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LACTC MINUTES

April 11, 1984

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

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Jacki Bacharach  
Councilmember Christine E. Reed  
Councilman Ernie Kell  
Wendell Cox  
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
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 March 28 should be amended to indicate that Ray Remy was in attendance at the meeting. The minutes were approved, as amended.

CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs. Bacharach welcomed and introduced the representatives from MATRA and thanked them for showing the film on their automated light rail system to the Commissioners. She also expressed her appreciation for their hospitality when she visited their city and rode on the light rail system, VAL.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC's meeting of April 9. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

Mobilization Actions for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

- o Approve staff's recommended mobilization actions for design and construction of the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project, including:
  - a. Hiring 7 staff members;
  - b. Retaining temporary staff recruitment assistance;
  - c. Leasing an additional vehicle; and
  - d. Authorizing a search for office space to accommodate staff.

The Finance Review Committee and Rapid Transit Committee recommendations regarding formation of a Policy Oversight Committee are reported by Mrs. Bacharach under the Rapid Transit Committee's report.

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

FY '84 Transit TIP Amendments

- o Approve the six FY '84 Transit TIP amendments from RTD and Santa Monica which are described in the staff report.
- o Direct staff to report back at the next meeting on the issue of the timing of RTD's amendment request for funding for an additional 30 small buses.

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

FY '84 Transit TIP Reallocation

- o Reallocate State and Federal funds in the FY '84 Transit TIP as described in the staff report.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

## Long Beach Transit Article 4.5 Special Project Request

- o Allocate \$20,000 of available FY ;83 Article 4.5 funds to Long Beach Transit for use in FY '84.

The Service Coordination Committee also approved this action.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

## Change in Scope to UMTA Challenge Grant

- o Approve the change in scope to the UMTA Challenge Grant described in the staff report.
- o Request that the Central City Association appoint an LACTC Commissioner to the Challenge Grant Advisory Committee.

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

## Replacement of State Highway Projects

- o Substitute high-priority LACTC projects for about \$4 million of State highway projects which are recommended for deletion by Caltrans. Projects recommended for funding include the Route 405, Sepulveda to Ventura soundwall, and widening of Route 30, Baseline Road, in Claremont.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox. Mr. Heckerth objected to the motion because it would fund projects on geographical basis instead of on the merits of the project.

There was much discussion.

Hearing no further objections, all members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion was carried.

## Application for Associate Membership in AASHTO

- o Apply for Associate Membership in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, at a cost of about \$1,000 per year.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval; seconded by Mr. King. Mr. Remy indicated that this matter was also discussed at the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and they were supportive of this application of membership in AASHTO.

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mrs. Reed also reported on the following information items:

Status Report on RTD's Pilot Studies

The Committee was informed that RTD is making progress in investigating different service concepts including para-transit substitution, pulse point transfer centers and contracting.

Amendment to PERS Contract for Extra Service Credit

The Committee was informed of staff's intent to recommend adoption of a resolution to amend the Commission's retirement contract to allow extra service credits.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the IRC's meeting of April 11. The Committee's recommendations are as follows:

State Legislation

Update on SB 1333/AB 2271 - Mr. Richmond reported that nothing has transpired in terms of any formal action in the last two weeks. Staff is currently projecting that SB 1333 will be heard and is trying to schedule a hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee's first meeting in May.

AB 43 (Mountjoy) - Support so that cities and counties could be reimbursed, including inflation costs, for soundwall construction when stint of reimbursement would occur to encourage local governments to invest some of their own funds in the soundwall construction program to speed up program.

AB 690 (Isenberg) - Support so that all transit agencies would have ability to receive 10% advance funds of the State's total rail project commitments.

AB 2569 (Frizzelle) - Oppose at this time since the Committee has concerns on some North/South split issues; however, the Committee recommended that the bill be part of a broader legislation to deal with highway funding issues.

AB 2720 (Mountjoy) - Recommended that the bill be referred to Interim Study due to the magnitude of changing the TDA Program and oppose that portion of the bill which would change the STA apportionment formula.

SB 1417 (Beverly) - Support so that SCRTD would be able to issue grant anticipation notes from State and local funds as well as Federal funds.

Mr. Remy moved for the approval of the Committee's recommendations on the bills reported above; seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

SB 1995 (Robbins) - Mr. Remy moved that this bill be held over for two weeks; seconded by Mrs. Reed. All those present were in favor of the motion. Motion was carried.

Sacramento Briefing - Scheduled for May 7-8 with the Los Angeles County delegation.

#### RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meeting of April 9. The Committee's recommendations are as follows:

##### Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel

- o Authorize the Executive Director to solicit qualifications and indications of professional fees for a Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel for our near-term rail transit funding requirements. Staff will recommend a selection by the Commission for these professional services. The maximum amount for the first year of the Financial Advisor contract will not exceed \$75,000. The amount of the Bond Counsel contract (which would not be executed unless and until LACTC is authorized to issue revenue bonds) will depend on the size of the bond or note issue.

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

##### Polity Oversight Committee

- o To begin the process of constituting the Policy Oversight Committee (four citizens plus the Rapid Transit Committee) for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, these actions wererecommended:
  - 1) Adopt these criteria for appointment to the committee:

- familiarity with transportation issues;

- experience with major construction projects or the financing of such projects or private sector management expertise;
  - commitment of time to Committee activities (no alternates permitted).
- 2) Open nominations to members of the Commission, each of whom may nominate two citizens; the Executive Director will receive resumes of nominees through May 15; the Chairs of LACTC and its Committees will meet to review and screen nominations for Commission appointment;
  - 3) Establish reimbursement for citizen members of the committee on the same basis as Commission members and alternates.

Staff will be preparing specific recommendations on delegation of authority to the Committee and guidelines and procedures for operation of the Policy Oversight Committee.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Mr. Geoghegan expressed his reservations and concerns about expanding the committee members to beyond the Commission members and opposed the recommendation. Hearing no further objections, motion was carried.

#### Draft Environmental Impact Report

The Rapid Transit Committee has completed its review of a rough draft Environmental Impact Report for the project. In two weeks the Committee will be asking the Commission to release the Draft EIR for public review and hearings. A workshop will be held on the Draft EIR for Commissioners on April 25.

#### Coming Attractions

In the next few weeks, the Committee will be making recommendations for selection of consultants authorized by the Commission, including a law firm to serve as Special Counsel for the Long Beach-Los Angeles project.

#### Project Development Budget

Copies of the latest budget for the project development phase of the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project were distributed to the Commissioners. Of the total budget of \$4,700,000, staff estimates that \$3.3 million has been expended. It is anticipated that completion of project development will be well within the budget.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC's meeting of April 10. The recommendations of the Committee for Commission approval are as follows:

Approval of Allocation of Article 4.5 Special Project Funds to Long Beach

Approve the allocation of \$20,000 of available FY 1982-83 Article 4.5 funds to Long Beach Transit for use in FY 1983-84. The funds will be used to implement an automated client certification and trip scheduling system for Dial-A-Lift operation.

Action was taken on this item under the Finance Review Committee report.

Approval of Revisions to By-Laws of Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Council

Approve the following revisions to the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Council By-Laws concerning Council membership:

- o The number of members shall remain at twenty (20).
- o Membership will consist of thirteen (13) designated members and seven (7) at-large members to be appointed by the Commission. All members are to be representatives of elderly or handicapped organizations, with approximately equal representation between the two groups.
- o The thirteen designated representatives would be the current Council members representing elderly or handicapped agencies.

Mr. Cox moved for approval of the revisions to the By-Laws; seconded by Mr. King.

Much discussion followed. Mrs. Reed objected to the removing of transit operators from the Council membership. Mr. Remy suggested that a report be made within a six-month period concerning the attendance and participation within the Council. All members present voted in favor of the revision to the By-Laws with the exception of Mrs. Reed who voted no. Hearing no further objection, motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointments - Commissioner Reed nominated Karl Schober to serve as a new member and reappointed James Cragin and Murray Nixon to serve an additional two-year term on the CAC. She requested for Commission's approval on these nominations.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objection, nominations were approved.

2. Commissioners' Travel Request - Commissioners Cox and Kell had expressed an interest in attending the APTA Western Conference in Portland, Oregon on April 15-19, 1984. Commission's approval was requested for their travel.

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

3. Announcement - Caroline Watts was elected President of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1984-85.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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