reconvened into regular session.

Mr. La Follette moved to approve the appointment of Neil Peterson as the Executive Director and the contract document between Neil Peterson and the Commission, seconded by Mr. Lewis.

A roll call vote was taken on the appointment of Neil Peterson as the new Executive Director:

Yes: Szabo, La Follette, Remy, Grabinski, Bacharach, Mednick,  
Reed

No: Callahan

Abstain: Lewis, King

Motion was carried.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

Mr. Paul Taylor was recognized by the Commission in appreciation for his dedicated service as Acting Executive Director for the past year and as Deputy Executive Director of Transit Development Division. Mr. Sims presented him with a resolution from the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

  
JIM SIMS  
Acting Interim Executive Director

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Attachment