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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JUNE 28, 1989

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

Mr. Peterson indicated that he is in receipt of a letter from Mayor Bradley designating William Bicker as his alternate for today's meeting in the absence of Carole Stevens.

Members in attendance were:

Councilmember Christine E. Reed
Mayor Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Ray Grabinski
Councilman Nate Holden
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 LaFollette, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
William Bicker, alternate for Carole Stevens
Jerry Baxter, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Neil Peterson, Executive Director
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Mendoza, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Reed reported that the owners of the property located at 6160 et al. Willowbrook Avenue in the City of Compton, California; requested that this hearing be postponed to the next meeting. Hearing no objections from the Commission or the public, this public hearing was continued to the regular meeting of July 26, 1989, and staff was directed to renote the hearing and the owners of the property.

Ms. Reed reported that Mr. Peterson stated that he will not be asking the Commission for action on the the Right-of-Way Protection item listed in the Executive Session. Mr. Peterson stated that he may bring it to the Commission for action at the July 12 meeting. Ms. Reed stated that anyone wishing to speak on this issue may do so today.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Discussion at Commissioner or Public Request)
(Items 1 to 30)

Chair Reed presented the consent calendar items 1 thru 30. Ms. Reed stated that staff has advised her that item #13 is on the calendar in error and asked that it be removed from the consent calendar. Ms. Reed also removed item #27 as members from the public wish to address this item.

Ms. Bacharach reported that SCRTD has requested that item #15 be removed from the consent calendar and refer it back to the Rail Construction Committee.

Neil Peterson read into the records: 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)

Items No. 3, 6, 12, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 29 were requested to be removed from the consent calendar for further discussion.

Regarding item #2, Mr. LaFollette asked if we have a policy that County Counsel review requested changes in outside legal consultant contracts. Mr. Kelsey stated that there is no policy, but this was done on this contract. Mr. LaFollette asked if we have a policy that County Counsel give us advice and recommendations on the attorney's fees, changes in budget, etc. Ms. Reed stated that we do have a policy.

Jacki Bacharach moved, Mr. Callahan seconded, that the consent calendar be approved with the exception of items No. 3, 6, 12, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 29. Motion carried with Mr. Holden abstaining on all contract items.

1. Approval of Minutes of May 10 and May 24, 1989. The minutes of May 10 and May 24, 1989 were approved as submitted.
2. Government Relations & Finance Committee (GRFC) recommended the Executive Director be authorized to sign a contract amendment with the firm of Eckert, Seamens, Cherin and Mellott to increase the existing contract for Section 13(c) legal services from \$48,000 to \$100,000.
4. GRFC recommended the Commission support ACA 32 (Costa) - Purchase of rail cars with fuel tax revenues.
5. GRFC recommended the Commission adopt a "support if amended" position on AB 2462 (Baker) - Rail transit system's parking facilities. The amendment would provide that any parking facilities developed under the bill must be consistent with local general plans and zoning.
7. GRFC recommended the Commission oppose SB 737 (Marks) - Certification of Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business - and directed staff to determine which agencies already have adequate certification processing in place.
8. GRFC recommended the Commission approve the renewal of its contract with Capital Representation Group for a one-year period. Further, staff recommends a ten percent increase in the monthly retainer fee from the current level of \$3,858.40 to \$4,244.24, effective July 1, 1989.
9. GRFC recommended the Commission extend the existing contract with Smith and Howard Associates, Inc. for 30 days, from July 1, 1989 to July 31, 1989.

10. GRFC recommended the Commission support the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1989 - S 933 (Harken) and HR 2273 (Coelho) - if amended to allow area-wide certification of services to the disabled, provision of those services by others than fixed-route operators, and to clarify the definitions of disabled and comparable service so that local flexibility is allowed.
11. GRFC recommended the Commission propose an amendment to SB 129 (Katz) to raise the cap, rather than eliminate it.
14. Rail Construction Committee (RCC) recommended the Commission reject the following claims filed against the LACTC:
 - a. Freddy Verdizco
 - b. Pierre Ayala
 - c. Tammy Schuyler
 - d. Marvin Kent
 - e. Bren I. Johnson
15. Phase II of a two-phased marketing program for the Blue Line to be coordinated with SCRTD was held over at RTD's request.
16. RCC recommended the Commission direct staff to prepare two Requests for Proposals for film production firms to produce one film for the Transportation Occupation Program (TOP) and one film for the Travis The Owl safety program, at the approximate cost of \$50,00 - \$60,000 each. Money for these films is identified in the FY 1989-90 budget. No contract would be awarded until the Commission approves the annual budget.
20. Streets & Highways Committee (SHC) recommended the Commission approve the memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide funding for Commuter Transportation Services, Inc. (Commuter Computer) during FY 1989-90, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the MOU.
21. SHC recommended the Commission approve an agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) regarding the call box system, as recommended by staff; request that Section 13 of the contract be changed to reflect coordination with CHP as an agency rather than with a single individual; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

2. SHC recommended the Commission approve an agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding the implementation and operation of the call box system, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.
24. Transit Committee (TC) recommended allocation of Proposition A Discretionary Incentive funds for FY 1989-90 in the amount of \$8,459,456 as detailed in the staff report.
25. TC recommended approval of funding recommendations for UMTA 16(b)(2) Grant Applications - Cycle 21.
30. TC recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend Contract No. R86-D0002 with SCRTD in an amount not to exceed \$90,0000 to provide patronage analysis of alternative alignments to be studied under the Transitional Analysis.

DISCUSSION ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

3. GRF recommended the Commission support SB 1562 (Presley) - Rail Right-of-Way Acquisition - with an amendment to provide input to the Right-of-Way Development Plan from joint powers authorities such as LOSSAN 1 and 2 through the appropriate county transportation commission or transportation planning agency.

Mr. Callahan asked if Proposition A funds are being used for this project. Mrs. Reed indicated that Prop. A funds are not involved in this project.

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

6. GRFC recommended the Commission oppose SB 1234 (L. Greene) - Transit Services affecting the Elderly & Handicapped - and SB 807 (Mello) - Unmet Transit Needs - unless amended to include additional funding to cover costs for the additional service.

Mr. Callahan asked what is the proposed cost of these services.

Chair Reed asked staff to provide the information to Mr. Callahan.

Mr. Callahan moved approval, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

12. Mrs. Bacharach gave the background information of this item. The Rail Construction Committee (RCC) recommended the Commission approve the supplemental agreement for the County of Los Angeles Florence/Graham Station area improvements as follows:

- a. Approve the Supplemental Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to design and construct the improvements set forth therein as part of the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project, and that the Executive Director be instructed to execute same on behalf of the Commission.
- b. Amend the current project budget in the amount of \$3.6 million to finance the cost of said design and construction, provided that the County prepare a schedule of work which is acceptable to the Commission, including fulfillment of all environmental requirements as may be called for in order to proceed with construction.

Mrs. Bacharach addressed Mr. Holden's concerns. With that Mrs. Bacharach moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

13. RCC recommended the Commission adopt a public art policy which allocates one half of one percent of construction costs for the creation of works of art for the rail transit system. The Committee also recommended approval of the public art plan with several modifications.

Mrs. Reed offered some amendments to the Public Art Plan on pages 2 and 3 of the policy:

A. The Art Committee

...Members will be selected by the program administrator, in conjunction with local governments where appropriate, other agency staff members and with advice from area elected representatives and area residents....

2. The Art Panel

There will be a different Art Panel of five members each...A minimum of three art professionals...

(Delete final sentence of paragraph and add:)
In addition to the three art professionals, there shall be at least one and no more than two voting representatives from the local community. These community representatives may be local elected officials, residents and/or business people who are selected by the advisory committee to serve on the Art Panel.

Jessica Cusick of staff gave a brief presentation on the public art program.

Chair Reed moved approval of the public art program with her amendments to enhance community participation, seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. LaFollette expressed concern that as a transportation commission, he would like to designate money for transportation first and any money left over to the art program.

Some discussion followed.

Roll call vote was taken on item 13:

Yes: King, Callahan, Remy, Holden, Grabinski,
Bacharach, Bicker, Reed

No: Lewis, LaFollette

Motion passed.

17. RCC recommended the Commission approve a \$60,000 15month graffiti removal contract with Community Youth Gang Services (CYGS) for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail line. CYGS' contract is limited to \$60,000. Invoices above this amount will not be reimbursed.

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

18. RCC recommended the Commission approve the following Change Orders for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project:

Ed McSpedon of staff was asked to explain each change order.

- a. CO No. 049 (Contract No. R01-T01-C140/L.A. CBD Approach) in the amount of \$206,000. Sufficient contingency remains in this contract to cover the cost of this additional work.
- b. CO No. 015 (Contract No. R01-T01-C4700/TPSS-C&S Civil Site Work) in the amount of \$50,00 and a time extension of 60 days (check number of days). Sufficient contingency remains in this contract to cover the cost of this time extension.
- c. CO No. 011 (Contract No. R01-T07-H832/Cable Transmission System) for extension of option for Metro Green Line and increase the current Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) of \$11,734,500. This increase in AFE will be used for the exercise of an option for the Metro Green Line CTS and will be tracked separately from the Metro Blue Line AFE funds.

Mrs. Bacharach asked staff to discuss with the SAFE concerning contribution from SAFE for the call box system for the Metro Green Line.

- d. CO No. 04 (Contract No R01-T01-C117/Flower Street Subway) in the amount of \$858,558. Sufficient contingency remains within the current AFE to cover the cost of this Change Order.

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

19. Ed McSpedon was asked to explain this transfer of funds for Contract C-435. The RCC recommended Commission approve (Contract No. R01-T01-C435) an increase to the current AFE amount of \$5,792,373 to revised total AFE of \$33,157,073. This increase in AFE will enable staff to process pending and anticipated changes. The \$5,792,373 required as additional funding will be transferred from the Project Reserve. Individual change orders within this revised AFE amount will be brought to the Commission for approval consistent with current delegation of authority.

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

23. Transit Committee (TC) recommended approval of the selection of Simpson & Simpson and Quesada, Navarro & Co. to perform the FY 1988-89 Consolidated Audits for LACTC.

Mr. Lewis suggested that the next a selection process is made that the process be structured differently so that there is an opportunity to split the work up a little bit.

Mr. Lewis moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach, Motion was carried with Mr. Holden abstaining.

24. TC recommended allocation of Proposition A Discretionary Incentive funds for FY 1989-90 in the amount of \$8,459,456 as detailed in the staff report.

Mr. Sims of staff was asked to explain the allocation process. Staff was asked to include the list of agencies who received funds.

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

26. TC recommended the Commission approve an amendment process for incorporation into the Proposition A Discretionary Program Guidelines.

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

27. TC recommended the Commission take the following actions:

- a. Declare its interest in exploring the acquisition of the properties offered by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company for transportation use, and also explore the acquisition of other Southern Pacific properties under the Commission's adopted commuter rail and right-of-way protection policies.
- b. Not obligate itself to actually purchase any or all of these properties unless it is satisfied of the usefulness of the purchase and the acceptability of the terms and conditions of the property acquisition.

- c. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a joint agreement with the S.P., or, to unilaterally initiate actions, to appraise the properties located in the four railroad corridors. The Commission authorizes expenditures for these appraisals as follows: the ceiling for a joint appraisal is \$150,00 and a unilateral appraisal ceiling would be \$500,000.

Mr. Lewis moved for approval which was seconded.

Mr. LaFollette abstained from any discussion on this item.

The following persons appeared before the Commission:

Tom Herman, Eastern Sector Transit Coalition - oppose
Marilyn Minkle, Western Sector Coalition - oppose
Della Spector, Western Sector Transit Coalition - opposed
to appraisal of Burbank Branch Line
Julie Fine, Western Sector Transit Coalition - opposed
Robert H. Silver, Eastern Sector Transit Coalition - opposed
Ryan Snyder - opposed

Mr. Holden moved that this matter be tabled because now is not the time to spend the money, which was seconded.

Chair Reed indicated that this motion is not debatable so there will be no discussion.

Mr. Holden withdrew his motion to table and offered a new motion to split the main motion.

The Chair ruled that the Commission will split the motion to be that staff will be authorized in Items a, b, c on the rail lines addressed in the staff report except for the Burbank Branch Line. That vote will be taken separately. Mr. Lewis' motion is to recommend the actions noting that the recommendation that we have removed the Burbank Branch Line from this first motion. Chair Reed asked for any objection to go forward with the appraisal on the lines as noted, noting that the Burbank Branch Line is not included in the motion.

The motion before the Commission is to approve going forward on the appraisal on all the lines except for the Burbank Branch Line. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Chair Reed asked for an offer of motion on the Burbank Branch Line. Hearing no motion, this item was concluded.

28. TC recommended the Commission contribute \$100,000 to the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency for its FY 1990 Operations Budget from the Proposition A Rail Account or provide equivalent services.

Mr. Lewis moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Mr. Remy indicated that he thought the Commission was making a technical error in allocating funds for this purpose because the purpose, as he understands it, is for each of the commissions to allocate money to begin the formation of a separate staff to create a separate organization. The Joint Powers Authority would have staff in Sacramento to lobby for funds for rail transit projects which may or may not have a high priority. He is not opposing the \$100,000 but feels that the Commission will be much better served if LACTC's \$100,000 be provided through existing staff effort within the framework of our existing organization.

Chair Reed indicated that this agency was created by a Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Remy felt that the LACTC should avoid creating any new organizations. He would prefer to work out an arrangement by which the LACTC can offer some assistance in service and not create a separate agency.

Mrs. Bacharach represents the LACTC on the JPA and she indicated that the organization is hiring an Executive Director.

The motion is to contribute \$100,000 to the LOSSAN rail corridor agency.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Lewis, La Follette, Grabinski, Bacharach, Reed

No: King, Szabo, Callahan, Remy

Motion failed. This item will go back to the Transit Committee.

Mr. Remy moved that staff work with SCAG and the LOSSAN Corridor agency to seek more information and commitment from them and return for further consideration on July 12. Motion was seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Much discussion followed. Fred Silverman of staff gave the background of the LOSSAN Corridor agency.

Motion was carried with Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Bacharach objecting. Members of the LOSSAN board members will be invited to attend the July 12 meeting.

29. TC recommended Commission employ the following firms as commuter rail advisors:

- a. Robert L. Banks & Associates as the advisor in commuter rail planning and feasibility studies, property acquisition, organization and financing matters, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.
- b. The Woodside Consulting Group to assist in the negotiations with the Southern Pacific Transportation Company regarding their offer of three corridors in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Mr. Lewis moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Mr. Holden asked for more information on this item. Mr. Peterson explained that the advisors will provide consulting assistance to staff in looking at commuter rail opportunities in all areas in L.A. County, provide consulting assistance to do that portion of the San Bernardino commuter rail study that the Commission has agreed to do, and provide funds for consulting assistance to help staff in the appraisal and negotiations with Southern Pacific on all of the lines that staff is negotiating with them.

Motion was carried with Mr. Holden and Mr. La Follette abstaining.

STAFF OR COMMITTEE REPORT

31. GRFC recommended approval of the LACTC annual budget for FY 1989-90 with the following amendments:
- a. Add \$48,000,000 for rail right-of-way protection, pursuant to the Transit Committee's recommendation of June 20. Land/right-of-way line items for commuter rail and other projects will be increased by \$22,000,000 and \$26,000,000 respectively. Revenues are from the 35% rail portion of Proposition A.
 - b. Add language indicating that major additional expenditures are anticipated in these areas but are not identified at this time.
 - c. Add language noting that the Discretionary Account is also used to fund municipal operators and innovative transit projects.
 - d. Funds provided in the budget for increased APTA membership fees are not to be expended without Commission approval.

The GRFC requested staff to provide a special study session to review the fringe benefit structure within the next three months.

The following persons appeared before the Commission re. the LACTC budget:

Lewis McAdam - the \$100,000 for study of using the Los Angeles River
Arthur Jokela - L. A. River corridor

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

Mrs. Bacharach requested that two objectives be added to the budget:

- a. Staff study an insurance pool for cities' Prop. A transit systems and study the feasibility of that.

b. Implementation of the rail construction subsidiary.

Motion was approved with amendments to the budget with a "no" vote by Mr. Lewis.

32. Mrs. Reed reported that the GRFC recommended the Commission support SB 1 and seek amendments as outlined in the staff report as well as an additional amendment to modify provisions regarding proportionate funding for municipal operators as requested by the Bus Operations Subcommittee.

Mrs. Reed referred to a staff report on membership scenarios. The committee did not formally adopt an actual membership composition but agrees the staff recommendation is a good solution to the problem; however, it is not a recommendation acceptable at present even to the RTD Board or the League of Cities. The committee's recommendation is to continue to work with those other agencies on the membership issue. SB 1 will come before the Assembly Transportation Committee on or after July 10. The Commission's position so far has been to monitor the bill and seek amendments and has achieved five of the seven amendments that are identified. The Committee is recommending the Commission support SB 1 and continue to seek amendments in the areas of interest to LACTC.

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

Mr. Callahan offered an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. King, recommending an amendment to the Committee's recommendation to add the issue of alternates to the amendments the Commission will seek.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Holden moved to table the motion regarding alternates and direct staff to discuss it with the author in the interim and bring this item back to the Commission at its July 12 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Callahan. Hearing no objection, the motion to table was carried.

Main motion on the bill is to support SB 1 and seek amendments as noted.

Mr. La Follette asked about the Board of Supervisors' position.

Susan Brown of staff indicated that the Board's position is to support the bill if amended; oppose if not amended.

Mr. Remy expressed his concern about the representation issue.

Mrs. Reed indicated that the Committee did not recommend any change in the representation issue but does want staff to be authorized to continue discussion on that issue and bring it back to the Commission.

Mr. Callahan offered another amendment to the motion that this Commission no longer seek amendment No. 1: ...Add the provisions of SB 2489 (Russell) to increase the regional operator's flexibility in contracting for transit service. Amendment was seconded by Mr. Holden. The amendment was defeated by a show of hands.

Vote on the main motion to support SB 1 was carried with "no" votes by Mr. Lewis and Mr. La Follette.

Second motion to direct the staff to continue to seek the amendments as outlined in the staff report was carried with "no" votes by Mr. Holden and Mr. Callahan.

Mrs. Reed indicated that she had received a request from the RTD Board for a special joint meeting of the LACTC/SCRTD. Mr. Lewis moved that the Commission respond to SCRTD and remind them of the discussion that was held and their commitment to seek some directions from their Board before the LACTC get together again and ask that they transmit a copy of the minutes of the meeting at which time some direction is given. Motion was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

33. RCC recommended the Commission authorize a structural designer to prepare a "haunched" prestressed concrete design for the Rosecrans/Aviation rail transit bridge and discontinue the current steel plate design effort. There was a split vote at the Committee meeting.

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

34. Mr. Lewis reported that the TC recommended approval of the revised FY 1990-92 Los Angeles County Short-Range Transit Plan/TIP, as recommended by staff, with the following changes:
- a. The SCRTD purchase of clean fuel buses not be contingent upon an assurance that the operating cost will be comparable to a diesel bus.
 - b. LACTC and SCRTD will form a working group to evaluate the relative merits of the various types of clean fuel buses before committing to purchase the buses approved in the SRTP.
 - c. Approve an allocation of Unearned TPM Bonus Funds to Arcadia, Claremont, La Mirada and Redondo Beach, as requested by the Bus Operations Subcommittee for one year only. Direct staff to work with BOS to evaluate the dial-a-ride funding cap.
 - d. The Environmental Impact Review of Division 6 by SCRTD should examine closing the facility and relocating part of the division's operations to another division.
 - e. Under the Rail Transit portion of the FY 1990-92 STRP, change the words, "Commuter Rail" to "Inter-City Rail," as appropriate. Revise the narrative to state that the Commission will be considering the acquisition of various rights-of-way in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Lewis noted that the Transit Committee had received incorrect information at the meeting and moved to amend Item "c" to indicate that the Dial-A-Ride would receive the FY 1990 funding allocations as shown on Attachment E. He further recommended that the issue of Dial-A-Ride cap be returned to the Bus Operations Subcommittee.

Mr. Lewis moved approval, which was seconded.

Ms. Dell Chumley, Venice Town Council, appeared before the Commission and requested that in Item "d", the words, "part of" be deleted on SCRTD Division 6 Environmental Study. She also submitted letters from the Venice Historical Society, Venice Action Committee, Venice Chamber of Commerce, and Sixth Council District Councilwoman Ruth Galanter to the Commission.

Hearing no objection to the motion, motion was carried.

35. Mr. Lewis reported that the TC recommended the Commission prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR) for the following project alternatives:
- a. A Second Street-Union Station-Highland Park
 - b. A phasing option of the above alternative that allows construction to begin northward from Union Station.
 - c. A Union Station "No Subway" alternative which begins at Union Station and uses primarily at-grade segments to proceed out of the Chinatown area.

In addition, the TC recommended revision of the staff recommendations as follows:

- a. The SDEIR should include an extension of the Highland Park alternative to the Pasadena Amtrak Station.
- b. For the Union Station "No Subway" alternative, the design of the light rail station at Union Station should allow feasibility of crossing the Santa Ana Freeway so as not to preclude a future southern extension into downtown Los Angeles.
- c. Preparation of the SDEIR incorporating these revisions requires that the Commission authorize an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to amend the contract with Bechtel Civil, Inc.

Mr. Lewis moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed.

Susan Rosales of staff gave a presentation on the staff recommendation to prepare a draft EIR for the Pasadena-Los Angeles rail transit project. She noted that letters were received from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pasadena.

David Barnhart, City of Pasadena, was available to answer any questions from the Commission members.

Pat Moser commented he supports the Pasadena Line and extend it to the Blue Line.

Bryan Allen commented on the SDEIR for Pasadena rail corridor with amendments.

Dan Beal, City of Los Angeles, supports the staff recommendation. The City is not taking a position on any of the alignments at this point; only wants to see them studied.

Mrs. Bacharach explained why she had voted against the recommendation in committee but would like to support the Pasadena portion. She requested that the motion be divided.

First motion was to validate the request that the SDEIR include an extension of the Highland Park alternative to Pasadena Amtrak station and to East Pasadena and include the \$100,000 and include reference of commitment to the City for picking up the cost of additional studies. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Second motion was to include commitment to short-line proposal that is a proposal for something that does not connect with the Long Beach light rail line and include environmental work for that short-line that eventually will be taken over the freeway in some fashion.

Mr. King indicated that he would like a station for Chinatown and Dodger Stadium.

Motion was carried with Mrs. Bacharach objecting.

REPORT BY WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Irv Smith gave a report on legislative bills before Congress and on Secretary Skinner's transportation policy. He also made some observations of his last eleven years with the Commission.

Mrs. Reed presented Mr. Smith a resolution for his dedicated services to the Commission.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were given to the Commissioners:

36. State Transportation Funding Legislation
37. Legislative Matrix
38. Metro Blue Line Contract Nos. R01-T01-C277, C278, C279 - Landscaping Contracts Update

Mr. Lewis asked about the status of this issue. Mrs. Bacharach explained that at the last meeting, staff was asked to look into repacking this landscaping contract into smaller portions for bidding.

Mr. Lewis moved the motion was made to change the contract from three contracts to the original bid as one contract for landscaping and staff to look into the small business enterprise, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Mrs. Bacharach presented awards to L.A. County, Department of Public Works and Caltrans recognizing their participation in the investigation of the collapse of the Firestone Bridge. Individual members of the team received awards at the Rail Construction Committee meeting. The team members consisted of Ed McSpedon (Investigation Director) - LACTC; Cully Carlson (Core Team Manager) - Deloitte/Kellogg JV; Darrold Pieper - Richards, Watson & Gershon; Eric Bodholdt - DKJV; Edward Opitz - DKJV; David Cho - DMJM; Richard Liptak - Dokken Engineering; Lauren Krueger - Caltrans; Albert Fredrickson - L.A. County, Department of Public Works; and Robert Barsam - L.A. County, Department of Public Works.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

40. Rail Financial Issues:

Mr. Peterson gave a brief presentation on the rail financial issues.

41. Commission Travel Requests:

Commissioners Bacharach, Reed, and Szabo expressed an interest in attending the Independent Cities Association Seminar to be held on July 6-9, 1989 in San Diego. Commission approval was requested.

It was moved and seconded to approve the above travel. Hearing no objection, Commissioners travel was approved.

42. Notice of Meetings: Notice was received as noted.

NEW BUSINESS

(None)

PUBLIC COMMENT

(None)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Direction to Negotiators on Right-of-Way Protection: Item was continued to the next meeting on July 12.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Neil Peterson

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Executive Director

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