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LACTC MINUTES

January 25, 1984

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Antonovich at 2:40 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilmember Christine E. Reed
Councilman Ernie Kell
Wendell Cox
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Heinz Heckeroth, 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 January 11, 1984 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Antonovich indicated that each Commissioner had received a copy of the committee assignments and asked if there were any objections to the committee chairs or members to the respective committees. A motion was made and seconded to approve the committee assignment for 1984. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTSRAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported that, at the January 23 RTC meeting, the committee considered the following item:

Representative Route and Mode in Pasadena Corridor
for Further Analysis

To complete the selection of representative rail transit routes and modes in high-priority corridors for further analysis, the Rapid Transit Committee considered the recommendation of staff, the position of Commission's Technical Advisory Committee, letters received from elected officials, and the comments of representatives of cities, members of the legislature, California State University-Los Angeles, and community organizations.

Staff recommended adoption of a representative route and mode consisting of a primarily surface light rail line through Lincoln Heights and El Sereno and using the Route 7 median into Pasadena. Staff noted that the capital cost estimate for the Lincoln Heights/Route Alternative assumes a substantial amount of at-grade, relatively low-cost construction. Should the assumed conditions change significantly in subsequent "project development," which will have to be done to define a specific alignment for this route, staff indicated that it may recommend reconsideration of the alternative using the El Monte Busway and the Route 7 median.

After hearing all sides of the issues, the Rapid Transit Committee recommended:

- o That the Commission adopt for purposes of further analysis the Lincoln Heights/Route 7 candidate as the "representative route and mode" in the Pasadena Corridor. Further, because of uncertain factors about this candidate, the Commission should ask staff and Caltrans to keep open the option for a project using the El Monte Busway and Route 7, by planning for a busway (convertible to rail) in Route 7 connecting to the El Monte Busway.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of this recommendation, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan.

Persons who requested to speak before the Commission were representatives of the United Neighborhoods Organization (UNO), California State University-Los Angeles, and the City of Alhambra; and private citizen (Bryan Allen).

Mr. Richmond was asked by Chairman Antonovich to respond to the various comments made. Mr. Richmond summarized the major points made by the speakers.

Much discussion followed.

Roll call vote for approval of the staff's recommendation:

Ayes: Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Remy, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mr. Kell, Mr. Cox, Chairman Antonovich

Nays: None

Motion was carried.

Mrs. Bacharach continued her report of the Rapid Transit Committee following Mr. Ongerth's remarks.

REMARKS BY MIKE ONGERTH

Mrs. Bacharach introduced Mr. Mike Ongerth, General Manager in charge of Amtrak and Transit Systems for the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

Mr. Ongerth indicated that his new position was created to coordinate efforts of the Southern Pacific in working cooperatively with communities and organizations, such as the LACTC, to develop workable transportation plans and designs. They have routes and rights-of-way that are potentially useful and they recognize the communities' interests and concerns. He is interested in seeing the overall plans for the L.A. County area and detailed plans for the L.A.-Long Beach light rail line. He has been impressed with what has been accomplished so far between the staffs of the Commission and the local Southern Pacific. It has given them an opportunity to have input early in the planning process and have been able to address important concerns. He thanked the Commission for inviting him.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Continuation of the RTC report by Mrs. Bacharach:

Rapid Transit Implementation Strategy

The Rapid Transit Committee has completed the selection of all of the representative route and mode combinations. The LACTC staff and consultants are completing analysis of the performance of each as part of a potential "interim system" of rail transit lines which includes operations

analysis, ridership forecasts and consideration of construction phasing opportunities. Preliminary findings from this "Stage 3" analysis will be presented to the Rapid Transit Committee in February. These findings will tell us much more about system operations, linkages between routes and financing options; remaining will be the issue of when a particular corridor should be scheduled for project development. Closely related to that question is a federal commitment to funding level for the Metro Rail project, which will provide more detail about schedule and financing factors to consider making further decisions on developing other projects. The timing of the federal decision is uncertain but expected within the next two months; once it is made, the Rapid Transit Committee will begin considering a complete strategy for building other rail transit projects.

Metro Rail Project

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, LACTC is a "responsible agency" in the area of financing for the Metro Rail Project. As such, LACTC must file a "Notice of Determination" based on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) prepared by SCRTD. Therefore, the Rapid Transit Committee recommends that the Commission take these actions:

- o Accept the "Statement of Findings" and "Statement of Overriding Considerations" from the FEIR prepared by SCRTD with the acknowledgement that -
 1. LACTC has responsibility primarily in the area of local financing of the project as specified in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adopted annually by LACTC; and
 2. Changes or alterations required in the project to accomplish the mitigation measures in the "Statement of Findings" are the responsibility of the "lead agency," SCRTD. Included among these would be mitigation of ground-borne noise levels to acceptable standards.
- o File the "Notice of Determination" as presented in the staff report.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was approved.

Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project Environmental Impact Report

Staff briefed the RTC on the planned schedule of events for issuance and review of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Committee expects to ask the Commission to authorize issuance of the draft EIR on May 9, 1984. This will begin the formal circulation and review process required by law, which will include public hearings to be held throughout the corridor in the month of June. Staff has begun preparations required for adhering to State guidelines and providing activities that are necessary to insure well-organized and attended public hearings. One of these requirements is an extensive program of published documents and written notifications. To prepare for these, the Committee recommends:

- o That the Commission authorize issuance of an invitation for bids for printing services for the EIR documents and related materials. Staff estimates the total contract value of \$97,000 and will be including in the Bidders' List firms located within the project corridor. Staff will consider the Commission's objectives of economy and participation of disadvantaged business enterprises in recommending award of either multiple contracts (each for a portion of the printing services) or a single contract for all services. Once bids are opened, staff will return to the Committee and the Commission for contract award.

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

Staff also briefed the Committee on the status of the project. Discussion with the SPTC regarding track layout have been completed and staff is working on a mutually-acceptable design for sharing the right-of-way presently owned by the railroad. Staff is also reviewing and identifying sites for maintenance facilities, some of which have already been lost to development since the review began. The Committee will be discussing these issues further in the near future.

In month of February, the Committee will consider those actions necessary to prepare for the scheduled September authorization of design and construction of the Long Beach-Los Angeles project. Included in these actions are organization decisions for management of design and construction.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of January 23. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

Recall of Regional Bikeway Funds

- o Recall \$8,400 of TDA Article 3 Regional Bikeway funds from the City of Los Angeles' Venice Boulevard Bikeway project due to the City's lack of compliance with the Commission's timely use of funds policy.

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

LACTC Operating Budget Status Report

- o Approve the amended Commission operating budget for FY 1983-84.

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

Proposition A Fare Reduction Quarterly Report and Revenue/Expense Status Report

- o Direct staff to return with a detailed report regarding the Proposition A accounting process, and proposed wording for a formal commitment of FY 1983-84 Proposition A funds to the Proposition A Rail Program.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the Committee was informed by staff that the LACTC Transit TIP and Short-Range Transit Plan will be developed by the Commission during the months of March, April and May.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the following items discussed at the IRC meeting of January 25:

Update of Two-Year Bills

AB 88 (Young) - Bill is on the Assembly Floor

AB 613 (Moore) - Bill is dead for this session.

SB 1220 (Marks) - Bill has been sent to interim study.

SB 1264 (Robbins) - The IRC recommended a change in the position of the bill from "oppose" to "no position." Mr. Szabo moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 1376 (LaFollette) - Bill failed, but will be reintroduced in the next session.

SB 888 (Robbins) - Bill is dead for this session.

1984-85 State Budget

The Committee recommended that LACTC support the proposed State Budget in all of the areas concerning transportation excepting for ridesharing. The Committee would like to again insist that the \$6 million of SB 320 funds be used for ridesharing rather than General Fund purposes, especially in light of a probably budget surplus.

Report by the LACTC Sacramento Representative

Revenue bonding legislation bills (SB 1333 and AB 2271) will be coming up for hearing in the Senate and Assembly Transportation Committees on February 21.

Federal Legislation - Report by the LACTC Washington Representative

Copies of Irving Smith's report were distributed to the Commissioners. Mr. Szabo went over the report.

Revenue Bonding Legislation

Mr. Remy reported on the technical amendments to the revenue bonding legislation. SB 1333 and AB 2271 will be up for hearing on February 21. All of the technical amendments were approved at the last IRC meeting with the exception of the section pertaining to police powers which counsel feels is necessary. The words, "as far as it pertains to such projects." have added at the end of Article 3(c).

Mr. Remy moved for approval of all the technical amendments and asked that they be amended into our revenue bonding legislation before it is heard on February 21; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

No report - the next meeting is scheduled for February 1.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. APTA Legislation Conference - Scheduled for March 12-13, Washington, D.C. Interested Commissioners should let staff know as soon as possible.
- B. APTA Western Conference - Scheduled for April 14-19, Portland, Oregon
- C. Appointment of TDA Article 8 Hearing Board - The purpose of these yearly public hearings is to determine whether there are any unmet transit needs in areas of Los Angeles County which are not part of the SCRTD service area. The hearings are scheduled for February 23-Valencia, March 7-Lancaster, and March 23-Avalon at 7:00 p.m.

The FY 1984-85 Hearing Board is recommended to consist of:

- 1. An at-large member of LACTC, appointed by the Chairman
- 2. Supervisor Antonovich or his designee
- 3. Supervisor Dana or his designee
- 4. A representative appointed by SCAG
- 5. A member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, selected by the CAC

The findings of the Hearing Board are scheduled to come before the Commission in April 1984.

Staff recommends LACTC appointment of the above Hearing Board.

Chairman Antonovich appointed Mr. Cox to represent the LACTC.

Mr. Remy moved for approval of appointment, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

- D. Mr. Richmond presented LACTC T-shirts to Mrs. Russell, as past chairwoman, and Chairman Antonovich.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Remy stated that Joe Leach of LACTC staff was recognized and honored with the Will Baughman Award by the Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Antonovich recessed the meeting until January 30 at 8:30 a.m. at the Airport Hilton in Los Angeles.

It was moved and seconded to recess to January 30. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Meeting was recessed at 3:45 p.m.

Meeting was reconvened on January 30, 1984 at 8:45 a.m. There was a discussion of Commission priorities for the next 18 months and ways of improving the Commission's effectiveness. No actions were taken. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



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Executive Director

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