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LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 24, 1988

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Reed at 1:42 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Councilwoman Christine E. Reed
Mayor Pro Tem Jacki Bacharach
Councilman Michael Woo
Marcia Mednick
Blake Sanborn, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Dana
John La Follette, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Grabinski, alternate for Councilman Tuttle
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Jerry Baxter, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Margarita Ortiz, Senior Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs. Reed indicated that today is Mr. Richmond's last meeting before his departure to New Jersey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 10, 1988 should be corrected as follows:

Page 8 - "...staff to discuss with all contractors and make recommendations about ways to increase hiring of local workers, which the Committee feels is the principal matter on which LACTC has an option to act."

Page 9 (Coastal Corridor) - "The RTC recommended that the Commission authorize the preparation of a Request for Proposal for professional services for an Environmental Impact Report on the north segment of the Coastal Corridor and the south segment to the vicinity of Torrance...."

The minutes were approved as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of February 19, 1988, as follows:

Transit Productivity Committee Membership Recommendation

The FRC approved the staff recommendation to appoint Ronald Lamb, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, to fill the citizen vacancy on the Transit Productivity Committee.

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

San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone Bus Purchase Guarantee

The FRC approved the recommendation that the Commission agree to guarantee payment to bus manufacturer(s) of the County's order of 47 buses for the San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone. Said guarantee shall: 1) terminate upon the establishment of the San Gabriel Valley Transportation Authority and its Executive Board, and 2) conform with the conditions of the bus purchase. A contingency fund of \$7,050,000 of Proposition A Discretionary funds will be reserved for the guarantee.

Mr. Sanborn moved approval, seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

RFP for an Opinion Survey on Transportation Issues in Los Angeles County

The FRC approved the staff recommendation that the Commission approve proceeding with a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a market research firm to conduct a study to assess public attitudes on highway-related issues.

Mr. Sanborn moved approval of the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Bryan Allen suggested some topics to include in the opinion survey.

Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Proposed Amendments to Local Return Guidelines

The FRC approved the staff recommendation, with the exception of the issue paper on signalization. Staff was directed to revise the recommendation to include signal synchronization as eligible for Prop. A provided:

1. Bus preemption is included as part of the project; and
2. The project is installed on streets which have frequent transit service with full-size buses.

No action was taken by the Commission. Authorization was given at the Committee meeting for staff to circulate the proposed changes for comment from the various agencies.

Information Items:

1. The Committee discussed the staff proposal to revise the LACTC committee structure. Staff was asked to prepare a written description of an alternative proposal, to be discussed by the FRC at its next meeting.
2. The Committee held over for later action the staff proposal to modify LACTC rules for public comment.
3. The next meeting of the FRC has been rescheduled to March 4.

Public Comment:

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the allocation of Local Return funds.

Mr. Remy asked about the revision of the LACTC committee structure. He asked if staff could put together a suggested schedule of meeting dates of those new committees.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of February 24, as follows:

State Legislation

AB 2808 (Duplissea)

This bill requires that local transportation authorities implement a private enterprise participation process for transit service. The author has indicated his intent to incorporate the first four amendments recommended in the LACTC staff report. The additional amendments are as follows:

1. Assure that the effective date for the program coincides with the beginning of the operators' funding cycle.
2. Modify the language in Section 99424 so that operators and transportation authorities maintain the authority to establish standards relating to wages, benefits, or organization of contractor employees.
3. Provide that the planning of new facilities, but not facility expansions, shall require a review of competitive alternatives.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the IRC recommendation, seconded by Mr. King. The motion was carried with one opposition vote by Mr. Geoghegan.

AB 2927 (Eastin/Katz)

This bill would establish a statewide Blue Ribbon Transportation Commission to develop a long-range plan for transportation programs. The IRC recommended the LACTC support the bill with amendments to provide for four additional members on the Commission, two from regional planning organizations (one from Northern California and one from Southern California) and two from county transportation commissions (one from Northern California and one from Southern California). In addition, Mr. Remy recommended that the bill be amended to provide that the individuals named to serve on the Commission be allowed to designate alternates. Mrs. Reed moved approval of the IRC recommendation and Mr. Remy's proposed amendment, which was seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

AB 2722 (Eastin)

This bill permits the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to become trustee for the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District for a three-year period to improve the district's financial condition. Mrs. Reed reported that the Commission will monitor this bill since it deals with issues which have some similarity to those raised in Los Angeles County.

AB 555 (Eaves)

This bill provides for Caltrans to develop a plan to test highway automation technologies. Mrs. Reed reported that the IRC recommended a position of support and suggested the inclusion of automatic vehicle identification as one of the technologies to be tested.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the IRC recommendation, seconded by Mr. Szabo. The motion was adopted without objection.

SB 1793 (C. Green)\

This bill would require the California Transportation Commission to annually allocate at least 2% of the amount allocated to new highway construction to soundwalls. While IRC agreed with the need for soundwall funding, it was concerned that the bill provided no new funding and would take money from other highway projects. Since additional soundwall bills will be introduced, it was agreed that all should be reviewed collectively. Therefore, the Commission will monitor the bill at this time.

Legislative Matrix

Mrs. Reed reported on the status of several bills in the Legislative Matrix.

APTA Legislative Conference

Mrs. Reed reported that several Commissioners will attend the APTA Legislative Conference in March in Washington, D.C., and will report back to the Commission on federal legislative issues.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of February 19, as follows:

Change Order for Contract R01-T01-C2125 - Railroad Relocation

The RCC recommended that the Commission approve Change Order #59 in the amount of \$933,600 to increase the current contract amount from \$43,876,199 to \$44,809,799.

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

Change Order for Contract R01-T07-H831 - SCADA

The RCC recommended that the Commission approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,480,450 to increase the current contract amount from \$3,784,200 to \$5,264,650.

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

Reconsideration of Contract C325 - Willow to Ninth Street

The RCC heard testimony from both Griffith Company and Morrison-Knudsen Company at its meeting on February 19. The Committee voted 5-1 to reject staff's recommendation to rebid and reaffirm the Commission's previous action to award the contract to Morrison-Knudsen Company.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that this is not an action item coming from the Committee because no new action was taken.

The Chair ruled that unless a Commissioner wanted to offer a motion to reconsider the previous action of the Commission, no action would be taken.

Mr. James Waltze of Griffith Company appeared before the Commission and urged the Commission to follow the staff's recommendation and rebid this project.

Mr. Szabo offered a motion to reconsider the Commission's previous action which was seconded by Mr. La Follette.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken to reconsider the Commission's previous action to award the contract to Morrison-Knudsen Company.

Yes: Geoghegan, Szabo, La Follette, Grabinski

No Sanborn, King, Remy, Woo, Bacharach, Mednick, Reed

Motion failed 4-7.

Contract for Transcal to Complete Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Transcal for an amount not to exceed \$48,857,335 for the contract term of October 1, 1987 to December 31, 1990.

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

Closed Session: Parcel R01-R21-AS73, Kurtzman and Parcel AS039 - 3M Business Product Sales

The Committee requested for a closed session to consider acquisition of Parcels AS73 and AS039. (Mrs. Bacharach abstained from consideration of the Kurtzman parcel.)

A slide presentation on the construction progress of the Los Angeles-Long Beach rail transit project was made by Jim Cohen of LACTC staff.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7.

SAFE

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 immediately following the Commission meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. The Amtrak Station selection tour has been scheduled for March 3. Interested persons will meet at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Commission offices for transportation to the Norwalk and Commerce sites. Tour will conclude at the Commission offices around 12:15 p.m.
2. The French Consulate in Los Angeles has contacted the LACTC to invite the Commissioners to a presentation on the new railroad tunnel under the English Channel (Euro Tunnel) now being designed by the British and French. Representatives of French firms involved in the project will make a presentation on this major project on March 7 at the Biltmore Hotel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ken Savage and Dennis Johnson commented on complaints against Herzog Contracting Corp. concerning racial discrimination.

Mrs. Reed explained that no action can be taken at the Commission meeting today because item was not listed on the agenda.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that the Rail Construction Committee will ask staff, including legal counsel, to prepare a policy statement and obtain a statement from Mr. James Gilmore on his allegations.

2. John Walsh, Elected member of Hollywood PAC of the CRA Hollywood Project and Chairman of United Riders of Los Angeles, commented on SCRTD's cut in bus service and fare increase which will cause a hardship for the elderly, handicapped and students.
3. Greg Roberts commented that LACTC is withholding funds from SCRTD and expressed his opposition to changing Commission policy on public comment at meetings. Mrs. Reed indicated that the Finance Review Committee will discuss the matter of public comment at their next meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Changes in meeting dates:

Finance Review Committee - March 4 at 12 noon
Streets & Highways Committee - March 9 at 12 noon

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:15 p.m., the Commission recessed into a closed session under Government Code Section 54956.8 - real property transaction for the following parcels:

No. R01-R21-AS73A (located at
1130-1140 South Flower Street,
Los Angeles)

Owner: Kurtzman

No. R01-R21-AS039 (located at
north side of Artesia Blvd. &
east of Acacia Avenue, Compton

Owner: 3M Business
Products Sales

The Commissioners also discussed a personnel matter in closed session.

Meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 4:10 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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