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The Commission meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Chairman Schabarum in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room of the Hall of Administration.

Mr. Taylor indicated that he is in receipt of a letter from Supervisor Edelman designating Richard Callahan as his alternate at today's meeting.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Peter Schabarum
Council Member Christine Reed
Mayor Pro Tem Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Ray Grabinski
Councilman Michael Woo
Marcia Mednick
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Richard Callahan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
John La Follette, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley

Staff members present:

Paul Taylor, Acting Executive Director
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Ilda Licon, Senior Secretary

Mrs. Reed recommended that Commission should defer action on this matter pending the ongoing negotiations with SCRTD on other matters and asked the members if they had any questions that the Transit Committee might address at its next meeting.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed moved that action on this matter be deferred and referred back to the Transit Committee for additional information and work and bring it back to the next Commission meeting. Mrs. Bacharach suggested that the Commission ask SCRTD to appoint a committee to meet with the Transit Committee before the Commission meeting on December 14. Mrs. Reed had no objection to the addition to her motion, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

2. On October 26, the Commission approved a work program and schedule for consolidating rail transit design and construction responsibilities. Mr. Taylor explained since the last meeting of the Commission, staff has discussed these materials with the Rail Construction Commission and is presenting it to the Commission today charts which depict the present lines of authority for design and construction, lines of authority with the Rail Construction Corporation which the Commission has created to be governed by either a joint powers agency or as a subsidiary of LACTC and detailed steps to begin operation of the corporation.

The charts clearly indicate that consolidation is more readily accomplished with the cooperation of SCRTD. Furthermore, it is obvious that consolidation cannot be completed until Phase 1 of Metro Rail (MOS-1) joins the other projects.

Staff recommended that Commission review and comment on the detailed steps in the work program. Also, staff recommended renewing the Commission's long-standing proposal that SCRTD join with LACTC in setting up the Los Angeles County Rail Construction Corporation and jointly govern it.

Staff has engaged the assistance of two consultants, Steven Kauffman and Larry Allwine, to help put together the rail construction corporation, and they were introduced to the Commission.

1. This item was held over from the October 26 meeting for a more detailed discussion. Mr. Taylor summarized the background for the legal, financial and operational relationships for rail transit operations with the Southern California Rapid Transit District. By law, SCRTD is to be the rail transit operator in Los Angeles County. SCRTD's position is that this covers all operating and maintenance for the rail transit system and that LACTC's role is as funding agency only. Staff's position is that LACTC, as presumed owner of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail line, may help establish certain operating parameters and could provide certain services. What specifically is the definition of "rail operator" is being referred to County Counsel.

Transit Committee recommended that the Commission adopt the following position with regard to rail operations:

- a) Enter into a funding agreement with SCRTD to operate rail transit service;
- b) Establish through the funding agreement such matters as general operating parameters, levels of fares, staffing levels and separate accounting of rail system costs. (This list is not meant to be limiting or all inclusive.) The agreement would also encourage SCRTD to maximize private sector participation. LACTC may itself provide for certain functions; and
- c) Develop the funding agreement jointly with SCRTD, with all matters to be discussed by the Transit Committee with the appropriate Committee of the SCRTD Board of Directors.

The Committee has not recommended a position on ownership of the rail facilities it builds and believes that they need more information on experience elsewhere and more discussion with the SCRTD Board and the Commission as necessary. Staff is prepared to report on what other rail projects around the United States have been built by one agency and operated by another and to explore what extent the ownership of the facilities allows the owner to help establish operating parameters.

Mr. Szabo asked about the status of the Ernst & Whinney study of RTD. Mr. Taylor indicated that he had no knowledge of any work being done beyond what was presented to the Commission in September. Mr. Szabo also asked that if the Commission decides to go with the JPA, is the Commission constrained by State law how the Board must be constituted. Mr. Kelsey answered that the Commission can exercise a great deal of control over the composition of the Board and the length of their terms in the document that creates the Joint Powers Authority. Mr. Taylor indicated that the Commission has not had any discussions with SCRTD on the subject of the Joint Powers Authority in awhile but it is his recollection, from when discussions were held, that there was a desire that there be equal representation of the RTD and SCRTD on the Joint Powers Authority Board.

Mrs. Bacharach suggested that the Commission should offer RTD the opportunity to join with the Commission at any stage and authorized staff to continue with an open invitation to the RTD. The Commission agreed.

Rebecca Barrantes, SCRTD staff, indicated that the President of the SCRTD Board wants to keep discussions open with regard to a JPA at either a staff or policy level.

Mr. Pat Moser (public comment) commented on his opposition to LACTC withholding funds from SCRTD and the cut back of bus service.

3. For purposes of reviewing the status and future of the rail transit system development, Mr. Taylor explained the following:
 1. Projected expenditures for projects approved for construction (Long Beach-Los Angeles, Norwalk-El Segundo, and Metro Rail Phases 1, 2, & 3) from FY 1988 through FY 1999;
 2. Analysis of local financing capacity to the year 2000;
 3. Costs estimated for rail transit proposals, under study by LACTC or others, which have yet to be programmed for construction; very few of those proposals will result in construction being scheduled before the year 2000.

San Fernando Valley	\$1,000 million plus
Coastal/North Branch	300-400 million
Northeast Los Angeles	500-600 million
East Los Angeles Metro Rail	1,000 million plus
Western Ext. Metro Rail	1,500 million plus
Commuter Rail:	
San Bernardino-L.A.	70 million plus
Saugus-L.A.	55 million plus
Ventura-L.A.	40 million plus
Orange Co.-L.A.	135 million plus

Other studies in Glendale and the South Bay have not produced estimates of costs.

Discussion followed. Chairman Schabarum indicated that his office would be proposing a rail development plan for LACTC review.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Commissioner Bacharach has been invited to participate in the State Commission's Post-Interstate Workshop in Sacramento on November 17. Commission approval was requested.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the travel request. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

- b. Riverside County voted on a half-cent tax increase for transportation under the same authority as LACTC has for streets and roads improvements. That proposal, which won by 79% majority, is for highway and transit programs. Staff has more information for interested Commissioners.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.


PAUL C. TAYLOR
Acting Executive Director

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