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LACTC MINUTES

January 11, 1984

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Russell at 1:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Mayor Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Ernie Kell
Councilmember Christine E. Reed
Wendell Cox
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Mas Fukai, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Heinz Heckerth, Ex-Officio, for State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Ronald L. Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Honda, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 21, 1983 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs. Russell commented, "It has been a historic year in our county, and the LACTC has contributed to improving public transportation for now and for the future. Each of us can have pride in that. Following the time when Prop. A was passed and when the court decision was made, we have brought a focus to the many issues that we are working with. We are at a point now where our relationships with the agencies that we work with have reached maturity. We have taken

steps to move beyond the 3-year period on the fare reduction and I feel we are laying important groundwork for that time. We've established relationships with the cities through the Prop. A Local Return Program, and staff has done a good job on that as well as the Commissioners. The cities are now working on their own roles in the Prop. A system and, of course, are thinking about the cut-off of the fare subsidies. In rail transit, we have made a great deal of progress. The development of the "white paper" by staff has helped to define the roles of the various public agencies in our county. We have moved forward in the Los Angeles-Long Beach line, with the Rapid Transit Committee leading the way on that. Metro Rail has made tremendous strides, though of course we still have work to do. We have been working with the other public agencies and with the private sector and will continue to do that. I think we are finally seeing ourselves as part of a large region and working on regional transportation and regional issues. Our highway programs have made progress since a year ago. We were seeing some shifts in State policies then, and this past year we have had some success with the State, and certainly with Caltrans. Our legislative program has also been successful. It has not been easy, but we've brought off the victories that we've needed, and I think rather brilliantly. I think the same will be said for the revenue bonding legislation, which we're counting on for the future. We've seen a sharper focus taken on many issues from the new staff members, and I have been very pleased with the work they have done. I think not only has the staff been working with every Commissioner on their roles, but they have been getting out into the community and laying the groundwork for what we'll be doing in the future. I feel that it's been a year of moving ahead, and I'm very pleased to have participated in that. I've said to the members of the Commission before that I really have valued working on the Commission, and have both respect and affection for the members, something I don't always have when I work with groups. We've had the privilege of being able to work with each other at a good level and I look forward to having that continued. Having given my last words as the chair, I'm going to move us into the election of the Vice Chair and will open the floor for nominations."

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Ernie Kell nominated Jacki Bacharach for the position of Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Sanborn. Hearing no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. By voice vote, Commissioner Bacharach was unanimously elected by the Commissioners present.

Mrs. Russell congratulated Mrs. Bacharach and Supervisor Antonovich and turned the meeting over to Supervisor Antonovich.

Chairman Antonovich presented to Mrs. Russell a resolution and a gift on behalf of the Commission.

REMARKS OF NEW OFFICERS

Chairman Antonovich commented that he is pleased to assume the position as chair of the LACTC and follow in Mrs. Russell's footsteps. He said this year is going to leave us many important decisions for us to follow-up on. Some of them are as follows: the revenue bonding legislation in the State Legislature; the breaking ground on the Metro Rail; the development of light rail systems within the County of Los Angeles; and the development of plans for a larger system of rail lines in accordance with the Proposition A ballot position. With the transit operators, the Commission must develop a cost-effective mix of bus and paratransit services to maintain mobility after the reduced fare ends in 18 months. We must work with Caltrans towards expeditious development of the highway projects already identified and funded, and identification of a comprehensive plan to meet the highway needs into the future. He wants the Commission to work closely with all units of government, the State administration and the State Legislature in addressing our mutual concerns. He asked each of the members to review their current Commission committee assignments and, if they desired any changes, to let him know within ten days so that the committee assignments can be announced at the January 25 meeting. He extended his appreciation to Pat Russell for the excellent job she has done as chairwoman of this Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of January 9. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

The California Transportation Commission's SCR 46
Highway Needs Study

- o Approve the staff recommendation regarding transmittal of Commission comments on the SCR 46 Highway Study to the California Transportation Commission.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Caltrans Highway System Plan

- o Approve staff recommendation #1 that Caltrans clarify the method and timeline by which local comments will be received and considered during the development of the various Highway System Plan.
 - Direct staff to return with further information on the plan's provision for public review and comment within the technical process.
- o Defer action on staff recommendation #2 that the Commission consider Caltrans' Highway System Plan information during development of the LACTC 10-year State Highway Plan for L.A. County.
 - Request staff to prepare a report on how Caltrans' Highway System Plan relates to the Commission's 10-year Plan.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

User-Side Subsidy Pilot Project

- o Defer action on the User-Side Subsidy Pilot Project.
- o Refer the project report to the Bus Operations Subcommittee and Technical Advisory Committee for review prior to formally approving the project concept.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Follow-Up on Funding for L.A. County Transit Service

- o Direct staff to seek legal opinion from County Counsel as to whether State law currently allows the Commission to fund the L.A. transit service in Santa Clarita Valley.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Mr. Cox clarified that the legal opinion should be sought on what actions the Commission must take to fund transit service in Santa Clarita Valley and whether eight Commission votes are necessary to take those actions.

Mr. Sanborn moved to amend his motion to include Mr. Cox's clarification; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no further objections, motion was carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the IRC's meeting of January 11.

State Legislation

Technical Amendments to Revenue Bonding Legislation - Minor technical amendments to the revenue bonding legislation had been discussed. These amendments were suggested by Bond Counsel to strengthen the effectiveness of the legislation. Three of the four amendments considered were unanimously approved. The Committee will take a further look at the fourth requested amendment. All amendments suggested will be presented to the full Commission at the next regular meeting.

Informational Items on State Legislation

Mr. Remy attended the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting to discuss our revenue bonding legislation.

Recent meetings were held with the editorial editors of Channels 2, 4, and 7 and radio stations KNX and KBIG, and the editorial board of the Herald Examiner, to discuss the revenue bonding legislation.

Recent meetings were held in conjunction with the Greater Los Angeles Transportation Coalition with Congressman Jim Howard, U.S. Senator Lockenberg, and Congresswoman Lynn Martin on transportation matters.

Update on Two-Year Bills

There were no bills to be brought to the attention of the Commissioners at this time.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported that the RTC had a workshop on affirmative action policies which the Committee is considering for use as the rail transit project approaches design and construction stages. The Committee had suggested that further contacts be made with interested and experienced individuals and agencies along the corridor to help the Committee formulate the policies. The Committee will be bringing it up in the near future to the Commission for recommended action. The representative route and mode for the Pasadena Corridor will reported on at the next Commission meeting.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC's meeting of January 4. The recommendations are as follows:

Resolution for Mary Sandoe

Approve the adoption of a resolution for Mary Sandoe, Get-About Transportation, for her work toward providing consolidated paratransit transportation.

Pomona Valley Transit Needs Study

Approve forwarding a letter to the Project Management Committee (PMC) to express the Commission's concerns about the Pomona Valley Transit Needs Study. The issues raised include: regional service, contracting alternatives, time transfer service structure, and financial plan.

Mr. Cox moved for approval of his report; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Transportation and Development Seminar - A seminar is scheduled for February 24 & 25, 1984 at USC Law Center. Interested Commissioners should notify the Executive Director as soon as possible.
2. Introduction of New Employee - Introduced Glenda Stamps who has joined the Commission staff as Assistant Analyst, Transit Programs in the Programming and Fiscal Analysis Division.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented on the cutback of RTD services.

NEW BUSINESS

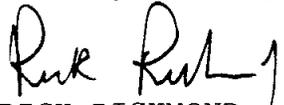
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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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