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JULY 12, 1989

The Commission's Issues meeting was called to order by Chair Reed at 1:55 p.m. in the Board Room of the Department of Water and Power.

Mr. Peterson indicated that he is in receipt of letters for today's meeting from Supervisor Edelman designating Richard Callahan as his alternate, from Supervisor Antonovich designating Rose Kortizija as his alternate, and from Supervisor Dana designating Peter Ireland as his alternate.

Members in attendance were:

Councilmember Christine E. Reed
Mayor Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Ray Grabinski
Councilman Nate Holden
Carole Stevens
Mike Lewis, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Richard Callahan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Peter Ireland, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Rose Kortizija, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Bob Cashin, for Jerry Baxter, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Neil Peterson, Executive Director
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Therese Hernandez, Secretary

RIGHT-OF-WAY PROTECTION AND APPRAISAL OF BURBANK BRANCH

Richard Stanger of staff gave an overview of the right-of-way protection and appraisal of the Burbank Branch Line.

The following persons appeared before the Commission and offered comments:

Mayor Thomson, City of Pasadena
Saundra Mandel, Congressman Beilenson's Office
Sandy Miller, Senator Robbins' Office
Marlene Bronson, Councilman Yaroslavsky's Office
Bonny Matheson, Valley Industry and Commerce Association
Skip Wrightson, Valley Industry and Commerce Association
Tom Herman, Chairman, Eastern Sector Transit Coalition
Bob Silver, Eastern Sector Transit Coalition
Dr. Abraham Falick, Chairman, Coalition for Rapid Transit
Julie Fine, Chairwoman, Western Sector Transit Coalition and
COBRA
Jerry Blaz, Western Sector Transit Coalition - COBRA
Florence Swait, Western Sector Transit Coalition - COBRA
Marilyn Minkle, Western Sector Transit Coalition - COBRA
Don Schultz, Coalition of Burbank Branch Resident Assn.
Tom Paterson, Valley Village Homeowners Assn. (not present
but his letter was read)

Chair indicated that County Counsel had advised the Commission to return to executive session to discuss right-of-way acquisition matters because they are real estate acquisition matters. This will require a motion to return into executive session. Mr. King offered a motion to table any action on right-of-way protection, which was seconded. The motion was to table the discussion on right-of-way protection until after the environmental impact reports are in and cover the items with regard to the Burbank/Chandler route parcels, Pasadena Amtrak station site parcel, and the Exposition line parcel.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to table:

Yes: King, Ireland, Holden

No: Lewis, Callahan, Remy, Grabinski, Bacharach, Stevens,
Reed

The motion to table failed. The matter was referred to executive session.

LOSSAN AGENCY

Reconsideration of Commission's contribution of \$100,000 to the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency for its FY 1990 Operations Budget from the Proposition A Rail Account or provide equivalent services.

This item came before the Commission at the June 28 meeting and direction was given to staff to report back to the Commission. Fred Silverman of staff gave the background of LOSSAN.

The following recommendations were presented by staff:

- o That \$100,000 be contributed to the LOSSAN JPA for administrative purposes for FY '90 in its mission of improving AMTRAK intercity train service between San Diego and Los Angeles. This JPA was formed under the basis of SCAG's intercity rail efforts and the JPA was approved by the Commission in January, 1989.
- o That Commission staff be directed to work with the LOSSAN JPA and its Executive Director to contribute as much in-kind services as possible and to minimize outlays for extra staff or special consultants to the JPA.
- o That during the next fiscal year the Commission will work with SCAG regarding the organizational structure for Southern California commuter rail services which are not part of AMTRAK's intercity service. This study is already part of SCAG's FY '90 work effort.
- o That the Commission review further funding of the LOSSAN JPA for administrative purposes in future years dependent upon the outcome of studies in FY '90 regarding regional rail organizational issues.

Former Senator Jim Mills from San Diego, Chair of LOSSAN; Dana Reed, Commissioner from Orange County Transportation Commission and LOSSAN J.P.A. (Vice Chair); and Bijan Yarjani, from SCAG; appeared before the Commission and offered comments. A question and answer period followed.

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$100,000 and approve the staff recommendations. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FIRST PORTION OF PHASE II OF THE RED LINE (METRO RAIL)

Mr. Peterson briefed the Commission on the status of the full-funding contract.

UPDATE ON REORGANIZATION LEGISLATION

At its June 28, meeting, the Commission voted to support SB 1 and continue to seek amendments to: 1) increase the regional operator's flexibility in contracting for service, 2) address the issue of board representation to assure a balanced representation among the cities and the county, and 3) incorporate amendments which change eight vote requirements to two-thirds vote and make other technical changes as requested by the Bus Operations Subcommittee (BOS).

There was discussion to support SB 1. Staff was directed to continue work on the proposed LACTC amendments and to request an opinion from legislative counsel on whether SB 1 authorizes the MTA members to appoint representatives to set policies on matters not reserved by the bill to the MTA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Reed indicated that a motion is required to go into Executive Session. The issue is to instruct negotiators regarding real estate negotiations with Southern Pacific and other entities on the following parcels: AS800 - Canoga Park, AS801 - Tarzana, AS802 - Van Nuys, AS803 - Olympic Boulevard/26th Street, AS804 - Pasadena/Santa Fe Depot.

It was moved and seconded to recess into Executive Session. Hearing no objection, at 3:50 p.m., the Commission recessed into Executive Session. At 5:20 p.m. the Commission reconvened.

Mr. Callahan offered a motion to continue Item #3 (Appraisal of Burbank Branch) for two weeks, which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Motion was carried with one objection by Mrs. Bacharach.

Concerning the three parcels under consideration along the Branch Burbank for right-of-way protection, Mr. Callahan moved that staff be instructed to examine the Ventura Freeway alignment to see if there is any property which is similarly at risk as that is similarly situated as the properties along the Burbank Branch properties under construction and that staff be instructed to report back to the Commission within the next 60 days.

In addition, Mr. Callahan moved that staff begin negotiations on these parcels, but that prior to any claim, that staff return to the Commission for approval. The intent of this motion is that the Commission will have before them at the same time consideration of parcels that may be available along the Ventura Freeway and parcels that may be available along the Burbank Branch Route at the same time.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Grabinski to give authorization to staff.

Mrs. Reed indicated that the attorney reminds the Commission that Mr. Callahan's motion needs to limit the authority of the staff by just compensation amount.

Mr. Callahan further clarified his motion that the 60 days is the stated period but if it takes staff longer to negotiate these parcels, that is fine with him. But the bottom line of the motion is that this Commission will have in front of it any parcel that may be available along the Burbank Line. Both lines should be treated equitable, and the intent of this motion is to guarantee due-procedure and due process so that everyone, no matter where they live on Ventura Line or Burbank Line, is treated equitably and fairly.

Mr. Callahan further explained that the intent of the motion is that the available parcels on the Burbank line will come before this Commission to consider just compensation and that the available parcels on the Ventura Freeway will be before this Commission to consider if they want to purchase those as well.

Discussion followed on negotiations to purchase subject parcels.

Mr. Peterson stated that his interpretation of Mr. Callahan's motion is for staff to come back with an equal opportunity for the Commission to look at preserving at-risk properties on both alignments. However, a recommendation to acquire parcels on the Burbank Line may or may not include the recommendation to acquire on the Ventura Freeway Route depending upon the possible threat that exists on the parcels that are intended for stations along that line.

Mr. Ireland asked if any of the properties that are going to be coming back in sixty days would be accompanied with a bonafide appraisal made by this agency for its consideration at the time of actually giving the go ahead to approve purchase. Mr. Wiley indicated that this would not be the case for these three parcels and explained the process by which fair market value and just compensation had been determined. Mr. Wiley indicated, however, that properties identified for purchase along the Ventura Freeway alignment would be appraised.

Mr. Peterson stated that the just compensation amounts of the following parcels are as follows:

AS 800 - \$12,022,560
AS 801 - 9,572,418
AS 802 - 4,274,050

A roll call vote was taken on Mr. Callahan's motion:

Yes: Callahan, Kortizija, Remy, Grabinski, Bacharach,
Stevens

No: Lewis, King, Ireland, Holden, Reed

Mrs. Reed offered a motion that staff be directed to negotiate with the City of Pasadena and the Santa Fe Railroad with regard to the Santa Fe Railroad Depot in the City of Pasadena. Staff's authority to negotiate is not to exceed \$4,740,000. Staff is to seek conditions which provide LACTC with the majority ownership in these parcels important for status access. Motion was seconded by Mr. Remy.

There was discussion on this motion. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried to give staff direction on the Pasadena Amtrak station site.

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Mrs. Reed offered a motion to give staff the authority to communicate with Santa Monica and Southern Pacific that the Commission is not taking any action to acquire property in Santa Monica. Motion was seconded by Mr. King.

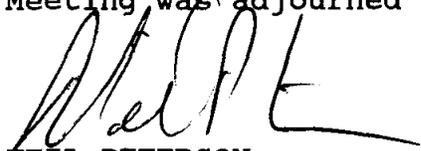
Motion was carried with one objection by Mr. Holden.

The appraisal item was held over.

The Executive Director held his report over to the next meeting which is July 26.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned a 6:10 p.m.



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Executive Director

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