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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JANUARY 24, 1990

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Reed at 1:40 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Chair Reed welcomed Councilman Richard Alatorre to the Commission. He replaces Councilman Holden from the City of Los Angeles. She also indicated that Supervisor Antonovich has designated Rosa Kortizija as his alternate in the absence of Mr. La Follette for the meeting.

Members in attendance were:

Councilmember Christine E. Reed
Supervisor Edmund Edelman
Councilman Richard Alatorre
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Ray Grabinski
Carole Stevens
Mike Lewis, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Rich Callahan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Dana
Rosa Kortizija, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Jerry Baxter, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

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

She then turned the meeting over to Supervisor Edelman, who will be the chair of the Commission for 1990.

On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Edelman presented Mrs. Reed with a gift and plaque in appreciation for serving as chair during 1989.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Reed nominated Commissioner Grabinski to the position of Vice Chair, which was seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Grabinski was unanimously elected as the Vice Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Edelman expressed his pleasure in assuming the chairmanship of the Commission for 1990. He listed some of the goals that he would like to work towards and hopefully have the Commissioners' support in achieving them.

- o Reduce and maybe eliminate some of the friction that exists between the RTD and the LACTC and go on to achieve one of the best transportation systems in Los Angeles County;
- o Must maximize the existing scarce transportation resources, both financial and physical. Have staff reexamine our billion plus budget to make sure that the money that we are putting into transit, roads, and highways is being used in the most effective way possible.
- o Must look at Prop A Funds. Commission has set guidelines, we must make sure those guidelines are reflecting best use of funds. Will be looking at light rail lines and where they will be put into place.
- o Will be looking into making community relations office more effective in working with citizen groups.
- o Will be looking at committee structure of the commission to see if it best reflects what the commission's priorities are. The RCC is now established. Will be making recommendations on the present organizational structure of the Commission.

- o The Commission should play a lead role in making sure SCA 1 facts are brought out to the public, which will be on the June ballot. SCA-1 will be an additional source of revenue which will be vital to the transportation needs of this county.
- o Looking forward to working with members of the Commission to get their input, to work with you, can't always agree but can certainly disagree, if we do disagree in an agreeable fashion. We will try to achieve these goals that I've listed.

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

Mr. Alatorre indicated that he will abstain on Items 21 & 28.
Chair Edelman indicated that he will abstain on Item 15.

Ms. Bacharach indicated that she would like to clarify Item 28 which the RCC approved, but struck out the last sentence of the item. On Item 30, the recommendation was modified in the second paragraph: These amendments to be implemented and become effective upon the appointment by both the District and the Commission of at least two of their three members to the RCC Board. The policies and procedures were changed to limit them to construction projects only, so it will be delegating authority for those projects, not for transit development in general.

Rosa Kortizija indicated that she would like to be recorded as a "no" vote for Item 13 and would like to hold Item 18 for further discussion.

Mr. Alatorre and Mr. Edelman both indicated that they would like to be recorded as a "no" vote on Item 17.

Mr. Szabo requested a change in last page of the minutes which talks about bonus allotment for the Executive Director. It should state that there will be an annual evaluation for possible bonus.

Ms. Stevens indicated a small correction on page 10, the first word is Mr. Szabo, rather than Mr. Barna.

Ms. Bacharach offered a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the minutes corrected as amended and removing Item 18 for further discussion and noting for the record the persons who already indicated abstentions and "no" votes.

Mr. Edelman indicated that on Item 2 (Polanco bill), he wants to abstain from voting but keep his options open so he can hopefully bridge the gap between the RTD and LACTC on reorganization.

The Chair indicated that hearing no objection to the motion by Mrs. Bacharach which was seconded by himself, motion was carried.

1. Approval of Minutes - December 13 (amended) and December 27, 1989 Meeting
2. AB 2541 (Polanco) - Transportation Reorganization Legislation - Government Relations & Finance Committee (GRFC) recommends that the Commission reaffirm its opposition to the SCRTD's two-agency reorganization transportation proposal and oppose AB 2541. This opposition is based on Commission policy as outlined in the 1990 LACTC Legislative Agenda.
3. Contracts for Sacramento Representation - GRFC recommends that the Commission approve contracts with the firm of Nielsen, Merksamer, Hodgson, Parrinello & Mueller and the firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott to represent LACTC in Sacramento for the 1990 calendar at a cost not to exceed \$64,000 per contract.
4. Adoption of Milestones for LACTC Federal Consultants - GRFC recommends that the Commission adopt the staff recommendations to approve milestones for LACTC's federal consultants with the attached revisions.
5. Contract Award for Fixed Asset Compliance System Consulting Services - GRFC recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a contract for a revised scope of work to be negotiated with Peat Marwick Main & Co. for fixed asset consulting services for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
6. Appointment of an Electric Communications Engineer - Streets and Highways Committee (SHC) recommends that the Commission appoint Mr. Charles C. Olsefsky to the Technical Advisory Committee in the position designated for a citizen representative with expertise in electronic communications to vote only on issues regarding the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies.

7. Call Box Technology for Route 105 - SHC recommends that the Commission approve the use of conventional (copper wire) cable or cellular technology to serve the Route 205 (Glenn Anderson) Freeway instead of using the most costly fiber optics cable. The use of fiber optics will add as much as \$1 million to the capital costs of providing service to the 151 call boxes proposed for this freeway.
8. Review of Traffic System Management Funding Proposals for State Funding - SHC recommends the Commission approve the 31 projects listed on Attachment A of the staff recommendation consistent with the Commission's "On the Road to Year 2000" plan and the policies and objectives endorsed by the Commission in its Smart Streets program.
9. High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Violation Fund Program Guidelines and FY 190-91 Allocation - SHC recommends that the Commission approve the HOV Lane Violation Fund Program Guidelines and make available for allocation \$50,000 for FY 1990-91.
10. Combined Road Plan (CRP) - Draft Expenditure Plan - SHC recommends the Commission approve the following:
 - a. Approve the draft commitment to spend the majority of the CRP funds in Los Angeles County as indicated on Attachment A. Staff will return with a final expenditure plan for the remaining CRP funds in February.
 - b. Retain the April 1, 1991 obligation deadline in Los Angeles County and establish April 1, 1991 through June 1, 1991 as the time period in which the LACTC can reallocate CRP resources within the County.
 - c. Require all recipients of CRP funds to sign and submit an expenditure commitment form by February 1, 1990. (Certain agencies are unwilling to submit an expenditure plan since the legislative authority for the CRP lapsing policy is currently under question.)
11. Authorization to Release the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Siting Study of Call Boxes - SHC recommends that the Commission authorize the staff to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the call box siting study, with the following additions:

- a. A task be added to the RFP requiring the development of a schedule of call box replacement and new service areas.
 - b. That the standard call box site design include improved signing for call boxes located on soundwalls and retaining walls; and that the use of reflective materials be considered for both the call boxes and poles.
 - c. That the spacing and placement of call box sites be flexible, including consideration of freeway conditions and the need to locate sites at different intervals than the minimums allowed by state standards.
12. Review of Consultant's Report on Call Box Accessibility - SHC recommends that the Commission forward the comments received to the California SAFE Committee (CSC) and integrate the recommendations for call box and site improvements into the Los Angeles SAFE system upgrade. Staff will continue to work with the CSC to develop appropriate legislation to implement recommendations for accessibility improvements which transcend County SAFE boundaries and authority.
 13. Metro Red Line Extensions - System Planning Report - Transit Committee (TC) recommends that the Commission approve the System Planning Report on the extension of the Metro Red Line and forward it to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration for its approval.
 14. Contract Award for Phase I of the Environmental Due Diligence Work for Baldwin Park/State Street Branch and the 2nd Subdivision - TC recommends that the Executive Director be authorized to award a contract for the performance of Phase 1 of the Environmental Due Diligence work on the SPTC's Baldwin Park/State Street Branch and Santa Fe's Second Subdivision properties to Converse Environmental, subject to the agreement of Southern Pacific Transportation Company and Santa Fe Railway Company to reimburse the LACTC for one-half of the respective costs. It also recommends the Commission approve the increase of the original budget estimate to complete Phase 1 of the Due Diligence study for seven railroad properties from \$300,000 to \$650,000.

15. Additional Funding for San Fernando Valley Rail Transit Project - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) - TC recommends the Commission increase the budget for the contract with Gruen Associates by \$130,000. This amendment would raise the total contract amount for the San Fernando Valley Rail Transit Project EIR to \$2,072,400.
16. SCRTD FY 1990 Metro Blue Line Activation Budget - TC recommends the Commission:
 - a. Approve the Blue Line Operations and Maintenance Cost Estimate as a guide to funding discussions with SCRTD for the Metro Blue Line for FY 1990, 1991, 1992.
 - b. Allocate \$9,978,000 to SCRTD for FY 1990 Metro Blue Line Activation activities. LACTC has budgeted \$7,612,495 in the project for FY 1990. The \$2,365,505 difference will mean an increase to the approved project budget and will be funded from the 5% set aside account of Prop. A 35% rail development account.
 - c. Transmit the report to SCRTD indicating that LACTC will utilize the report as a funding guide for FY 1990, 1991, and 1992.

The TC recommendation is made with the understanding that the Blue Line Budget Report was developed to be utilized as a budget guide.

17. Foothill Transit Zone - Capital Funding Request - TC recommends that the Commission:
 - a. Allocate \$923,660 to Foothill Transit Zone to offset the FY 1990 bus capital lease costs as a result of California Supreme Court imposed stay on implementation pending an appellate court decision. Funds are available in FY 1989 Foothill Transit Zone set-aside allocation.
 - b. Authorize the Executive Director to amend the existing agreement to reflect the allocation and conditions outlined in the staff report.

**RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION
CONSENT CALENDAR**

19. Metro Blue Line Contract No. R01-S11-E0006, Amendment No. 2 - RCC recommends the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. R01-S11-E0006 for DKS Associates for performing California Public Utilities Commission/Railroad Coordination services for calendar year 1990 for an amount of \$85,091. This will increase the total contract not to exceed amount from \$150,782 to \$240,873.
20. Metro Blue Line Contract No. R01-T01-C435 (Aerial Structures) - Change Order No. 032 - RCC recommends that the Commission approve Change Order No. 032 in the amount of \$264,368. This amount deletes the selected unit price items which were not used during the course of construction for this contract.
21. Metro Blue Line Contract No. R01-T01-C3270 (Long Beach Loop) - Change Order No. 016 - Recommends the Commission approve Change Order No. 016 in the amount of \$381,619. This contract involves construction of all trackwork and facilities within the light rail transit right-of-way.
22. Metro Blue Line Contract No. R01-T01-C140 (LACBD Approach) - Change Order No. 124 and Increase in AFE - RCC recommends that the Commission approve the following:
 - a. Change Order No. 124 in the amount of \$272,343.
 - b. An increase to the current Authorization of Expenditure (AFE) amount by \$5,967,056 to a revised total AFE of \$40,000,000.
23. Metro Blue Line Contract No. R01-T01-C265 (Station Superstructures) - Change Order No. 009 and Increase in AFE - Recommends the Commission approve the following:
 - a. Change Order No. 009 in the amount of \$267,077.
 - b. An increase to the current Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) of \$17,684,255. This increase in AFE will enable staff to process pending and anticipated changes. The \$1,972,455 will be transferred from the Project Reserve.

24. Metro Blue Line Contract No. R01-T07-H825 (Transit Signaling and Train Control) - Increase in AFE - Recommends the Commission approve an increase to the current AFE amount by \$1,118,722 to a revised total AFE of \$16,755,722. This increase in AFE will enable staff to process pending and anticipated changes. The \$1,118,722 will be transferred from the Project Reserve.
25. Metro Blue Line Contract No. R01-T01-C495 (Fencing LRT) - Increase in AFE - Recommends the Commission approve an increase to the current AFE amount by \$606,500 to a revised total AFE of \$5,614,415. This increase in AFE will enable staff to process pending and anticipated changes. The \$606,500 will be transferred from the Project Reserve.
26. Metro Blue Line - Art Program - Panelist List and Program Update - Recommends the Commission approve the list of potential panelists to be appointed to art panels, as appropriate, for the majority of the Metro Blue Line stations.
27. Metro Blue Line - Government Code Claims - Recommends the Commission reject the following claims:
 - a. Billy L. King
 - b. William R. Futrell
 - c. Jack Feinland
 - d. Jose S. Lopez
28. Metro Blue Line Contract No. C500 (Pedestrian Crossing) - The evaluation team has determined that although Herzog is a well-qualified contractor and met all the requirements of responsiveness and responsibility, the proposed bid price is considered excessive even with the eventual cost reduction of \$157,059.

It is recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to reject all bids and go out for a re-bid for the contract work. The evaluation team believe the Commission would be leaving about \$800,000 on the table.
29. Metro Blue Line Contract No. R01-T01-C275 (Landscaping) - Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award Contract No. R01-T01-C275 to Marina Contractors Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The contract award will be for a total contract price of \$1,602,925. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$160,075 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and extra work, but will not be included in the contract award amount. Award will be contingent upon resolution of any bid protest filed in a timely manner with the Commission.

30. Amendments to Rail Construction Corporation Ordinance, Articles of Incorporation & By-Laws - Recommends the Commission adopt the Resolution amending the Ordinance proposed in Attachment A, and the Commission and the Rail Construction Corporation adopt the resolution amending the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws proposed in Attachment B. These amendments change the number of directors from five to seven and change the appointing authority for board members. Further, the amendment to the Ordinance references the Transit Development Policies and Procedures Manual, Delegation of Authority section, to delegate to the RCC all rail construction authority previously delegated to the Rail Construction Committee, The Transit Committee and staff.

These amendments to be implemented and become effective upon receipt by the Commission of notification from the District of its selection of at least two of its three board members for the RCC. Upon receipt of such notification from the District, the terms of two of the RCC board members designated by the Commission shall terminate.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM

18. Public Comments on the San Fernando Valley Rail Transit Project EIR - TC directed staff that in preparing responses to comments in the Final Environmental Impact Report for the San Fernando Valley East/West Rail Transit Project, analysis of an alignment within the median of Ventura Freeway should not be pursued.

Ms. Kortizija indicated that at this point in time Supervisor Antonovich believes that it would be premature to exclude it from further investigation and to exclude it as an option. Therefore, she would like to modify the recommendation so that the EIR and the written comments can be incorporated into the final environmental impact report, and that we also allow for further investigation into the use of median.

Mr. John Stutman of Gruen Associates appeared before the Commission.

Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Rosa Kortizija to approve the staff recommendation with amendments, seconded by Mr. Alatorra. Hearing no objection, motion approved.

Mr. Szabo indicated that if staff finds however that this will causes a delay in the time table the matter will come back to the Commission for a possible follow up vote.

Mr. Grabinski was asked to chair the meeting for Mr. Edelman.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT

31. Proposed Air Quality Legislation - GRFC recommends that the Commission take the following actions on State legislation to fund the implementation of air quality plans and projects related to transportation:

- a. LACTC continue to work with other agencies to develop a consensus position on a bill.
- b. Support the LACTC provisions outlined in the agenda item, with these revisions:
 - 1) leave the registration fee open at this time so a fee over four dollars can be considered.
 - 2) concur in the need to rank the priority of transportation control measures or other projects/plans to be completed with funds under this bill.
 - 3) provide that funds to local jurisdictions would be funnelled through the ctc's and SCAG for oversight.
 - 4) include a provision that existing implementing agencies retain their current authorities and that the SCAQMD would not duplicate the services/programs they provide, such as in the case of Commuter Computer.

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

Discussion followed.

Commission amendments were added to the motion as follows:

- a. Limit the administrative overhead costs for all agencies administering these revenues.

- b. Provide that county transportation commission/SCAG and the AQMD develop and approve a work plan for the revenues with input from the cities and counties.
- c. Provide that cities and counties are guaranteed funding at an unspecified level to meet air quality needs.
- d. Provide funds off the top to the AQMD so as to provide relief from the current fee structure on stationary sources.
- e. All for exemptions of low-emission vehicles from this fees.
- f. Provide for a 20-year sunset clause.
- g. Restrict the use of funds to vehicle emission concerns.

These amendments with the original staff recommendations constitute a tentative LACTC position on this issue, pending the introduction of actual legislation.

Mr. Szabo moved approval with amendments, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

32. Award of Contract No. FA015 - Modular Systems Furniture - GRFC recommends that the Commission reject all bids for non-responsiveness based on the Evaluation Team's findings. This recommendation requires a two-thirds majority of the Commission for approval. The Committee further recommends that staff proceed to purchase needed furniture systems under the master cooperative agreement with the County. Purchase of the necessary furniture systems under the County agreement should total \$718,000 for the system plus \$48,400 for the sales tax. The monies were budgeted as part of the move budget.

Ms. Stevens moved approval, seconded by Ms. Reed.

The following people appeared before the Commission:

Robert Rice, Attorney for Advanced Business and Interiors
Wayne Okerman of Westinghouse Furniture Systems
Charles Hollins, owner of Advance Business Interiors.
Terry Kalman, Vice-President of T.W. McAllister and Associates, dealer for Hermann Miller Incorporated.

Mr. Peterson introduced Bob Lewis, LACTC's Manager of General Services. Mr Lewis briefed the Commission on the background leading up to the rejection of all received bids for FA015. An RFP was prepared specifying a number of detailed requirements particular of LACTC's use of the 818 7th Street Building space. Twenty-nine bid packages were released. Seven were submitted representing five manufacturers. No response met all the specifications. As an alternative, the staff proposes buying the specific furniture system through the General Services agreement with the County.

Much discussion followed.

Ms. Reed moved for approval of the staff recommendation, seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Commission Travel Request

Request was made for Commissioners Bacharach and Szabo to attend the Independent Cities Association Conference, February 23 and 25 in Santa Barbara. Ms. Reed moved for approval and to include Ms. Stevens, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Request was made for Commissioners Bacharach, Stevens, Szabo to attend the American Public Transit Legislative Conference held March 11 through 14 in Washington, D.C. Ms. Reed moved to authorize travel for those persons indicated above and also Messrs. Grabinski, Remy and Edelman. Motion was seconded. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts appeared before the Commission regarding bus service information.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Executive Director

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