

MINUTES



LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 403 West 8th St., Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90014 (213) 626-0370

November 26, 1986

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

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Deane Dana
Mayor Christine E. Reed
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Marcia Mednick
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor King
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
John Dewar, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
David Kelsey, Acting Asst. County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Carol Martin, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 12, 1986 were moved and seconded for approval. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Dana distributed copies of his motion requesting the County Chief Administrative Office to study the current organization for transportation planning and implementing in Los Angeles County and report any recommendations for change to the County Board of Supervisors.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report was made. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 1986.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mednick reported on the S&HC meeting of November 26, as follows:

"On the Road to the Year 2000" Plan

The committee approved the general concept for draft sections of the Financial Chapter recommendations, Action Plan Chapter, and Prologue. During December and January, staff will revise the entire plan, and will then return with a final version for Commission approval. The document will be printed and distributed for comment. A public hearing is scheduled to be held in March, with Commission adoption of the Plan scheduled for April.

Proposed Los Angeles City Ridesharing Incentives Ordinance

The committee received a copy of the proposed Los Angeles City Ridesharing Incentives Ordinance and asked for two additional comments for revision of the ordinance. This item was also reviewed by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for action.

Proposed Agenda for State and Federal Legislation

The committee approved the proposed program for street and highway legislation with two changes:

1. The LACTC should monitor potential legislation authorizing all counties to seek voter approval of a local sales tax dedicated to transportation.
2. Staff should return with a summary of pros and cons regarding possible Commission support for removing transportation from the Unified Federal Budget.

Mrs. Mednick also reported that the S&HC heard reports on the following items:

- a. Outcome of county sales tax measures -- One-half cent transportation sales tax measures were approved by voters in Alameda and Fresno Counties, but were voted down in Tuolumne and Contra Costa Counties.
- b. Status of Caltrans performance in delivering state highway projects -- Caltrans is on schedule in delivering 98% of major and budget-year projects in our county.
- c. Update from the Automobile Club on their freeway development plan.

Mrs. Mednick moved for approval of the general concept of the "On the Road to the Year 2000" Plan, which was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Mr. Edward Duncan appeared before the Commission and commented on a number of issues including SCRTD fares and the Reasonable Extra Effort Program for air quality.

Mr. Leonard Shapiro also appeared before the Commission and commented on the Clean Air Act.

Mrs. Mednick clarified that the measures discussed in the draft chapters for "On the Road to the Year 2000" pertain to the streets and highway program only.

Hearing no objection to the motion by Mrs. Mednick, the motion was carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of November 26 as follows:

LACTC 1987 State and Federal Legislative Agenda

The LACTC's 1987 State and Federal Agenda was considered by the committee, but was held for final approval until the December 17 IRC meeting. Specific committee amendments to the agenda included: direction to the staff to work with Caltrans in the development of "generic" enabling legislation allowing counties and/or county transportation commissions to take local sales tax initiatives to the electorate; support for a proposed SCAG bill to increase the current cap on TDA funds allocated to the agency; and further staff review of a proposal to broaden the state's definition of the disabled.

Impact of the November Elections on Local, State and Federal Transportation Programs

A report on the impact of the November elections on local, state and federal transportation programs was presented as an information item.

Proposed City of Los Angeles Ridesharing Incentives Ordinance

A proposed City of Los Angeles ordinance on ridesharing incentives was reviewed by the IRC. They recommended that the staff be directed to contact Councilman Braude, the authority of the proposed ordinance, to indicate the Commission's conceptual support for the ridesharing ordinance and to share the following concerns: (1) a need for clarification of the fee structure imposed upon businesses within the city and of the criminal penalties involved in non-compliance with the ordinance, (2) a suggestion that the regulatory structure called for in the ordinance be phased in over a period of time, and (3) a need to explore the possibility of all government agencies participating in the ridesharing plan.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval, seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Proposed Legislation Regarding the Commission's Authority

The IRC discussed the proposed legislation by Senator Alan Robbins which would call for the restructuring of the LACTC. The committee also considered action taken by the County Board of Supervisors calling for a study of transportation agencies and programs in the County. Staff was directed to monitor Senator Robbins' bill after it is introduced in the State Senate and to provide the County Chief Administrative Office with information detailing the accomplishments of the Commission and the multiplicity of transportation interests represented by the LACTC.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of November 21. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Award Contract C455 -- Compton Creek Bridge

The committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award to PKB Construction, Inc. in a lump sum amount of \$1,632,237 for the construction of Compton Creek Bridge for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.

They also recommended an item be added to the staff report in the future to show the DBE/WBE compliance.

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

Cooperative Agreement

The committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans covering the planning, design, and construction of the Century Freeway rail transit project and, when executed, begin to issue work orders for necessary activities including design work, which should be done by LACTC-controlled forces to the maximum extent possible.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. King. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Automation of Century Rail Transit

The RCC recommended that staff return with a proposal as to how to study technology options for the Century Rail Transit Project.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Mednick.

Mrs. Bacharach explained her opposition to the committee's recommendation and Mrs. Mednick spoke in favor of the recommendation.

Much discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Mednick

No: Sanborn, King, Geoghegan, Dewar, Remy, Bacharach, Reed,
Dana

Motion failed.

Mr. Remy moved that the Commission request staff to update the August, 1986 evaluation of automated train operation as its applicability to any future line decisions and that the report be received in a timely fashion relative to those decisions. Mr. Remy's motion was seconded by Mr. Geoghegan.

Mr. Richmond indicated that the report will be done for each project at the appropriate point in the development process of each.

Hearing no objection, Mr. Remy's motion was carried.

Closed Session

The committee went into a closed session regarding the acquisition of Parcel R-1-R21-AS17 and damages to Parcel R01-R21-AS73. The committee recommended that the Commission adjourn to a closed session to discuss the above.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of November 21 as follows:

San Fernando Valley Route Refinement Study Report

The RTC heard public comments from various individuals from the Valley and recommended that the San Fernando Valley rail route be taken into the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process. Among the alternatives to be assessed are the alignment and options recommended in the staff's report. Other alternatives to be studied shall be recommended to the LACTC by staff in January.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Mednick.

Some discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed asked that staff reiterate the committee's recommendation, which is different from the staff recommendation, for the benefit of the public who were in attendance to offer public comments.

Mr. Richmond stated that the motion before the Commission is to adopt the Rapid Transit Committee's recommendation as follows: The RTC recommends that the San Fernando rail route be taken into the Environmental Impact Report process. One of the alternatives to be assessed is the alignment (and its

options) recommended in the staff's report which is the Burbank Branch route and extension options on both the west and east ends of that route. Other alternatives to be studied shall be recommended to the LACTC by staff in January.

The following persons appeared before the Commission and offered comments:

Marlene Bronson (representing Councilman Yaroslavsky)
 Heather Dalmont (representing Councilman Wachs)
 Clifton Rossett - citizen
 Steven M. Frank - Adat Ariel
 Helen Margulies (representing Homeowners Association)
 Beatrice Nicholas (representing homeowners on Chandler Blvd. and
 Thean Grafos)
 Julius Borah - citizen (had to leave)
 Dr. Seymour Feuerstein (representing Chandler Blvd. Neighborhood
 Watch Association, Homeowners Association, and Members of the
 Eastern Sector Transit Coalition)
 Tom Herman - Eastern Sector Transit Coalition (representing 7
 homeowner groups, 10 religious schools and community organizations)
 Robert Silver - Co-Chairman, East Sector Transit Coalition
 Richard Rossett - President, Valley Cities Jewish Community Center
 Carol Schary - resident of the Burbank, Fulton, Woodman, Oxnard Corridor
 Sheldon Walter - Free Lance Transit Consultant
 Pat Moser - N.O.W. Inner City L.A. Chapter
 Bryan Allen - citizen

Messrs. Geoghegan and Dewar both indicated support for the committee's recommendations.

A roll call was taken on the committee's recommendation:

Yes: Sanborn, King, Geoghegan, Dewar, Bacharach, Reed,
 Mednick, Dana

No: None

Motion passed.

Professional Services for an Environmental Impact Report
 The RTC recommended that staff be authorized to issue a request for qualifications from firms proposing to complete the EIR for the San Fernando rail transit project.

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

Lincoln Heights Route Refinement Study Recommendations

This item was held over to the December 12 meeting of the committee.

STATUS REPORT ON LACTC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Discussion on the status report on LACTC Goals and Objectives was not held due to the length of the meeting. Mr. Richmond called the members' attention to the written report and indicated that this discussion will probably be rescheduled for the spring in conjunction with development of a new LACTC operating budget.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. The next LACTC meeting will be held on December 17.
- B. The annual event of the Citizens Advisory Committee will be a tour of the City of Los Angeles' Automatic Traffic Surveillance and Control Center and dinner following the tour on December 14. Interested members are invited and should RSVP to Steve Lantz at their earliest convenience.
- C. A public affairs workshop has been scheduled for December 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the LACTC Main Conference Room.

NEW BUSINESSA. Metro Rail Cost Reduction Panel

Chairman Dana has appointed Barna Szabo to serve on the panel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice has been received and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:50 p.m. under Government Code Section 54956.8(a) for consideration of the acquisition of parcel from Simon Glazer, et. al. and damages to parcel owned by Mr. Kurtzman.

The Commission reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director