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LACTC MINUTES

May 23, 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 Mike Antonovich
Mayor Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilmember Christine E. Reed
Councilman Ernie Kell
Wendell Cox
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 May 9 should be corrected to indicate that Ken Bell was nominated to the Citizens Advisory Committee by Supervisor Dana. Minutes were moved for approval, as amended, and seconded. Hearing no further corrections, the minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the FRC's meeting of May 18. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

Caltrans' Request for a Temporary Transfer of Federal-Aid Urban to Federal-Aid Primary Highway Funds

- o Approve Caltrans' request for a temporary transfer of \$30 million of Los Angeles' Federal-Aid Urban funds to the State's Federal-Aid Primary Program contingent upon the conditions described in the Commission agenda.

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

Long Beach Transit Request for Additional Vehicle Service Hours for FY 1984-85

- o Approve Long Beach Transit's request for a 17,000-vehicle service hour increase for FY 1984-85 accompanied by a \$792,699 increase in Proposition A Fare Reduction Funds.

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

Information items indicated on the FRC's report were as follows:

- o By July 1, 1984, all Los Angeles County agencies should be in compliance with the Commission's Federal-Aid Urban lapsing funds policy.
- o A status report on the Proposition A Local Return Program was included in the Commission agenda.
- o Action on the proposed modifications to the Proposition A Local Return Program Guidelines and the RTD proposal to purchase 30 methanol buses was held over until the Commission's June 13 meeting.

REMARKS BY SENATOR DIANE WATSON

Senator Diane Watson addressed the Commission on behalf of the Southwest/Airport Transportation Coalition composed of elected officials, civil rights leaders, businessmen and women. The Coalition is requesting the Commission to include a Crenshaw/Airport Southwest Corridor spur line in the Metro Rail project. Representatives from various

elected officials and groups of the Coalition also appeared before the Commission to present resolutions and letters of support. Senator Watson asked the Commission to consider the recommendations for this corridor.

Mrs. Russell moved that the Commission refer Senator Watson's request to Commission staff and ask that they report back to the Rapid Transit Committee; seconded by Mr. Szabo. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

STAFF BRIEFING ON STAGE 3 OF RAIL TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION
STRATEGY AND CENTURY FREEWAY/TRANSITWAY MODE DECISIONS

Richard Stanger of Commission staff briefed the Commissioners on Stage 3 of Rail Transit Implementation Strategy and Century Freeway/Transitway Mode Decisions. Copies of the draft report on the Century Freeway/Transitway were distributed to the Commissioners for their review. Decision on the Century Freeway/Transitway will be made sometime in a month or so.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Heckerath elaborated on the staff report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo introduced Jerry Given who has recently joined the Commission staff as Legislative Representative in the Government and Public Affairs Division.

He also reported on the IRC's meeting of May 23. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval are as follows:

State Legislation

SB 1333 - Now scheduled to be heard on May 29; changes requested by the League of California Cities have been worked out with the State Treasurer's Office and the Commission is now required to give 30 days' notice before issuing bonds.

SB 575 - Would abolish joint liability whenever a defendant is less than 40% culpable in tort litigation and would pay for non-economic losses according to the degree of fault; all local governments in the area are in support of the bill and the Committee recommended that the Commission support this bill.

AB 2504 - Would exempt mass commuting vehicles from state and local sales tax under safe harbor leasing and other leaseback situations. The Committee recommended support since this would allow for more creative financing of transit systems.

AB 2741 - Would revise various State Highway route numbers, locations and funding sources and would bring the State into conformity with Federal actions that, among many other things, would change the Long Beach Freeway designation from Federal-Aid Primary and allow the use of Interstate 4R funds which are in more plentiful supply. The Committee recommended Commission support that portion of the bill which addresses the Long Beach Freeway.

AB 3636 - Would address three specific areas of TDA law -- it would clarify when performance audits could be undertaken, it would remove some disparity between farebox recovery ratios of urban and rural operators, and it would also permit the use of Article 8 funds in rural counties for capital as well as operating uses. The Committee recommended support since it would provide additional flexibility and more equitable farebox recovery ratios.

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

Federal Legislation

There were two parallel developments, one in the Appropriations Committees and then authorizing legislation. With respect to appropriations, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation marked up the 1984-85 transportation appropriation bill and gave Los Angeles Metro Rail only \$117.2 million, exactly what we received last year. Even though this was the highest amount given to any city, it fell far short of what had been requested. The Committee is waiting for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation to mark up its bill and is hopeful that they will mark up more funds for Metro Rail since UMTA has come out with its evaluation of rail lines and Metro Rail is ranked #2 for cost-effectiveness in the nation.

With respect to authorization legislation, the Committee is following three bills: HR 5504 which addresses both highway and transit issues, S. 2527 on highways, and S. 2554 on transit in the Senate. The Committee recommends the following positions: Support HR 5504 which

would extend the Interstate Cost Estimate, extend the Mass Transit Account Authorization one year to FY 1987 and increase the transit authorization level from \$1.1 billion to \$1.5 billion in FY 1985-87. However, the Committee recommended that Commission communicate to Congressman Anderson that the Commission would prefer it if the section on revising the Interstate 4R formula could be taken up when the entire Interstate Program comes up for review.

The Highway bill, S. 2527, would extend the Interstate Cost Estimate through FY 1985; however, the Committee understands that Senator Symms may seek an amendment on the floor which would apportion to each state a minimum of 1/2% of its contribution to the Mass Transit Account and where there are no unmet transit needs, the funds could be used for highway projects. The Committee believed that it is a backdoor raid on transit funds and should be opposed since it would have a detrimental effect on mass transit programs. The Committee recommended that if the amendment is put into the bill, we would recommend opposition to the entire bill but otherwise would support the bill.

On the Senate Transit bill, S. 2554 by Senator D'Amato, it would also extend the authorization period through FY 1987 but it would be increased gradually from \$1.1 billion to \$1.5 billion. The Committee recommended support for this bill.

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

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

No report was made. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 30, 1984.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

No report was made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Location Change for June Meetings - The Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines and Commission Reed have invited the Commission to hold the Commission's June 27 meeting at their new bus maintenance facility in Santa Monica. The Commission has accepted the invitation.

On June 13, due to budget hearings by the Supervisors, the Commission will meet at the Department of Water and Power Building on the 15th floor.

B. Commissioners' Travel Request -

Commissioners Remy, Bacharach, and Pierce plan to attend the revenue bonding legislation hearing in Sacramento on May 29.

Commissioners Cox and Pierce plan to attend the APTA Rapid Transit Conference on June 11-14 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Approval was requested for their travel.

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

Mrs. Reed felt that whenever Commissioners travel to Sacramento to actively support bills in the Legislature, authorization for travel is not necessary. She suggested that staff prepare an amendment to the Administrative Code for Commission travel to Sacramento when they appear before the Legislature. Chairman Antonovich asked the Executive Director to look into this matter.

C. Activities - Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

Copies of list showing scheduled activities relating to the circulation of the Environment Impact Report on the Long Beach-Los Angeles project were distributed to the Commissioners. The Commissioners were invited to participate in any of these activities.

Mr. Cox indicated that he presented testimony at the California Transportation Commission meeting in Los Angeles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bryan Allen commented on the Century Freeway/Transitway report and requested that the staff report be made available to the Center for Law and Public Interest, the Sierra Club, and NAACP and ask for their comments and participation.

Greg Roberts asked when RTD's proposal to purchase methanol buses would come before the Commission. Mrs. Bacharach indicated that this issue will be discussed at the Finance Review Committee meeting on June 8 and come before the Commission meeting on June 13.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Heckeroth indicated that on June 5 Mr. Ray Barnhart, Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration, will be in Los Angeles to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the El Monte Busway and invited the Commissioners to the celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notive was receivd and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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