



Los Angeles County
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LACTC MINUTES

August 15, 1984

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Antonovich at 3:15 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room of the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Mike Antonovich
Mayor Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman Marc Wilder
Wendell Cox
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Deborah George, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Robert White, alternate to Councilmember Reed
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

A notification was received from the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors appointing Deborah George to serve as Supervisor Dana's alternate for this meeting.

Staff members in attendance were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Dave Kelsey, County Counsel, for Ronald Schneider
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Honda, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 13, 1984 and and July 25, 1984 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman welcomed the delegation from Long Beach and asked Jeff Baker (2289 Golden Avenue, Long Beach) to speak for the group called Citizens for Responsible Transit. Mr. Baker presented a 1700 signature petition from the Wrigley Area residents who oppose the River Route. The group requested that an environmental impact study be made on the Long Beach Boulevard two-way route and a report be issued to the public.

Chairman Antonovich indicated that many letters and petitions have been received by the Commission relative to the alternative route for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. The Commission recognize the citizens' concerns and has directed staff to prepare a supplement to the light rail project's environmental impact report addressing the River Route. An additional public hearing will be held in Long Beach during November of this year regarding the potential impacts of the project's alignment alternatives in Long Beach. He emphasized that the Commission have looked to the City Council for local determination of alignment recommendations for this project. Long Beach residents should also express their concerns to their City Council because the Commission view the City Council as a key partner in the decision-making process for this project. No alignment decision has been made for the light rail project in Long Beach. This Commission will not make an alignment decision until the EIR process is completed early 1985 and until the Long Beach City Council has been consulted. He encouraged the citizens to write to the City Council and be involved in the public hearing.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that the Rail Construction Committee today will be making a recommendation to include the Long Beach Boulevard two-way route as a study for the EIR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC's meeting of August 13. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Fiscal Year 1985 Short-Range Transit Plan Follow-up Issues

- o Approve the staff recommendations for the FY 1985 Short-Range Transit Plan
- o Amend the Transportation Improvement Program to state that the RTD's Division 14 maintenance facility shall not be used as an operating facility.

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

Arcadia's Request for Additional Service Hours

- o Deny the City of Arcadia's request for an increase in the number of dial-a-ride vehicle-service-hours which are reimbursable under the Proposition A Fare Reduction Program.

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

Grant Contract with RTD Governing Commission Funds for Metro Rail Project

- o Approve the grant contract with RTD covering Commission commitment of funds for the Metro Rail project:
 1. The Commission's approval incorporates changes suggested by our legal counsel.
 2. The contract will take effect after the RTD Board ratifies the three design commitments made by that agency's General Manager.

The Rapid Transit Committee also recommended approval of this item.

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

Status of Lapsing Federal-Aid Urban Funds

- o Grant a one-time only extension to cities which have not yet obligated their potentially lapsing Federal-Aid Urban Funds.
- o Direct staff to notify affected cities of this action.
- o Direct staff to prepare quarterly status reports on potentially lapsing Federal-Aid Urban Funds for a one-year period.

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

Participation in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund

- o Adopt the attached resolution allowing the Commission to deposit funds in the State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund Account.
- o Authorize the Executive Director and Manager of Finance and Administration to deposit liquid assets into this fund.

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

The following information items were also reported:

- o The schedule for selecting a consultant for the Social Service Paratransit Work Program; and
- o Follow-up information on the RTD budget increase in Fiscal Year 1984.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported that the IRC did not have a meeting and brought before the Commission a recommendation concerning AB 3182 (Leonard) which deals with methanol buses. The major issue that has been involved is the Governor's reluctance to fund the project out of General Fund money. There are suggestions that amendments are being considered by the author which would find alternate sources of funding for the methanol bus program. Staff's recommendation is that because there is local support for the program by the Commission and SCRTD and that State funding is one of the conditions placed on programming of the project in the TIP and the amendments, if introduced, would offer an alternative State General Fund, the Commission support the bill in its present form and/or with the amendments.

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

SB 1333 (Beverly) - Mr. Richmond reported that this bill for revenue bonding was heard this morning in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and received a 10-0 vote, but it needed three more votes for passage. He is hopeful that this bill will pass. The bill will going to the Assembly floor next.

RAPID TRANSIT/RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEES

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the two committees:

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project -

Actions to Complete Final EIR

Since the last meeting, staff, consultants and legal counsel have advanced our understanding of exactly what will be required to determine preferred alternatives and complete the final Environmental Impact Report. They have concluded that the modifications to alternatives in Long Beach we find attractive warrant preparation of a

supplemental EIR, with required analysis and public review to be completed early next year. The committee believes that the project delivery schedule can still be met if continuing preliminary engineering proceeds as scheduled.

The Committee is quite concerned that the added considerations in Long Beach lead to expeditious decisions on a preferred alternative. The Committee will be communicating this concern to the City Council of Long Beach; also, staff will be authorized to negotiate with the City (and developers) for the World Trade Center and our project to be mutually supportive.

The Committee has directed staff to prepare a supplemental EIR addressing modifications to the River Route Alternative and including a Long Beach Boulevard two-way alternative. Furthermore, to give the Committee more options should the selection of a preferred alternative in Long Beach be a protracted process, the Committee directed that the EIR supplement address an interim southern terminus at Willow Street and the Southern Pacific right-of-way. The Committee also asked for a report on factors involved in consideration of a temporary phase of the project placing the southern terminus at the Century Freeway.

Continuing Preliminary Engineering Services

On July 11, the Commission approved the Committee's recommendations for negotiating with our current consultant to continue engineering services for design and procurement for the project. Staff has reported success in negotiating agreement by the consultant to all the conditions established by the Commission's action. The Committee had acted to recognize these commitments as sufficient for consent to assign the current contract to the proposed new joint venture and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate contract provisions necessary for the consultant to mobilize for complete engineering services.

The Committee recommended Commission concurrence in the Committee's decision that the Executive Director should be authorized to execute an amendment to the current engineering contract for continuing preliminary engineering services through February 1985, in an amount not to exceed \$1.25 million.

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

Much discussion followed.

Public comments were made by the following persons on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project:

Robert J. Swan
Public Transit Catalyst
P.O. Box 1866
Long Beach, CA 90801

Bryan Allen
3142 Drew Street
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Hearing no further discussion or objection to Mrs. Bacharach's motion, the Committee's recommendation was approved.

Project Budget Status

The Rail Construction Committee reviewed budgets--and proposed line item revisions for both project development and project mobilization, which were referred to the Rapid Transit Committee for recommendations to the Commission for additional budget authority.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Long Beach-Los Angeles Project Budget Allocations

The Rapid Transit Committee recommended an increase in budget authority for mobilization for design of the Long Beach-Los Angeles project from \$500,000 to \$2.2 million to continue preliminary engineering and advance other time-critical work.

At the next Commission meeting, increased budget authority of approximately \$300,000 will be requested for the project's development phase work, to cover the costs of the EIR supplement.

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

Revenue Service Connection Between Century/ Long Beach-Los Angeles Projects

The Committee recommended that the Commission commit up to \$60,000 for Caltrans' design of a revenue service connection between the two rail projects. LACTC may decide in the future whether to include building such a connection in the construction budget as a part of the Century rail project.

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

Grant Contract Covering Metro Rail

Since the last meeting, special counsel has assisted staff in completing the grant contract with SCRTD covering LACTC funds for the Metro Rail project. The Committee recommended approval of the contract to become effective after the SCRTD Board of Directors ratifies design commitments made by its General Manager.

Scheduled Inspection Tours

Tours have been scheduled to inspect rail transit facilities and equipment in conjunction with decisions that the Rail Construction Committee has to made in the coming months. Commissioners were also encouraged to join the tours.

Mrs. Bacharach moved that the tours be authorized; seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Concerning the additional EIR work, Mr. Remy moved that staff report as to how these additions differ from the request that was made several months ago by the City for additional work and how the cost that will be incurred in terms of the additional work at that end of the line differs from the cost that was authorized at the Los Angeles end of the line. He also asked for a staff report on what the estimates for the total project budget and its elements were in 1982 and what they are in 1984. Seconded by Mrs. Russell. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported that the SCC did not have a meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Personnel: Murphy McCalley has been hired as Director of Finance and Administration, replacing Joan Medeiros.

PUBLIC COMMENT

List of Long Beach residents who appeared before the Commission opposing the River Route:

Wanda Green
3029 San Francisco Ave.
Long Beach

Edward J. Jamison
2741 Maine Avenue
Long Beach

Merry Helsley
2466 Golden Avenue
Long Beach

Chris Kowal
2015 San Francisco Ave.
Long Beach

Wilma Hayman
1957 San Francisco Ave.
Long Beach

Deninne Sam
2351 San Francisco Ave.
Long Beach

Ron Wise
2037 San Francisco Ave.
Long Beach

Mr. Greg Roberts commented that job application forms should be made available for all positions at the Commission and not accept only resumes.

NEW BUSINESS

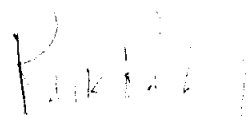
None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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