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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MAY 24, 1989

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Reed at 1:40 p.m. in the Board Room of the Department of Water and Power.

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
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley

Staff members present:

Neil Peterson
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Don Brown, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Reed opened the public hearing on the LACTC Proposed Budget for FY 1989-90. Hearing no comment on the budget, the hearing was closed. Ms. Reed stated that the proposed budget will be discussed at the next Government Relations & Finance Committee meeting and brought before the Commission for action at its June 28 meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Discussion at Commissioner or Public Request)
(Items 1 to 25)

Neil Peterson read into the record: Parties of interest who have made a contribution of \$250 or more in the past twelve months to any member of the Commission are asked to come forward and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contribution was made and to identify the item involved. (None)

Chair Reed presented the Consent Calendar Items 1 thru 25. Ms. Reed requested items #6 and #25 be held for discussion as she had received requests to speak from the public. Mr. Remy requested that item #2 be held for discussion and Mr. Callahan also asked that item #23 be held for discussion.

Ms. Reed stated Councilman Holden had requested continuation of Items 2, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22 and 23. She asked if any Commissioner concurred with Mr. Holden's request. Mr. Callahan expressed his concern that Mr. Holden's request be considered if it created no problem. Ms. Reed asked Mr. Holden's staff representative, Paula Hunter, if she knew of Mr. Holden's concerns on these items.

Ms. Bacharach responded, with regard to the Rail Construction items, that it is important to keep the project moving forward in a timely manner and act on these items as soon as possible.

Ms. Reed directed staff to be available for briefing Mr. Holden. Jacki Bacharach stated she would also make herself available to brief Mr. Holden on the rail construction items. Ms. Hunter agreed that briefing Mr. Holden would be acceptable.

Mr. Grabinski moved, seconded by Mr. King, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 thru 24 with the exception of Items 2, 6, 23 and 25. Marcia Mednick abstained on Item #9 of the Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 1989. The minutes of April 26, 1989 were approved as submitted.

3. GRFC recommended the Commission adopt the staff recommendation with an additional provision that staff review the Commission's contract with O'Brien-Kreitzberg and Associates to determine how the Commission can best be reimbursed for their use of the electrostatic plotter.
4. GRFC recommended the Commission adopt the staff recommendation and direct staff to solicit support for the LACTC position from the other county transportation commissions and SCAG on Caltrans' proposed changes to rules and regulations of the Transportation Development Act (TDA).
5. SCA 7 (Campbell) - Governor Deukmejian's Transportation Financing Proposal was held over.
7. GRFC recommended the Commission adopt the staff recommendation to oppose SB 1269, and also oppose SB 1273 instead of the staff recommendation to monitor.
8. SB 1562 (Presley) - Legislation creating the California Rail Commission was held over.
9. GRFC recommended the Commission support SB 1505 (Watson) - Smart Corridor Telecommunications Funds.
10. GRFC recommended the Commission oppose SB 967 unless amended as follows:
 - a) Delete requirement that preference be given to certain STIP projects;
 - b) Delete housing elements as one of the plans with which projects in the STIP must be found consistent;
 - c) Specify that traffic mitigation plans are received by localities in urbanized areas. These plans would be reviewed by the county transportation commissions (CTC's) prior to incorporation in the regional plan. CTC's would be required to provide findings on how the mitigation plans assist in meeting air quality goals.
11. GRFC recommended the Commission monitor SB 640 (Alquist), support AB 1079 (Chandler) and oppose AB 1078 (Chandler).
12. GRFC recommended the Commission adopt a revised staff recommendation to monitor AB 911 and to monitor SB 155 and express concerns to the author. It also recommends the Commission support the concept of SB 907 with amendments instead of to oppose the bill. The author will be requested to amend the bill as proposed by staff and also to provide funding for program implementation.

13. GRFC recommended the Commission adopt the revised staff recommendation to support AB 1463, AJR 26, and AB 1920; to oppose SB 1317 unless amended; and to support AB 2036 if amended to reinstate the role of the county transportation commissions and to provide that the county transportations will set the ridesharing goals for grantee agencies rather than Caltrans.
14. Rail Construction Committee (RCC) recommended the Commission reject the claims of Bao Lee and Hans Shannon.
15. RCC recommended the Commission approve Change Order No. 018, Part I in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Contract No R01-T01-C435 (Aerial Structures) for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.
16. RCC recommended the Commission approve Change Order No. 005 in the amount of \$28,120.27 and grant a time extension to the contract of 150 calendar days for Contract No. R01-T08-P830 (Special Trackwork) for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.
17. RCC recommended the Commission approve Change Order No. 36 in the amount of \$955,000 for Contract No. R01-T01-C140 (L.A. CBD Approach) for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.
18. RCC recommended the Commission approve Change Order No. 230 in the amount of \$2,187,696 for Contract No. R01-T01-C2125 (Satellite Yard to L.A. River Bridge) for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. Sufficient contingency remains within the current authorization for expenditure for this contract.
19. RCC recommended the Commission formally reject the claim of Southern California Edison Company.
- *20. RCC recommended the Commission approve the award of Contract No. R90-S19-MY005 to LKG Configuration Management Consultants.
21. Streets & Highways Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an extension, for a period not to exceed two years, of a contract with VOLT Information Sciences, Inc., for call box maintenance.

22. Transit Committee (TC) recommended the Commission review the proposed coordination concept, provide direction to staff, and authorize staff to issue requests for proposals for consulting assistance to complete the inventory and action plan for the Social Service Transportation Coordination Action Plan.
24. TC recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to transmit a Section 3 Grant Application to UMTA on behalf of the County of Los Angeles for \$7,083,000 for the construction of three park-and-ride facilities and take other actions as necessary.

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

DISCUSSION ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Chair Reed indicated a request was received from Supervisor Schabarum to discuss Item 23 first. Hearing no objection, this was the order.

23. Mr. Lewis reported that the Transit Committee made the following recommendations:
 - a) The Commission authorize one-third of the cost, not to exceed \$250,000, as its one-third share of the agreed contract value, to go to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for this study. The study is limited to the Santa Fe's 2nd Subdivision. Los Angeles County will select consultants to lead in corridor specific planning, appraisal, acquisition, and engineering refinement to this feasibility study. The County will be required to report to the Commission on all aspects of its effort.
 - b) The Commission guide the overall effort of all commuter rail studies and railroad right-of-way acquisition efforts, although portions of the effort will be delegated to others. A division of responsibilities between the Commission and the County is shown in Attachment A. The Commission will review County efforts and develop an intergovernmental advisory effort including San Gabriel Valley communities and San Bernardino County. Funding from these interests will be requested.

Mr. King asked if Prop. A money could be used for the long-term financing. Mr. Peterson stated no, but the County's local share of Prop. A funds can be used. Mr. Peterson stated that once the negotiations and study are complete, the County and staff would return to the Commission with a proposal for the funding.

Mr. Remy offered an amendment to the agreement with the County of Los Angeles which would require that either a senior staff of the Commission or a Commissioner, in addition to Supervisor Schabarum, be present at all negotiations with the Santa Fe Railroad, which was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Ms. Reed expressed her concern that staff should be involved in other negotiations since they are the lead with Southern Pacific.

Mr. Callahan asked for clarification of the motion as to whether at some point would it just be two Commissioners at the negotiations or would the Executive Director be a representative at all times. Mr. Remy stated that his intent is that the Executive Director be at all negotiations.

Mr. Schabarum addressed the Commission stating his main concern for assuming the lead role is to assure the study is done to ascertain what the right-of-way and its existing improvements and/or rolling stock and other things related to provide commuter service might be worth if some entity would buy it. He stated his concerns also apply to the Southern Pacific right of way, at least in the San Gabriel Valley.

Ms. Bacharach disagreed with Mr Schabarum, citing that LACTC should be involved in the negotiations as this is a joint effort.

Motion was made and seconded to approve staff's recommendation with the inclusion of Mr. Remy's amendment to the agreement with the County of Los Angeles that the Executive Director attend all negotiations with the Santa Fe Railroad. The main motion carried with no objection.

2. Mr. Szabo reported the GRFC's recommendation as follows:
 - a) The Commission authorize staff to negotiate a lease for office space in the former Barker Brothers Building; aka, 818 W. 7th Street. Also, as a fall-back position, Staff requests that the Commission authorize negotiations with the remaining three buildings on the short-list (Transamerica, Subway Terminal and Standard Oil) in the event negotiations on the 818 building reach an impasse. Staff will return to the Commission for approval of the final lease.

- b) The Commission contract with Reeves Associates to provide architectural, space planning, design and project management services for relocation of its offices. Cost of services will be \$1.40 per square foot or roughly \$84,000.

Ms. Reed stated that staff gave the GRFC a very thorough presentation on why the building now occupied does not meet the needs of the Commission as future space needs are projected and the relations with the construction consultants and with the Rail Construction Corporation.

Much discussion followed. Dick Dominguez indicated that the brokerage firm of Grubb & Ellis was retained by the Commission.

Mr. Schabarum stated his concerns on only using one brokerage firm and stated there are new buildings being built in the CBD which should provide an excessive availability of office space. He also asked if we tried to renegotiate with the current landlord. Ms. Reed stated that this wasn't done as the building is inadequate for the growing staff and consultants. She requested staff to meet with Mr. Schabarum to address any concerns he may have.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval, seconded Mrs. Reed.

Further discussion followed.

Motion was carried with no objection.

6. Mr. Szabo reported that the GRFC recommended the Commission monitor AB 973, to present the Commission's concerns on the bill to the author, and to indicate LACTC support for the proposed Katz amendments to the bill.

Mr. Szabo offered a motion for approval on the first portion of staff's recommendation, which was seconded. Motion was approved with no objection.

Mr. Szabo reported on the second portion of staff's recommendation regarding the rail bond issue. The GRFC recommended the Commission oppose the Planning and Conservative League (PCL) initiative, request other transportation commissions and the cities oppose it as well, and inform the sponsors of the LACTC opposition unless the requested amendments are made before the Commission's May 24 meeting.

He stated that the Committee's concerns have been sent to the Planning and Conservation League (PCL) and the Commission has received a response to these concerns from Dr. Gerald Meral of the PCL. He asked the Commission to consider PCL's points and also staff's response to them to see if this would necessitate a change in our position.

The Commission heard comments from Dr. Gerald Meral. He urged the Commission to consider the possibility of monitoring this effort as other concerns develop and the PCL has more definite answers.

Ms. Reed asked Mr. Meral if the Commission has had the opportunity to see the full text of the measure. Mr. Meral indicated that the text was given to the Committee, but not to the Commission.

Chair Reed suggested that action be withheld on this item so that the members can review the text.

Mr. Remy motioned and Mr. King seconded to table this item to allow further review and analysis of the initiative measure and to have staff report back to the Committee.

Motion to table this measure was carried with no objection.

25. Mr. Lewis reported the Transit Committee recommended that staff be directed to investigate LACTC's legal authority to impose drug testing regulations on Proposition A recipients and also directed staff to survey Proposition A-funded transit operations to determine what types of drug-testing programs are in place, and report back to the Commission.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval, seconded by Mr. King. Mr. King reported that Mr. Hahn was very interested in taking a firm stand on drug testing.

Mr. Goldy Norton, representing the United Transportation Union, addressed the Commission on the drug testing program and stated the Union's support of the program.

Mr. Lewis reported that the County already has a random mandatory drug testing program that they require all of their transit contractors to adhere to as a part of their contract. The only public agency/operator that the County doesn't have an agreement for random mandatory drug testing is the SCRTD.

Ms. Reed indicated that all recipients of UMTA funds have some sort of federal requirement imposed in this area.

Mrs. Reed also stated that all of the information the County is generating will be brought forward through the Transit Committee to the Commission. She also stated that the paratransit systems that the Commission funds through Prop. A and the municipal operators will also be submitting information. Staff will be compiling this information into a report to the Commission.

Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Materials for the following information items were given to the members:

26. LACTC Quarterly Financial Report for FY 1988-89
27. Follow-Up on LACTC Transportation Needs Opinion Survey
28. SMART Corridor Demonstration Project Status Report
29. Off-Street Parking Requirements
30. Proposal by SCRTD to Establish an Interagency Transfer Surcharge

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

31. Mr. Peterson reported that Commissioner Reed has nominated Mr. Thomas R. Larmore to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Ms. Bacharach moved, Mr. King seconded, for confirmation of the appointment. Motion was approved with no objection.
32. Mr. Peterson reported on the Notice of Meeting. Chair Reed noted the next regular Commission meeting is June 28, 1989, at the Department of Water & Power. Other meetings were noted.

REPORTS FROM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

Jacki Bacharach reported that she was given information that Senators Davis and Robbins are modifying legislation that has to do with funding coming from the State for the LOSSAN corridor involving LOSSAN 1 and LOSSAN 2. The Commission authorized staff

to follow-up on preserving the integrity of our funding program on LOSSAN 1 as it was approved. They also directed staff to follow-up with the other members of the delegation, especially the Senators from Orange County and L.A. area, and report back to the Commission.

Chair Reed reported that the Commission is having the unveiling of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail car on June 22 at the Main Yard site. Open House will be held all day on Saturday, June 24. Everyone is invited.

NEW BUSINESS

(NONE)

PUBLIC COMMENT

(NONE)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Jim Lima

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Executive Director

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