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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 30, 1988

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Schabarum at 1:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Mr. Taylor was in receipt of a letter from Supervisor Antonovich designating Rosa Kortizija as his alternate in the absence of John La Follette for this meeting.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Peter Schabarum
Supervisor Edmund Edelman
Council Member Christine Reed
Mayor Pro Tem Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Ray Grabinski
Marcia Mednick
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Richard Callahan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Rosa Kortizija, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Councilman Nate Holden, alternate for Councilman Woo
Jerry Baxter, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Paul Taylor, Acting Executive Director
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Tamiko Hirano-Monkawa, Secretary

Due to the number of people in attendance for item #27, Chairman Schabarum decided to have the Commission discuss the report on transit issues with SCRTD.

Chairman explained the rules of conduct before the Board and invited members of the public to testify concerning the funding matter to SCRTD.

At 1:50 p.m., the Commission recessed into closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 and 54956.9 to discuss real estate matters (Parcel AS102 - Strauss Family Trust/Carpet World) and actual litigation and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

Chairman Schabarum asked Mr. Taylor to give a brief report on transit issues with SCRTD.

Mr. Taylor indicated that on October 26, the Commission had asked him to report today on the various transit issues between LACTC and SCRTD. The Board of Directors of SCRTD had drafted an agreement on transit issues. Before it becomes final, SCRTD proposes the agreement be reviewed and revised by a committee of SCRTD Directors and LACTC Commissioners. Pending review by the joint committee with SCRTD and comments by the Commissioners, action by the Commissioners was requested.

Chairman Schabarum reported that the SCRTD Board about a week or ten days ago acted to pursue two things: 1) discussion with LACTC Commissioners on a so-called eight-point plan and 2) sought to bring about a meeting consisting of three representatives from each agency for the purpose of trying to find a common ground that would bring about the resolution of many of the matters at issue. Such a meeting was conducted this past Monday with three members from each agency. LACTC attendees were Jacki Bacharach, John La Follette, and Supervisor Schabarum. The result of that meeting was non-conclusive. After the meeting, a proposed settlement was structured which has been distributed to the LACTC Commissioners and was discussed in the context of being a settlement attended to or responsive to lawsuits that are currently pending. Mr. Schabarum explained the eight-point plan (attached).

Mr. Edelman spoke on Point #5 and suggested making the Proposition A discretionary funds available to the RTD without any strings attached. Mr. Edelman moved that the Commission unconditionally make those funds available to the RTD, seconded by Mr. Holden.

Mrs. Bacharach offered a substitute motion to move that the LACTC adopt and agree to sign the eight-point plan as presented today by Supervisor Schabarum, seconded by Mr. Szabo. Mrs. Bacharach spoke in support of her substitute motion.

Mr. Grabinski suggested that whenever the LACTC meets with the SCRTD Board, the meetings be public and that the public be heard.

Mrs. Reed suggested that the public be heard at this time and be allowed one minute per speaker.

Persons who requested to testify before the Commission were:

John Walsh, United Riders Assn.
Pat Moser, National Organization for Women, Inner City L.A.
Nick Patsaouras, SCRTD
James Brennan, California Council of the Blind
Bill Bolte, Barrier Buster
Marie Washington, concerned citizen
Sharon Wills, California Council for the Blind
John Corrigan
Carrie Bates
Laura Russell, Braille Institute, American Blind Bowling Assn.
Venus De Milo, People's Choice of Hollywood Committee
Earl Clark, UTU
James Rasura
Zahrina Machadah, Concerned Citizens League
Gary J. Jansen, People First Svs.
Robert Brown, concerned citizen
Don Persina, ADAPT Southern California
Susan Shedlow, RTD bus rider
John McCracken, Braille Institute
Tommy Dickson
Greg Roberts
Neil Silver, ATU 1277
Joan Myers, ADAPT
Ben Trenkamp
Norman Lynn, Peace & Freedom Party
Lawrence Drasin, UTA
Jose Gonzales, bus rider
Bill Hunter
Diane Coleman, ADAPT
Sylvia Drzewiecki, ADAPT So. California

Sharon Benefiel, Braille Institute
Jacqueline Butler
Peter Halley, Los Angeles Collegiate Council
Betty Knight, National Organization for Women
Don Franktaub Persena, L.A. Network, Mental Health Clients
Mary Volpicelli
Glen Perelman, citizen
Kimberly Horton
Randy Horton
Nick Berkich, Mental Health Network Group
Larry Drasin, Attorney, UTU
Elizabeth Navarro
Joseph Freitas, Amalgamated Trans. Union
Felicia Fadale
Sadie Cohen, National Council of Jewish Women
Sandy Mancillas
Chris Handsone
Lethia Cobbs
Joseph Duggan, bus rider
Deana Bass
Helen Scott, Watts Committee on Aging
Queen Silver
Muriel Marushka
Sue Ridenour
L. Shapiro

A roll call vote was taken on the substitute motion by Mrs. Bacharach to adopt the eight-point plan:

Yes: King, Szabo, Kortizija, Bacharach, Reed, Grabinski, Schabarum

No: Edelman, Remy, Holden, Mednick

Substitute motion passed 7-4.

Meeting was recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

Mr. Taylor recommended that Items A and B (Public Hearing) be continued to the December 14 meeting. Mrs. Reed moved, seconded by Mednick, that Items A and B be continued to the December 14 meeting. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Item C. Public Hearing re. Necessity for the Acquisition of Parcel No. R01-R21-AS303, the permanent fee to a small triangular area of the corner of real property which is located at 1801 Long Beach Boulevard, in the City of Long Beach, California. Steven Skuljan and Catherine Skuljan, Owners.

All those testifying before the Commission were sworn in by the County Counsel.

Mr. Taylor presented the staff report regarding the necessity to acquire said property. Chairman Schabarum opened the hearing for public testimony.

Francis Wagner, Deputy Project Manager for Engineering for Transcal, appeared before the Commission. His qualifications are included with the staff report.

Mr. Kelsey indicated that the legal representative of the owner has stipulated that the Declaration will be submitted into evidence without being read and made a part of the records.

Gil Seton, Attorney for Skuljans, appeared before the Commission and indicated that further study will reveal that there is another alternative; he would like to hire another engineer to continue the study of finding an alternative to what is proposed.

Mr. Skuljan asked that proposed project be restudied.

Mr. Wiley indicated that it will be in violation of the Long Beach zoning code to design any other way than at present. The statutory offer was for land which was for the condemnation action but staff is aware of the other damages that may be due to parties because of the consequences of this action. Staff feels that there is no other alternative. Caltrans, City of Long Beach and LACTC engineers have studied design options and feel that there is nothing to be gained by additional study of this parcel; it would be a violation of all good practices. The violation entails having a driveway into the corner, rather than on the tangent or the straight part of the curblin.

Questions were asked by Commissioner Grabinski. Discussion followed.

Chairman Schabarum suggested that this matter be continued to the December 14 meeting and Mr. Skuljan would have himself and professional representatives visit with Mr. Wiley, et al. and the City of Long Beach to study the proposed parcel.

Gerald Hirnesse, representing the owners of the Long Beach Quality Car Wash (leasehold interest), indicated that the revenue numbers are significant and the taking of this corner and the ingress conflict is substantial.

William Esken, representing part of the ownership of the leasehold interest, indicated that even though this particular parcel is such small square footage in terms of the overall parcel, it does have a disproportionate economic effect upon the business as indicated by Mr. Hirnesse. They appeared before the Commission not to ask to preclude eminent domain taking but from an economic standpoint that counsel and appropriate committees make recommendation to review alternatives to the taking.

Hearing no objection, this matter was continued to the December 14 meeting.

Mr. Edelman had to leave the meeting and asked Richard Callahan to be his alternate for the remainder of the meeting. Commission staff is in receipt of a letter designating Mr. Callahan as his alternate.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On advice of County Counsel, Mr. Taylor read an announcement that will be done hereafter pertaining to the Political Reform Act:

"If anyone present is involved in any non-competitively bid contract award on today's agenda and has made a contribution of \$250 or more in the past 12 months to any member of the Commission, please rise and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contribution was made and to identify the item involved." (No one responded to the announcement.)

Mr. Callahan asked about Item #6 - are there any other contracts being awarded in this manner?

Mr. Taylor responded that the Commission has awarded a couple of contracts in this manner and they have gone very successfully (obtained very good prices).

Mrs. Bacharach moved, seconded by Mr. Holden, to approve Items 2 through 13 and hold Items 1 and 11 for discussion. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

1. Minutes of October 26. On page 25 (Item 14), Mrs. Bacharach requested the following be added for the record: "...that the revenue operations date has been extended another six months - June 1991 - on the 7th and Flower project." And on page 24, (Item 9), Mrs. Mednick asked wording to be corrected as follows: "...extend Metro Rail west from an MOS-2 Wilshire/Vermont station to the vicinity of Westwood, and east from Union Station to the vicinity of East Los Angeles." Mrs. Bacharach moved, seconded by Mrs. Mednick, to approve the minutes as amended. Hearing no objection, minutes were approved as amended.

11. Budget amendment to the Gruen and Associates contract to complete the San Fernando Valley Rail Transit Project EIR. The Transit Committee recommended authorization for a \$561,800 budget amendment to the contract which will increase an additional \$200,000 after the City of Los Angeles allocates funds for the San Fernando Road Route Refinement Study to LACTC. Both authorizations will increase the study budget from \$1,325,000 to \$2,086,800.

Mr. Holden raised the point of the \$200,000 that is recommended for the San Fernando Valley rail transit study for San Fernando Road contingent on the City Council of Los Angeles agreeing to make \$150,000 available to help defray the cost. Mr. Holden asked the Chair to order that the study should continue with or without the City's share of the \$200,000.

Mr. Schabarum indicated that the Transit Committee had reviewed this matter and had made a recommendation to the Commission after substantial amount of review with representatives of the City of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the Transit Committee's recommendation to authorize a \$561,800 budget amendment to the Gruen and Associates contract and an additional \$200,000 amendment after the City of Los Angeles allocated funds for the San Fernando Study; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Motion was carried with an abstention by Mr. Holden.

STAFF OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Mr. Szabo reported that the Government Relations & Finance Committee recommended approval of the 1989 LACTC Legislative Agenda with the recommended amendments. Mr. Szabo moved, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the committee's recommendation. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.
15. Mr. Schabarum moved that this item on the Rail Development Plan be referred to the Transit Committee, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Mednick indicated that the report on the Carpool Lane Plan has been mailed to all cities and interested parties throughout the county for comments. Commissioners' input is welcomed.

Items 16 through 26 were included in the Commissioners' agenda for their information.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

27. Report on Transit Issues with SCRTD will be discussed at the December 9 Special LACTC meeting at 2:00 p.m. If a favorable action is taken by SCRTD, the special meeting may not be held.
28. Notice of Meetings was received and filed.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Mrs. Reed indicated that a letter from Ernst & Whinney to SCRTD and LACTC offers their services as a neutral third party. She suggested that it would be worthwhile for further discussion between Mr. Taylor, Mr. Pegg and Ernst & Whinney and asked that discussion be held and a report be made to the Commission at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

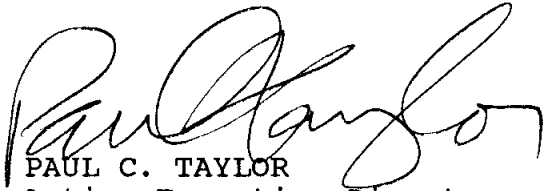
None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:25 p.m., Mr. Szabo moved for an additional item concerning personnel matters be discussed in closed session, seconded by Mrs. Mednick. County Counsel advised that eight affirmative votes were required for the additional item. There were ten affirmative votes to discuss the added item in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



PAUL C. TAYLOR
Acting Executive Director

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Attachments