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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

April 27, 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.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Peter Schabarum
Mayor Pro Tem Jacki Bacharach
Council Member Christine E. Reed
Councilman Michael Woo
Marcia Mednick
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
John La Follette, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Councilman Ray Grabinski, alternate to Councilman Tuttle
Wally Rothbart, representing 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
Vicenta Becerral, Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Proposed Schedule of Meetings

At the April 13 meeting, a new schedule of Commission meetings and its standing committees was proposed by the Chair. The Commissioners who were present asked staff to return with a recommendation on the matter. The staff recommended that the Commission conduct a 90-day trial of once-a-month meetings by cancelling the regular meetings scheduled for May 11, June 8, and July 13. This experiment requires no changes to the LACTC Administrative Code or policies. Mrs. Bacharach and Mr. Grabinski have expressed their objection to the changes.

Chairman Schabarum moved for approval of the staff recommendation to conduct a 90-day trial of once-a-month meetings, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Discussion followed. Mr. Grabinski expressed his reservations of holding meetings once-a-month that it is a little bit more action than this Commission should take at one time; the refining of how information is obtained before the meetings is critical; the once-a-month meeting puts the public at risk in terms of their participation; and puts the Commissioners at a certain amount of risk because if the Commissioners are not able to attend one meeting, it will be two months between meetings.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: King, Geoghegan, Szabo, La Follette, Remy, Woo
Reed, Mednick, Schabarum

No: Grabinski, Bacharach

Motion carried.

State Legislation re. Reorganization of SCRTD and LACTC

Mr. Schabarum indicated that there are a number of bills pending and that the Commission should be alert and involved as legislative efforts move forward during the course of the next several months.

Policy on Work Stoppage

At the last meeting, the Commission adopted a policy dealing with work stoppage as it relates to the SCRTD and its forthcoming negotiations with its respective unions. As part of that policy, the Commission concluded that it would be most appropriate if the Rapid Transit District would develop a plan to deal with that stoppage when and if it occurred.

What we did not do is to direct Commission staff to ask the RTD when they could provide us with their determination of what their idea of that plan should be. With the Commission's concurrence, Mr. Schabarum directed Mr. Taylor to ask RTD to provide the Commission with such a work stoppage plan no later than June 1, 1988. The Chairman also indicated that he would like RTD's management or directors to share that agency's position in negotiations for new labor contracts. Discussion followed.

Proposed Changes to Advisory Committees

Mr. Schabarum asked that Commission continue to modify the organization of its advisory committees over the next several weeks.

Security for Rail Transit Projects

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration contacted Mr. Schabarum's office with respect to grants program that deals with security. He asked Mr. Taylor to explain. Mr. Taylor explained that UMTA would like rail rapid transit systems to encourage the placement of police facilities in the vicinity of rail transit stations. They have suggested to the Supervisor's office that they would like to discuss the possibility of providing funds to the Commission for capital improvements; e.g., security substations for the Los Angeles-Long Beach rail transit project. Staff will follow up with UMTA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 13, 1988 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Baxter commented on election of the President of the SCRTD Board on June 25, 1987 and actions taken under chairman's remarks.

Greg Roberts commented on the Brown Act and qualifications of the Interim General Manager at RTD.

Peter A. O'Neil, candidate for L.A. County Supervisor - 5th District, asked the LACTC to conduct a feasibility study into a proposal for free bus transit in Los Angeles County to relieve traffic congestion.

Baxter Ward commented on the language of Ordinance No. 16 and his opposition to using Proposition A funds for light rail transit. Discussion followed his comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Szabo reported on the Government Relations and Finance Committee (GR&FC) meeting of April 27, as follows:

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AB 3062 (Polanco) - A measure to replace the LACTC and SCRTD with a Regional Transit Board with specified membership, duties, and subsidiaries. The GRF Committee recommended that the Commission oppose AB 3062 on the basis that it is not consistent with the principles of reorganization adopted by the Commission in March of 1987, the proposed board composition would not provide balanced representation, specific issues such as a transition plan, bonded indebtedness, and eminent domain authority are not addressed; and other concerns noted in staff report.

Mr. Szabo moved approval of the GRF Committee recommendation,, seconded by Mr. Grabinski. Without objection, the motion was carried.

Mr. Szabo further reported that three transportation reorganization-related bills will be heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee on May 11: SB 2111, AB 3434, and AB 3062. GRF Committee believes it is important for the LACTC to communicate its policy on reorganization to the Los Angeles legislative delegation, when this policy is adopted.

AB 1696 (Katz) - A measure to clarify the transportation responsibilities of SCAG and the county transportation commissions, and to remove the cap on the Transportation Development Act funds allocated to SCAG for planning. The GRF Committee recommended that the Commission support AB 1696.

Mr. Szabo moved approval of the GRF Committee recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Without objection, the motion was carried.

AB 3332 (Costa) - A measure to revise current provisions regarding state planning and funding of rail passenger services. The GRF Committee recommended a support position on AB 3332.

Mr. Szabo moved and Mrs. Reed seconded the GRF Committee recommendation. Without objection, the motion carried.

SB 1972 (Robbins) - A measure requiring insurance companies to provide a reduction of at least 10% to their customers who commute to work on public transportation. GRF Committee recommended the Commission support the bill.

Mr. Szabo moved and Mrs. Reed seconded the GRF Committee recommendation. Without objection, the motion was carried.

SB 2058 (Seymour) - A measure allowing the advancement of funds from the State Highway Construction Revolving Account for federally funded local highway demonstration projects. The GRF Committee recommended the Commission support the bill with an amendment to increase the funds available.

Mr. Szabo moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, the motion carried.

AB 4658 (LaFollette/McClintock) - A measure requiring a study of the impacts and effectiveness of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. The GRF Committee recommended that the Commission monitor the bill in its present form; however, if the bill is amended in a manner that would delay implementation of HOV projects, the Commission would oppose the bill.

Mr. Szabo moved and Mr. Remy seconded the motion. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

It was noted that four bills which would expand the authority of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the San Francisco Bay Area in an effort to improve coordination and cost-effectiveness of transportation services, were considered by the committee.

AB 3855 (Duplissea) - A measure to establish a demonstration project for contracting out transit service.

AB 3970 (Cortese) - A measure to allow a study of the feasibility of creating a regional rail authority.

AB 3971 (Cortese) - A measure authorizing the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to cooperate with MTC and ABAG in establishing employer-sponsored ridesharing programs.

AB 3972 (Cortese) - A measure granting MTC numerous additional powers in coordinating and funding transit operators.

The GRF Committee recommended that the Commission support AB 3855 if it is amended to include the LACTC as an eligible agency for the PVEA monies to fund transit services which are contracted out at a cost savings.

Mr. Szabo moved approval of the committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

The GRF Committee further requested staff to ask Assemblyman Cortese if he would amend AB 3971 to include a provision that the SCAQMD consult with the LACTC in developing its ridesharing program.

LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Mr. Szabo referred Commissioners to the Legislative Matrix for an update on bills on which the Commission has taken action. He reported that the Transit Committee will review whether the LACTC should seek authority similar to that proposed in AB 2722, whereby MTC could temporarily become trustee for AC Transit.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of April 22, 1988, as follows:

Report on Third-Party Actions and Contract Change Notices

The RCC recommended that the Commission Chairman send a letter to the L.A. County Director of Public Works regarding actions in support of our Long Beach-Los Angeles project construction. Mrs. Bacharach moved that contact be made with the L.A. County, Department of Public Works, which was seconded. Chairman indicated that he will invite the Director of Public Works and others to discuss this matter. Mrs. Bacharach withdrew her motion.

Change Order No. 001 for Contract R01-T06-H0811 - Traction Power

The Committee recommended the Commission approve Change Order No. 001 for Contract R01-T06-H0811 in the amount of \$663,905 to increase the current contract amount from \$16,699,349 to \$17,363,254.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Grabinski. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Award Contract P0851 - Hi-Rail Trucks

The RCC recommended the Commission reject all bids on Contract P0851 - Hi-Rail Trucks and authorize staff to readvertise for bids.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the recommendation, which was seconded by Mrs. Mednick. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Award Contract C245 - Central Control and Security Building

The RCC recommended the Commission authorize the Acting Executive Director to award Contract No. R01-T01-C245 to Shirley Brothers, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The contract award will be for a total estimated contract price of \$5,557,700. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$555,300 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and extra work, but will not be included in the contract award amount. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protest timely-filed.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Grabinski. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Transportation Occupations Program

The RCC recommended the continuation of the Transportation Occupations Program and change its category from being a Long Beach-Los Angeles project program to a rail program function.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Grabinski. Without objection, motion carried.

Mr. Grabinski asked staff to provide a menu of items where the private sector can participate in the TOP program. It was suggested that a copy of the menu be sent to Mr. Remy for coordination with the Genesis program of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Automation of Norwalk-El Segundo Project

The RCC recommended that the Commission approve automation for the Norwalk-El Segundo line with third-rail power distribution and a lighter-weight version of the vehicle used on the Long Beach line.

The Committee also recommended that staff be directed to:

- o prepare a detailed system definition and specifications for the vehicle and automatic train control equipment;
- o engage in discussions with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regarding application on General Orders to a automated systems;
- o prepare job descriptions for Rapid Transit Attendants to facilitate upcoming union negotiations;

- o revise the TransCal contract to accommodate the automated transit system concept, and commence final design activities accordingly.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Grabinski.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Chuck White and Mr. Alex Fujimoto of Sumitomo Corporation of America, contractor of the 54 light rail vehicles for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, appeared before the Commission and commented on the proposed use of the automated light rail vehicles with a third-rail power distribution on Century Freeway line (Norwalk-El Segundo). Sumitomo is now proceeding on the design of the 54 light rail vehicles for LACTC. The light rail under floor equipment arrangement is very tight and space is restricted. If the LACTC wishes to adopt third-rail power distribution for the Norwalk-El Segundo cars, design of the current underfloors, as well as component equipment would have to be modified. In such case, spare parts and component interchangeability between the Los Angeles-Long Beach and Norwalk-El Segundo cars would be impacted in many instances, causing potential increases in maintenance costs for the LACTC and the SCRTD in the future. They asked the LACTC to fully investigate these impacts of the technology issue before deciding whether to adopt a third and distinctly separate transportation system in Los Angeles.

Further discussion followed.

Mr. Ray Remy indicated that he could not vote for the committee recommendation until the many questions he had could be answered. He asked that this item be postponed for one month.

Mrs. Bacharach withdrew her motion and asked that a workshop be held scheduled for the Commissioners. Hearing no objection, a workshop will be scheduled in two weeks.

Certification of Final Environmental Impact Report for Demo-lition of 1116 South Flower Street Building

The RCC recommended that the Commission adopt the attached Resolution No. 20 for the purpose of:

- o certifying the adequacy and completeness of the Final Environmental Impact Report;
- o approving specific mitigation measures;

- o adopting the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations; and
- o authorizing the filing of a Notice of Determination for the project.

Chairman Schabarum asked for any public comment on the Final Environmental Impact Report. Hearing none, a motion was made by Mrs. Bacharach to approve the FEIR for the demolition of 1116 South Flower Street building, seconded by Mr. Remy. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Claim of Rennia Carraway and Shinnett Madden

The RCC recommended that the Commission reject by operation of law the claims of Rennia Carraway and Shinnett Madden.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Mednick. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Information Item

The Rail Construction Committee received quarterly update on the budget, schedule and community relations. The Long Beach-Los Angeles project remains on schedule and within budget. Mrs. Bacharach explained the quarterly report. Under the community relations program, an elected officials briefing breakfast is planned in early June, staff is working on school safety programs, transit art programs and anti-graffitti, and brochure on the light rail vehicle.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that an item was left off the agenda that needs eight affirmative votes. Subsequent to the posting of this agenda, the need has arisen to reauthorize the Acting Executive Director to sell the Series C Refunding Bonds which were approved at the last Commission meeting. Mrs. Bacharach moved that this item be added to the agenda for action under the Executive Director's Report, seconded by Mr. Remy. Mr. Schabarum indicated the item is a proposed resolution of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission extending the authority of the Acting Executive Director to approve the terms of the sale of the Commission's Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds. Motion was carried with ten affirmative votes to place the item on the agenda.

Mrs. Bacharach also reported on the successful contractors' conference which was held in April.

AD-HOC RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the Ad-Hoc RTC meeting of April 22, as follows:

Select Consultant for Coastal Corridor EIR and Route Refinement

The Committee recommended the Commission select the team of Bechtel Civil, Inc. to perform the services needed to complete an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the northern segment of the Coastal Corridor and route refinement for the southern segment at a contract price not to exceed \$460,000. Three South Bay cities are being requested to provide 50% of the south segment route refinement cost, or \$70,000.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the committee's recommendation which was seconded. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Discussion followed on the consultant contract bidding process for professional services. Chairman Schabarum inquired as to how other agencies perform their contract process. Mr. Kelsey explained the process performed by the County.

Mr. Taylor indicated that the LACTC performs the process the same way as the County except that the budget figure is not discussed before hand by the County. He indicated that will not discuss the budget figure before hand unless requested by the Commission.

TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the Transit Committee meeting of April 25, as follows:

Proposed Revisions to Proposition A Discretionary Program Guidelines

The TC approved the policies outlined in the staff report for inclusion in the Proposition A Discretionary Program Guidelines. The Committee agreed with SCRTD's recommendation that services that RTD provides to other operators on a full cost reimbursement basis; e.g., customer information, scheduling, etc.) should not count against RTD costs when computing TPM bonuses.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Motion was carried by a 8-1 vote (no by Mr. Geoghegan).

The Committee heard presentations on the following information items:

1. Status of SCRTD to Balance Budget
2. History of Development of the LACTC County-wide Rail System
3. Metro Rail Project/MOS-1 Segment Cost and Progress Update
4. Review of Draft Environmental Document for Second Segment of Metro Rail Project

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. First Draft of Proposed LACTC Budget

Draft budget report was distributed to the Commissioners. A final budget report will be submitted at the last meeting in June. A public hearing will be held prior to the adoption of the final budget at the May 25 meeting.

B. Resolution

Resolution regarding extending the authority of the Acting Executive Director to approve the terms of the sale for the Commission's Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 1988-A and the authority to execute or direct the execution of the Purchase Contract as previously approved. Mr. Taylor explained that the extension is needed since similar authority had been granted at the previous Commission meeting and a bond sale had not occurred before this meeting. Staff anticipates that a sale of bonds will occur before the next Commission meeting. Mr. Taylor recommended the Commission extend this authority until the next Commission meeting. Mrs. Reed moved approval to extend the authority of the Acting Executive Director; and the motion was seconded by Mr. Remy. The motion was approved with Mr. Schabarum abstaining.

At the meeting of April 13, 1988, the Commission approved a series of consultants and underwriters to structure and market the Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 1988-A. Mr. Schabarum indicated that, subsequent to the April 13 action, he had learned that a number of the approved firms are contributors to his campaign committee. Therefore, he needs to reflect an abstention from that vote.

Mr. Schabarum referred the Commissioners to pages 8 and 9 of the April 13 minutes which reflect the actions taken. He asked the Commission to allow him to move to reconsider the

action taken as it relates to the appointment of the various firms listed; i.e., bond counsel, financial advisors, bond counsels, independent certified public accountants, trustees, and underwriters. Mrs. Reed seconded the motion to reconsider. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Mrs. Reed offered to remake the motion, made at the April 13 meeting, that the Commission approve the staff recommendation to hire the bond counsels, etc.; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. The motion was carried with an abstention by Mr. Schabarum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of the commission/committee meetings was distributed to the Commissioners.

Mrs. Bacharach asked about the status of the search firm for the search of the Executive Director. Mr. Szabo indicated that he had met with the Chairman and reconfirmed the desire to proceed with the search. He will get back to the Commission with a schedule and a profile of the candidate they are looking for.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



PAUL C. TAYLOR
Acting Executive Director

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Attachment