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LACTC MINUTES

November 14, 1984

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Bacharach at 2:45 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
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman Marc Wilder
Wendell Cox
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
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 Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Honda, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 24, 1984 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC's meeting of November 12, The Committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Commission's Comments on Route 7 (Long Beach Freeway) Final Impact Report

Take the position that, having reviewed the additional environmental issues contained in the Route 7 EIR, the LACTC does not change its July 9, 1980 decision in favor of the Meridian Corridor for the following reasons:

1. The factors affecting the LACTC's previous decision in favor of the Meridian Corridor have not significantly changed.
2. There is no significant difference between the Westerly and Meridian Corridors in terms of rapid transit development.
3. While acknowledging the difference in the Meridian and Westerly Corridors' relative impact on historic property, neither corridor is without negative impact. Caltrans plans to mitigate this negative impact to the greatest extent possible. The relatively greater historic property impact of the Meridian Corridor is not of sufficient magnitude to outweigh the Meridian Corridor's overall merits.

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

Fiscal Year 1984-85 Transit TIP Amendments

Approve the staff's recommendation to reflect the recent Federal Section 9 apportionment and to amend the transit TIPs as submitted by SCRTD, Torrance, Arcadia, and the North County Transportation System.

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

Hermosa Beach - Change to Dial-A-Ride Service

Approve the staff's recommendation to approve the City of Hermosa Beach's FY 1984-85 Short-Range Transit Plan with the following provisions:

- Freeze the service hours to be funded with regional funds at the level approved in the FY 1983-84 Short-Range Transit Plan; and
- Review any future requests which would significantly increase Hermosa Beach's funding level.

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

Fiscal Year 1983-84 Proposition A Fare Reduction

Approve the FY 1983-84 Proposition A Fare Reduction close-out report.

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

Mrs. Reed also reported on the following information items:

1. Committee received a report on the status of the Harbor Freeway Transitway funding. The California Transportation Commission is reviewing the report.
2. The Committee agreed to take under consideration, at the request of Mr. Dyer, SCRTD's request for full funding of the Management Information System (MIS) after:
 - a) SCRTD advised which bus capital projects would be replaced in the FY 1985 TIP with MIS; and
 - b) FRC representatives, Mr. Cox and Mr. Sanborn, have discussed with SCRTD the merits of additional MIS funds.
3. Staff provided the FRC with a table summarizing the Commission Committees' action to date concerning the Proposition A 40% Discretionary Program recommendations. The FRC requested additional information and recessed to November 19, 1984.

Mr. Richmond suggested that the next Commission meeting begin at 1:30 p.m. on November 28 in view of both the potential length of the discussion and potential for media interest and public comment.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the IRC's meeting of November 14.
The Committee's recommendations were as follows:

State Legislation

Proposed 1985 LACTC-Sponsored State Legislation Program

- o Eminent Domain - Legal Counsel has advised that although the Commission has implied powers of eminent domain, there is no specific grant of authority in its statutes, and recommended legislation to clarify the Commission's authority. The IRC reviewed the language and approved:
 - (1) The Commission seek the language that the IRC report contains;
 - (2) Including within the eminent domain language notice requirement to affected cities and to the county at any time the Commission would be using eminent domain, giving them an opportunity to have their official positions known by the Commission; and
 - (3) Legal Counsel and the Commission's Legislative Advocate were directed to try to incorporate into the analysis by Legislative Counsel that this legislation is a clarification of existing powers. Also, staff was directed to meet with appropriate individuals, including Caltrans, and the office of the Governor to ascertain whether there is any objection to this proposed bill.
- o Equipment Purchases - The recommendation from Legal Counsel was that the Commission seek authorities under general contracting provisions similar to other transit agencies for purchasing equipment materials and supplies. The statutes included in the IRC report concerning general contracting authority were approved.

With regard to electronic data processing and specialized rail transit equipment, Special Counsel recommended use of competitive negotiations which extend the authorities granted in the Vicencia bill (AB 2505) to the Commission. The language is to be drafted and returned to the IRC for review, prior to final recommendation.

- o Affirmative Action - It was recommended by Legal Counsel that the Commission seek clear authority in terms of its affirmative action responsibilities. Although the Commission has included affirmative action goals and objectives in its contracts, it does not have specific statutory authority.
- o Construction Contracting and Taxes - Special Counsel was asked to submit proposed language that would clarify these areas.

Mr. Remy moved to incorporate the above actions into the Commission's Legislative Program for 1985, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mr. Szabo added a point of clarification that there will not be one umbrella bill for all of these legislative efforts. There will be different bills introduced to deal with these issues.

Mr. Remy responded that staff will seek the advice of the Commission's Legislative Advocate on how to proceed; that separate bills would be introduced if it's determined that any part of the effort could be opposed, or seeing no opposition a single omnibus bill could be introduced.

Proposed LACTC Legislative Objectives on Transit Financing and Gas Tax Increases

The IRC had a general review of some of the various issues being discussed in regard to transit and highway funding needs and the availability of state and federal resources. IRC concurred with staff's recommendation that the Commission become involved in the development of these issues early on. Staff is expected to report back to the Committee regularly as we approach the 1985 legislative session. No action is required at this time.

Mr. Cox requested that IRC and staff consider his concerns that present revenue proposals for a 1¢ gas tax increase for capital projects are insufficient.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION/RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEES

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC/RTC meetings which were held on November 9. The committees' recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project:

Acceleration of Preliminary Engineering

The Committee had sought ways to expedite project development so that construction may begin as soon as possible after environmental clearance next spring. Staff had recommended an additional \$2,202,159 in budget authority to accelerate preliminary engineering of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project and amendment to the Parsons Brinckerhoff/Kaiser Engineers' contract of March 1983 for that purpose. The Committee's vote was split over the recommendation and, therefore, made no recommendation of its own.

Mr. King moved that the Commission consider favorably to the staff recommendation on accelerated engineering, which was seconded.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Bryan Allen (public) commented that he had a number of concerns regarding the acceleration of preliminary engineering and does not support this issue. He asked the Commission to consider his two requests: 1) to specifically exclude the vehicle from advancement in preliminary engineering at this stage and have staff report back when a more detailed criteria has been developed, and 2) direct staff to proceed with preliminary engineering if you approve this motion with Long Beach alternatives on equal footing.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: King, Szabo, Remy, Russell, Reed,
Wilder, Bacharach

Nays: Cox, Pierce

Motion passed 7-2.

Review of Reports

The Committee reviewed the environmental impacts and significant findings to be contained in the Supplemental Draft EIR for the Long Beach area and have authorized the document to be released early in December. On January 9, there will be the last public hearing on the Environmental Impact Report for Long Beach.

In the meantime, the Committee received an Alternative Evaluation Report which presents staff's preliminary recommendatins on what the project should look like in

downtown Los Angeles and the mid-corridor area. Staff has suggested that the Commission formally ask responsible agencies and officials to review the report before LACTC takes action on project authorization in March.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the Alternative Evaluation Report to be released, seconded by Mr. Wilder. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

RAIL TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Rail Transit Implementation Strategy:

Procurement of Engineering/Environmental Assessment for El Segundo Extension of the Century Rail Line

Authorize staff to begin procurement of rail transit engineering and environmental assessment services to better define and develop the Century-El Segundo rail extension through the preparation of required environmental impact analyses. Completion of this work will not commit the Commission to build this section of the system. That would require separate action no sooner than spring of 1986 and would be preceded by further clarification of overall Prop. A rail system development priorities.

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

Movement of Freight on Rail Transit Systems

At a previous meeting, Chairman Antonovich had asked for information on the movement of freight on passenger rail systems. The Committee tabled the staff report on the feasibility of including as part of the rail transit system delivery of freight to allow members time to review the 1958 study on the subject, submitted by its author at the Committee meeting.

Alignment Analysis in Coastal Corridor

Staff reviewed interim conclusions reached in the alignment analysis being conducted in support of the City of Los Angeles' planning in the Coastal Corridor. The report is available to the Commissioners upon request.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

No report was made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. It was suggested that one meeting be scheduled for December. Staff will contact Commissioners of the meeting date (December 12 or December 19).
- B. LACTC staff has moved into their new offices at 403 West 8th Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles. An informal Open House is planned for November 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- C. The Commission will be co-sponsoring a transportation forum offered by the UCLA Extension School in February 1985 on the evaluation of the Olympics transportation experience.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Reed requested Commission's approval for appointment of William T. McGreggor to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of this appointment; seconded by Mr. Remy. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Roberts commented that the Commission should inform the public more clearly of the plans for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail line project. He also commented on SCRTD management.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the use of rail transit system to move light freight.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director