

# MINUTES



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARCH 23, 1988

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Reed at 1:35 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 (arrived late)  
Marcia Mednick  
Mike Lewis, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
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

Staff members present:

Paul Taylor, Acting Executive Director  
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Elyse Kusunoki, Senior Secretary

### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 9 were corrected as follows:

Approval of FY 1989-93 Los Angeles County Highway TIP  
(page 4)

Mrs. Mednick indicated that the reasons for the proposed project delays by Caltrans were discussed at the Streets and Highways Committee meeting and the Committee felt that Caltrans did a good job in getting the projects out on time.

Proposed Conversion/Refunding of the \$11,500,000 Series C Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (page 6)

Under Mrs. Reed's motion, seconded by Mr. King, hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

Request by Supervisor Antonovich for An EIR (page 12)

Supervisor Antonovich offered a substitute motion. His substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The minutes of March 9 were moved and seconded for approval as corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected with one abstention by Mr. Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Baxter commented on an SCRTD Board meeting of June 25, 1987 at which election of officers was held.

Sheldon Walter commented on receiving public comment at the beginning and end of the Commission meeting. He also commented on his support for Supervisor Antonovich's proposal to place magnetic levitation along the Ventura/Hollywood Freeway. He loaned brochures on rapid transit technologies to the Commission for their review.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC meeting of March 21, as follows:

Since only one member was present, no actions were taken by the Committee. The following staff recommendations were forwarded to the full Commission for action without an FRC recommendation:

Intercounty Service and Transfer Agreements

Staff recommended approval of the following recommendations related to the service/transfer agreements between the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD), the Riverside Transit Authority (RTA), and the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC).

1. The contracted Line 496 will terminate at El Monte Station.
2. SCRTD and RTA will accept cash transfers issued by the other operator as base fare for continuing service at El Monte Station.
3. RTA will reimburse SCRTD for costs associated with the use of El Monte Station.
4. Currently, SCRTD operates Line 496 with service restrictions in L.A. County: Westbound discharge only; Eastbound pick-up only. Future service will be at the discretion of RTA, which may include an open door service policy in L.A. County.
5. Data on cost, revenue, ridership, and transfers at the El Monte Station will be collected for the contracted service for a one-year period. This data will be analyzed, and changes in the funding arrangement will be recommended if indicated.
6. During the test period, SCRTD will continue to get credit under LACTC's Formula Allocation Procedure, for miles between the L.A. County line and the El Monte Station.

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the staff's recommendations with regard to the agreement between Riverside Transit Authority and SCRTD, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that she is disturbed that the Riverside terminal is only used to operate these lines and one additional. She asked staff to bring back to the FRC at some point a way that the Commission can try and influence the decision to close the terminal that is only used to operate one existing line.

Mr. Taylor indicated that there are other instances which staff intends to bring before the Committee in the process of approving the SCRTD's capital program for the next year.

Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

SCRTD Budget Balancing Motion

Mr. Taylor indicated that at the last meeting, Chairman Schabarum proposed the following motion:

That, beginning with the April payment, Prop. A payments to the SCRTD be made only under the condition that those

SCRTD Board members who have not voted to pursue service reductions and fare increases not receive their monthly stipend until (1) actions are taken to balance the current year's budget; and (2) appropriate actions are taken to balance the FY 1989 budget.

For reasons indicated in the staff report, staff does not believe that further action on this proposal is required at this time.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to continue this item to the next meeting, which was seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

#### Formation of the Rural Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Mr. Taylor explained that the Commission is required as part of the Article 8 Unmet Transit Needs determination process to establish a Rural Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. It was recommended that the candidates on the attached list (Attachment A) prepared by the office of Supervisor Antonovich be ratified for membership on the advisory council.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bacharach, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the formation of the advisory council and appoint the people noted on the attached list. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the March 23 IRC meeting as follows:

##### State

##### Initiatives Amending the Gann Appropriations Limit

With one opposing vote, the IRC recommended the Commission support initiatives to amend the Gann appropriations limit on transportation funds: Proposition 71 (Californians for Quality Government) and Proposition 72 (Gann II - Committee for California's Future).

Mrs. Reed moved approval of the IRC recommendation, seconded by Mr. Remy. Mrs. Bacharach moved a substitute motion to support Proposition 71 and take no position on Proposition 72, which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Mr. Lewis moved a second substitute motion, with Mr. La Follette seconding,

that the item be tabled to a future meeting when the propositions can be reviewed jointly with the Governor's transportation bond measure. Mr. Lewis' substitute motion was defeated on a five to five vote. Mrs. Bacharach's substitute motion was defeated three to seven. Mrs. Reed's main motion was defeated four to six. Staff was directed to bring these issues back for further consideration.

SB 2182 (Bergeson) - Amendments to Service Authorities for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) Law

The IRC recommended the Commission support SB 2182. The IRC recommendation was moved by Mrs. Reed, seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

AB 3751 (Chandler) - Article 8 Funding Authority

The IRC recommended the Commission oppose AB 3751, which would give county boards of supervisors the authority to adopt TDA allocations. Mrs. Reed moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Without objection, the motion was carried.

Update on Transportation Bond Measures

Mrs. Reed reported that SB 140 (Deddeh), authorizing placement of a \$1 billion transportation bonding proposal on the June ballot, was enacted into law. The chaptered version did not include amendments proposed by the Commission relating to the STIP process. Staff will provide the IRC with more information on the ballot measure, in conjunction with Propositions 71 and 72.

Comments from the Bus Operations Subcommittee on SB 2489

Mrs. Reed reported that the Bus Operations Subcommittee (BOS) had no concerns with SB 2489, the Commission/SCRTD-sponsored bill on contracting transit service. The Commission will present testimony in support of the bill at the April 5 Senate Transportation Committee hearing.

Legislative Matrix

Mrs. Reed updated the Commissioners on the status of bills included in the Legislative Matrix.

The IRC recommended the Commission confirm its support of federal transportation funding at the authorized levels for FY 1989 by endorsing House Resolution 400 and Senate Resolution 394. Mrs. Reed moved for approval of the IRC recommendation, seconded by Mr. Szabo. Without objection, the motion was carried.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported that a ceremony took place in Watts to reconstruct the old Watts station has a historic site by the CRA. The LACTC was invited to participate in the ceremony.

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of March 18, as follows:

Award Contract C4360 - Rosecrans LRT Overpass

The RCC recommended the Commission authorize the Acting Executive Director to award Contract R01-T01-C4360 to Brutoco Engineering and Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The contract award will be for a total estimated contract price of \$4,997,900. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$499,800 is also recommended to cover the cost of change and extra work, but will not be included in the contract award amount. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protest timely-filled.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Grabinski. Without objection, the motion was carried.

Change Order on Contract P865 - Light Rail Vehicles

Staff recommended that the Commission approve Change Order #001 in the amount of \$386,124. The total contract price is modified from \$69,607,934 to \$69,994,058. Funding for this Change Order is currently budgeted within the Long Beach-Los Angeles Project budget.

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

Information Items

The Committee received a briefing by the Risk Management Services consultant on the risk management status of the Commission's contracts. The Committee asked that safety statistics be included in the quarterly reports.

The Contractors' Conference is scheduled for April 20, 1988 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mayfair Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

Closed Session: Parcel R01-R21-AS73 - Kurtzman

The Committee requested a closed session to consider legal matters and acquisition of Parcel AS73 -Kurtzman at the end of the meeting. Mrs. Bacharach abstained from voting on Parcel AS73.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of March 18, as follows:

Consultant Selection for the Pasadena-Los Angeles Environmental Impact Report

The RTC recommended the Commission approve the present Bechtel Civil, Inc. contract be amended for the EIR work. This action would allow Commission staff to negotiate and execute a scope of work and budget amendment with Bechtel Civil, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$330,000, which includes a 10% contingency. The current contract amount is \$535,000.

A letter was received from the City of Pasadena expressing their support for Bechtel Civil. The EIR work will be a nine to ten-month study. Because of the differences between route refinement work and the environmental impact report work, the DBE/WBE component is being amended from 50% to 35%.

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

Metro Rail Project/MOS-2 Segment - Limited Preliminary Engineering and Development of Benefit Assessment Process

The RTC recommended that the Commission authorize up to \$2,854,000 from Proposition A funds to allow the SCRTD to proceed with limited preliminary engineering and development of a benefit assessment process for MOS-2. This authorization should be limited to UMTA-approved tasks that can be productively done for MOS-2 between now and September 3, 1988, when the LONP expires. The Commission should also require that it be reimbursed or credited for all Proposition A funds used for this MOS-2 work once the related amendment to the Metro Rail Full Funding Contract is executed.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the Committee's recommendation with the deletion of the words "reimbursed or", seconded by Mr. King. Mr. Lewis spoke in opposition to the motion. Further discussion followed. Motion was carried with a "no" vote by Mr. Lewis and an abstention by Mr. La Follette.

Discussion of Proposal by Supervisor Antonovich

The RTC discussed the proposal to initiate an EIR on a monorail line from Westlake to downtown Los Angeles using the Ventura and Hollywood Freeways.

Mr. Stanger, LACTC staff, presented an outline of Supervisor Antonovich's proposal that was made to the Rapid Transit Committee.

Question and answer period followed. Mr. Lewis asked if the monorail technology is an acceptable mode for funding under the Proposition A guidelines. Mr. Stanger answered that the Prop. A ordinance requires the use of rail funds for rail rapid transit so the monorail is not rail; however, it is an acceptable fixed guideway technology which could be incorporated in a broader definition. Mr. Lewis indicated that it is his estimation that the Commission has a far too narrow a definition of what are acceptable or appropriate technologies for funding under the Prop. A guidelines and the Commission should examine those technologies and make some determinations as to what fits that guideway definition. Also, Mr. Lewis asked to have some examination of the monorail technology as to whether or not we consider those acceptable guideway systems.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Bacharach said that the Committee recommended that Supervisor Antonovich present his proposal to the Los Angeles City Council Citizens Advisory Panel. The Committee also asked staff to monitor both that work and Caltrans' proposed San Fernando Valley study to consider double-decking of the Ventura Freeway. It also voted to invite monorail representatives to appear before the relevant Committee.

For these reasons, the RTC voted not to recommend that the Commission authorize an Environmental Impact Report.

Mrs. Bacharach moved approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Szabo. Mrs. Reed asked if Mr. Lewis' concern that the Commission explore definition of types of technology eligible for Prop. A rail system could be included into the motion. Mrs. Bacharach agreed to include it into her motion.



Further discussion followed.

Mr. La Follette offered a substitute motion that the Supervisors Antonovich and Edelman be invited to appear before a joint meeting of the Citizens Advisory Panel of the City of Los Angeles and the Commission's Rapid Transit Committee, seconded by Mr. King.

Discussion followed.

Vote on the substitute motion was by show of hands:

Yes: King, Lewis, La Follette

No: Geoghegan, Szabo, Remy, Woo, Grabinski, Bacharach, Mednick, Reed

Substitute motion failed 3-8.

Vote on the main motion by show of hands:

Yes: Lewis, King, Szabo, Remy, Woo, Grabinski, Bacharach, Mednick, Reed

No: Geoghegan, La Follette

Motion passed 9-2.

Mr. Lewis indicated that the Commission has guidelines that are very specific that pertain to how the local return portion of the funds are used and how the discretionary money are used but there is nowhere to his knowledge written down in a concise fashion any set of guidelines for procedures or information for anybody, let alone for the Commissioners or the general public, as to how the 35% rail funds are to be used. He asked what qualifies for them, what does not, what determines the corridor, what the procedures are for proposing a route or an alignment.

Mrs. Reed indicated that the Commission has an adopted plan for spending the rail funds and asked the Rail Construction Committee to retrieve the plan from the files and review it again. Mr. Lewis' comments will be referred to the Rail Construction Committee and return with a set of guidelines.

Presentation by Harry A. Laufman on His Proposed Southern California Airerail System

Mr. Laufman made a presentation before the Rapid Transit Committee. The Committee voted to receive and file Mr. Laufman's proposal.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Expected contract awards over the next three months that are subject to Political Reform Act of 1974:

Underwriters for various bonds (i.e., Series C, SAFE)  
Bond counsel for various bonds (i.e., Series C, SAFE)  
Consultant for EIR/route refinement in Coastal Corridor  
Extension of contract for Local Return Audits (Simpson & Simpson/Quezada Navarro)  
Consultant for SAFE Implementation Plan  
Consultant for planning study in Glendale-Los Angeles corridor

- B. Restructuring of Advisory Committees: Supervisor Schabarum has asked that the restructuring of the advisory committees be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for review and recommendation as soon as possible.
- C. Solicitation for Underwriters: At the last meeting, the Commission authorized the solicitation for underwriters for the Series C bond refunding. The Finance Review Committee will be meeting on or before April 6 to interview the final candidates for the proposals which are due today.

Mrs. Reed indicated that a memo from Mr. Taylor attached Jim Sims' notes from a speech which Mr. Sims gave at a conference on air quality that got publicity in the newspaper. Mr. Sims' comments were taken out of context.

Mr. Lewis asked the Acting Executive Director to comment on the bus pass reimbursement item that is pending before the Rapid Transit Committee. That has been an item of discussion before this committee on more than one occasion.

Mr. Taylor indicated that one of the matters that was approved today has to do with a reciprocity of passes and transfers between the SCRTD and the Riverside Transit Agency's line into El Monte Station. It was just brought to Mr. Taylor's attention that SCRTD is considering on its agenda tomorrow a recommendation from staff to delete provisions for revenue reimbursement of District passes, tickets and tokens, etc. on lines operated by the City and County of Los Angeles. It was just made known to LACTC staff so staff is not able to have an analysis of it at this time. Mrs. Reed asked that LACTC staff look into this matter and find out if the District can unilaterally do this and be prepared to send an LACTC staff person to testify at the SCRTD Board meeting tomorrow.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The notice of meetings was received and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:25 p.m. the Commission recessed into an Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - Actual Litigation. The basis for holding a closed session is to confer with Counsel on pending litigation in the matters of LACTC vs. Regency, Southern Pacific vs. LACTC, and Kurtzman vs. LACTC.

At 4:05 p.m., the Commission reconvened.

Mrs. Bacharach moved, seconded by Mr. King, to approve the augmentation of legal services contracts by \$250,000 for the current fiscal year. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.



PAUL C. TAYLOR  
Acting Executive Director

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Attachment