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LACTC MINUTES

April 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 Mike Antonovich  
Mayor Jacki Bacharach  
Councilmember Christine E. Reed  
Councilman Ernie Kell  
Wendell Cox  
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Heinz Heckerroth, 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 the April 11, 1984 meeting were unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

At the request of Commissioner Russell, Chairman Antonovich approved the substitution of Commissioner Wendell Cox for Mrs. Russell on the Rapid Transit Committee, effective April 18, 1984. He moved for approval of the substitution which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Chairman Antonovich congratulated Ray Remy on his recent appointment as President of the Greater Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of April 23, 1984. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Proposed FY 1984-85 Article 4.5 Allocations

- o Allocate \$261,067 of Article 4.5 Community Transit incentive funds for five subregional paratransit projects.

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

Additional Legal Opinion on Eligible Uses of Proposition A Funds

- o Authorize the Executive Director to seek a clarifying legal opinion responding to questions raised by the Los Angeles County and the City of Long Beach. Also, authorize expenditure of funds for this purpose.

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

Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) Proposed Regulation 6

- o Defer action on proposed Regulation 6 relating to required submission of ridesharing plans by employers of 700 or more until those affected are provided with time to review and comment on the proposed regulation.

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

Allocation of the Discretionary Fund Under Proposition A Beginning FY 1986

- o Authorize staff to proceed on schedule with the Proposition A Discretionary Program Discussion Papers, and
- o Maintain the November 1984 deadline for the Commission's final action on the Discretionary Fund.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the following items were held over:

- o Consideration of Santa Clarita Valley Transit Service
- o Follow-up on SCRTD's FY 1984 TIP Amendment
- o FY 1985 Transit Capital Projects

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC's meeting of April 25. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

State Legislation

Update on Revenue Bonding Legislation - AB 1333 will hopefully be scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee on May 8 and a number of LACTC Commissioners will be in attendance. AB 2271 (Young) is now defunct.

AB 2245 (Mountjoy) - This bill revises existing law by allowing replacement of Arroyo Seco lands for State highway purposes if the replacement property is adjacent and is of equal or greater value. Since this bill does not technically affect the California Transportation Commission's selection of a route location for the Long Beach Freeway gap closure, the Committee's recommendation is to watch the progress of the bill.

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

AB 2504 (Klehs) - Would exempt from State and local sales tax "mass commuting vehicles" under safe harbor leasing, sale-leaseback, or lease-leaseback arrangements.

IRC recommended support of the bill.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Much discussion followed with several Commissioners expressing opposition to the Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Szabo made a substitute motion that the bill be returned back to Committee; seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 2938 (Rogers) - Would have changed the apportionment method for 20% of the State gas tax to California counties from a percentage based on the number of registered vehicles to a percentage based on the number of county maintained roads. The IRC was opposed to this bill due to the potential fiscal impact on Los Angeles as an urbanized county. Word was received that the bill was sent to Interim Hearing so for this legislative period, no motion is necessary.

AB 2956 (Floyd) - Bill would prohibit the allocation to or expenditure of any TDA Local Transportation Fund money to a transit operator during a labor dispute.

The Committee recommended opposition to this bill.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval of committee's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Geoghegan. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

SB 1702 (Foran) - Bill allows for the sale of surplus residential property at fair market value for all freeway routes rescinded on or after January 1, 1984 to stop the drain on the State Highway Account.

IRC recommended support of the bill.

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

SB 1871 (Robbins) - Would revise the county minimum formula by excluding Interstate Construction funds from the formula but not from the North/South split. Due to the bill being sent to Interim Hearing, no motion is necessary.

SB 1995 (Robbins) - Was previously reviewed but staff was waiting for a copy of the letter from Senator Robbins to Mayor Bradley. The Senator fully recognizes that this effort will only be successful if we have a full 18½ mile project and the federal government is willing to extend to us a letter of no prejudice so that State and local funds can be applied to match Federal funds. Given the communication from Senator Robbins, the Committee recommended that the Commission continue to monitor the bill.

#### Federal Legislation

Three major bills have recently been introduced in Congress:

- Senator D'Amato's bill, the Public Transit Improvement Act of 1984, has several key

provisions including increasing the Section 3 authorization which could affect our ability to fund Metro Rail.

- Senator Symms is carrying the major highway bill in the Senate which will extend the Interstate Cost Estimate, among other provisions and which could authorize a "fair share" amendment so that each state would receive one-half of 1% of annual authorizations from mass transit funds and in some circumstances, use such funds for highway projects.
- Congressman Anderson is carrying the major highway and transit bill on the House side.

Staff will be reviewing these bills and will report back on their respective impacts for the Los Angeles area.

#### RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meeting of April 23. The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

##### Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

- o Select consultant for Scoping of Design
  - Authorize the Executive Director to award a contract not to exceed \$50,000 with DKS Associates of Oakland, California, for preparation of a comprehensive work program for design and construction of the project.

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

- o Approve Draft EIR for Publication
  - Authorize publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project, in preparation for release of the document by the Commission on May 9.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented and offered suggestions on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the rail project.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that copies of the Draft EIR will be made available at the public libraries.

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

## Interview of Legal Firms for Special Counsel

Mrs. Bacharach reported that the Committee met and interviewed six firms for selection of a special counsel for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project. The Committee asked staff to prepare reference checks and look into the qualifications of the major personnel of three firms. After checking the references and comparing the key attorneys, the Committee met again today. On a split vote, they were ready to bring a recommendation before the Commission.

Mrs. Bacharach moved that the Commission hire the firm of Richards, Watson, Dreyfuss & Gershon; seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Kell offered a substitute motion that the firm of Hahn & Cazier be selected as the special counsel; seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mrs. Bacharach explained how the selection process was handled and gave reasons why the firm of Richards, Watson, Dreyfuss & Gershon was selected by the RTC.

Mr. Kell also explained why the firm of Hahn & Cazier should be selected.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Szabo also offered their comments.

Roll call vote was taken for the substitute motion:

Ayes: Sanborn, Szabo, Reed, Kell, Antonovich

Nays: King, Geoghegan, Remy, Bacharach, Cox

Motion failed.

After much discussion, the consensus was that this matter be returned to the Rapid Transit Committee for a recommendation to the Commission at the next meeting.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that the proposals received and staff evaluations are available for the Commissioners and that the members of the Committee would be more than happy to talk about the impressions of the interviews with the rest of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Citizens Advisory Committee - Supervisor Dana has nominated Mr. Bob Stewart to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee. He requested for Commission approval of this appointment.

Chairman Antonovich moved for approval; seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, the nomination was approved.

2. Commissioners Travel Request

- a. Mr. King has expressed an interest to attend the National Parking Association's 1984 Convestion and Trade Exhibition Show on May 20-24 in Dallas, Texas. Commission approval was requested for his travel.

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

- b. Several members will be participating in the LACTC briefing for key California legislative representatives and administration executives in Sacramento on May 7. Commissioners Bacharach, Cox, Heckeroth, King, Reed, Remy, Russell, and Sanborn are planning to attend the briefing. Commission approval is requested for their travel.

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

3. APTA Rapid Transit Conference - Conference will be held in Baltimore, Maryland on June 11-14, 1984. Any interested members are asked to notify staff as soon as possible.
4. Proposed LACTC Budget for FY 1984-85 - Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to the Commissioners. Detailed discussions on the budget are planned for May or early June. A public hearing is scheduled for Commission meeting on June 13, 1984.

Mrs. Reed moved to schedule the public hearing; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESSRoute 7

Mr. Heckeroth informed the Commissioners that Caltrans will present an informational report on Route 7 to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) tomorrow. A preferred alternative recommendation will be made by Caltrans to the CTC in July. A decision will be made by the CTC in September on the basis of the submittal of a final EIS at that time. A public hearing will be scheduled sometime between September 1984 and March 1985 in order to affirm a final location for the Route 7 project.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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