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LACTC MINUTES

February 8, 1984

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Antonovich at 2:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Mayor Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman Ernie Kell
Wendell Cox
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Mas Fukai, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Councilman Robert White, alternate to Councilperson Reed
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio, for State of California

Staff 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 25, 1984 meeting were approved, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Antonovich stated that the January 30 retreat went very well and it was well attended. Copies of a summary of the proceedings and follow-up actions of the retreat were distributed to the Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of February 6. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

Local Return and Fare Reduction Program Audit

- o Approve staff recommendation for corrective action regarding the FY 1982-83 Proposition A Local Return audit findings except as noted below:

Direct staff to return with a recommendation regarding the establishment of separate Proposition A accounts after meeting with affected cities.

- o Approve staff recommendation concerning the following:
 - Renewal of contract with Coopers & Lybrand/Wilfong & Co. to perform FY 1983-84 Local Return audit at a cost of less than \$100,000.
 - Fiscal Year 1984-85 audit approach.

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

Conclusion of the Long Beach Action Plan

- o Approve staff recommendation to approve Section III of the Long Beach Public Transportation Company's Action Plan.

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

Continued Employment of Graphic Artist

- o Approve staff recommendation to reapprove the position of graphic artist, and remove the condition of an annual review to substantiate the need for this position.

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

Selection of Graphic Artist for Publications Project

- o Approve selection of the firm of Paul S. Young to design and print various LACTC publications.

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

Programming of Proposition A Funds to Rail Set-Aside Fund

- o Approve the programming of the Non-Local Return portion of FY 1983-84 Proposition A revenues in excess of \$157,942,800 needed for the Fare Reduction Program to the Proposition A Rail Program.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported on the following information items:

- o A motion to approve the staff recommendation regarding funding for Santa Clarita Valley Transit Service failed, and no further action was taken on this item.
- o The Committee reviewed staff's report on the status of Proposition A revenues and expenses.
- o Staff reported on the schedule for review and approval of the Highway TIP.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the IRC's meeting of February 8, as follows:

Revenue Bonding Legislation

A request had been received from the City of Lancaster to amend the bill to make clear that the Commission could not bond against Local Return money. The Committee felt that this is already covered in the legislation, but recommended that the Commission adopt the following policy:

"The LACTC will not use funds originally allocated under the Local Return Program either as a pledge or replayment source for its sales tax revenue bonds, except where requested by a recipient city."

The State Treasurer's Office has expressed a concern that it needs to be involved in the Commission's issuance of revenue bonds. The Commission has worked out language with the State Treasurer's Office, which would involve the following four amendments to the legislation:

- (1) A 90-day notice provision to the California Debt Advisory Commission.
- (2) If we do not give notice 30 days prior to issuance, the bonds would be null and void.
- (3) Notify the State Treasurer's Office of the time and place when we adopt the Resolution of Issue.
- (4) The State Treasurer would have the opportunity to file objections and the Commission would respond.

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

State Legislation

AB 613 (Moore) - Bill has been dropped and ACR 109 substituted; therefore, the Committee recommended a support position and that the Commission communicate our concerns to Caltrans who would perform the study.

SB 283 (Foran) - Bill would amend the STIP process and should be supported, if amended, to address the Commission's concerns.

SB 1264 (Robbins) - Bill has been amended and the Committee recommends that we drop the "oppose" position and adopt a "no" position.

AB 2359 (Clute) - Bill involves the transfer of STA funds for Federal funds with other counties. The Committee recommends support.

Mr. Remy moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Federal Legislation

Mr. Irving Smith, Commission's Washington representative, gave an oral report on the Federal budget.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meeting of February. The Committee's recommendations are as follows:

The Committee met to begin preparations for the impending authorization (scheduled for September 1984) of design and construction of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. These mobilizing actions fall into eight principal areas: organization and staffing, critical policy statements, railroad appraisals, scope of work for design, specialized legal counsel, real estate procedures, budget and delegation of budgeted authority.

Organization - The Committee would like to reach a Commission consensus on formally designating responsibility for program management as soon as possible. The options were discussed at length and staff was asked to present at the next meeting an evaluation of advantages and disadvantages of placing program management responsibility with a subsidiary organization accountable to the Commission and of placing it in the Transit Development Division of Commission staff. In making this request, the Committee recommended that the Commission:

- o Resolve to retain direct control of the program management function for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, either through its own staff or a subsidiary organization -- with a choice between the two to be made as soon as possible.

Critical Policy Statements - Before going into design, the Commission must set certain policies which include requirements for affirmative action in employment by staff and contractors, provision for participation in the project by disadvantaged and women's business enterprises, and the Commission's role in economic development associated with the project. With the concurrence of the Committee, staff is currently reviewing preliminary policy recommendations with interested parties and public agencies. The Committee will bring recommendations to the Commission for action in the near future.

Railroad Appraisals - As preparation for entering discussions with the Southern Pacific Transportation Company concerning an agreement for shared use of their right-of-way, the Committee recommended that the Commission:

- o Authorize the Executive Director to issue requests for proposals and award contracts for the conduct of independent railroad appraisals, at a total

cost not to exceed \$100,000. (This railroad appraisal work has been shown in the budget for engineering/environmental work, but is now being redefined as part of our mobilizing for design.)

Scoping of Work and Procedures for Design - In order to commence design work on the project on schedule, staff needs to engage an independent consultant to assist in preparing the scope of work for design, recommending division of tasks among design disciplines and reviewing administrative and technical management procedures. Since this work is expected to take up to 5 months, the Committee recommended that the Commission:

- o Authorize the Executive Director to issue requests for proposals for an independent consultant to conduct this preparatory work; such consultant would not be eligible to fill the role of design management consultant under the organization for design and construction. Staff will return to the Committee with its selection of a consultant for recommendation to the Commission for award of contract.

Specialized Legal Counsel - Preparing for design and construction of this project will require a considerable amount of assistance from legal advisers, most notably in the areas of permits and licenses, railroad agreements and real estate transactions necessary to the project. The Committee concurred with staff that the most cost-effective way to obtain these highly-specialized services would be to engage a law firm of sufficiently-broad scope to encompass all of these disciplines, which could be called upon as needed, with regular billing based on an established schedule of fees. The Committee recommended that the Commission:

- o Authorize the Executive Director to solicit expressions of interest and qualifications and indication of professional charges from law firms as potential legal advisers for Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. Staff will return to the Committee and the Commission for selection of a firm and to establish a specific contract amount.

Real Estate Procedures - Before design work can commence, procedures for real estate transactions need to be adopted. The Committee recommended that the Commission:

- o Authorize the Executive Director to seek proposals for preparation of real estate procedures for the project and to contract for such services at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Budget Allocation - In taking the actions recommended above, the Commission will commence incurring expenses for mobilizing for design of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. Therefore it is appropriate that costs attendant to this mobilization effort be accounted for separately from the budget previously authorized for engineering and environmental work. \$100,000 of the current budget for engineering and environmental work will be applied toward this design mobilization work; another \$400,000 is estimated to be required between now and October 1, 1984 for design mobilization work. Therefore, the Commission recommended that the Commission:

- o Allocate a total of \$500,000 as the initial budget apportionment from the "Proposition A Rail Set-Aside Fund" of LACTC, as indicated in the projected budget. This budget is intended to be sufficient for design preparation and mobilization activities conducted between now and October 1984, subject to item-by-item authorization by the Commission.

Delegation of Budgeted Authority - The Committee has chosen to consider delegation of budgeted authority to staff only after decisions have been made on the assignment of responsibility for program management.

Future Decisions - Decisions to prepare for design and construction authorization will be foremost on the agenda of the Rapid Transit Committee over the next several weeks. It is the desire of the Committee to reach a consensus among Commissioners on all decisions as soon as possible so as not to jeopardize the schedule for the project. Beyond these considerations, the Committee expects to receive shortly preliminary findings of staff's system analysis (Stage 3) of representative rail transit routes and modes in high-priority corridors around the county. The Committee will share these findings and discuss them with the Commission in the near future.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the Committee's recommendations, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC's meeting of February 1, 1984. The Committee's recommendations are as follows:

Coordinating Transportation Services Through a JPA

- o Approve the JPA guide to be distributed to interested cities with the understanding that the introduction be modified to include the other coordinating mechanisms that are addressed in the report.

New Paratransit Operations Subcommittee Member in Membership Category C-Social Service Agencies

- o Approve the following recommendation for filling the PAROS membership vacancy:

Don Rogers
Community and Social Services
City of Culver City
4153 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230

Mr. Cox moved for approval of the SCC's recommendations; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Commissioners' Request for Travel -

Wendell Cox to attend the initial meeting of the new Women in Transit Committee on February 23-24 in Atlanta.

- b. Jacki Bacharach and Blake Sanborn to attend hearing on revenue bonding legislation in Sacramento on February 14.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, requests for travel were approved.

- B. Service Dispute between Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines and Culver City Municipal Bus Lines - Staff recommended that this matter be referred to the Service Coordination Committee for its review.

Mr. Cox moved for approval of staff's recommendation; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

- C. LACTC Audit - Copies of the audit report of the LACTC for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983 were distributed to the Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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