

MINUTES



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

December 17, 1986

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dana at 1:55 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room of the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Deane Dana
Mayor Christine E. Reed
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Marcia Mednick
Blake Sanborn, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Roy Donley, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
David Kelsey, Acting Assistant County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Maria White, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 26, 1986 were moved and seconded for approval. Hearing no objection, the minutes were unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Dana welcomed back Roy Donley who recently had surgery.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of December 15, 1986. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

FY 1988-90 Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) Guidelines for Los Angeles County Transit Operators

- o Approved the FY 1988-90 Los Angeles County SRTP/TIP Guidelines developed as a supplement to the SCAG Regional FY 1988-90 SRTP Guidelines, including LACTC's revisions, and guidelines to prepare the annual financial and operating information updates.

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

FY 1988 LACTC Capital Project Funding Priorities

- o Approved the recommendation contained in the staff report, with the following amendment:
 - Clarify that Priority 8 should be modified to read, "expansion or replacement of facilities."

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

Proposition A 40% Discretionary Fund: FY 1987 Prop. A MOU with Norwalk Transit

- o Approved the FY 1987 Prop. A 40% Discretionary Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Norwalk Transit for \$599,000.
- o Directed staff to review TPM requirements to ensure that small operators are not unduly penalized.

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

SCRTD'S FY 1987 TIP Amendment

- o Approved the staff's recommendation to amend the Los Angeles County FY 1987-91 SRTP/TIP to include the Central Maintenance Facility moving costs, \$1,275,000, to be funded from TDA funds (approved by 2-1 vote).

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Mrs. Bacharach explained her opposition to the recommendation.

A voice vote was taken on the committee's recommendation:

Yes: Sanborn, King, Donley, Remy, Russell, Reed, Mednick, Dana

No: Bacharach

Motion passed.

Modification to Scope of Work and Budget for UCLA Proposition A Project

- o Approved the staff's recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to modify the existing contract with the UCLA Public Policy Program to increase the project budget by \$6,014.

Mr. Sanborn move for approval which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Contract Assistance to Implement Records Management

- o Approved staff's recommendation that contract employees be hired through the second half of the fiscal year.

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

Sacramento Legislative Consultant Contract

This item is reported under the IRC report.

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the committee received reports on the following information items:

1. Transit Performance Measurement (TPM) Program 5-Year Bonus Projections
2. A report back on "reasonable progress" for SCRTD Absenteeism Targets
3. Status of Local Federal-Aid Urban Expenditures

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 1987.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of December 17, as follows:

LACTC 1987 State and Federal Legislative Agenda

The IRC recommended approval of LACTC 1987 State and Federal Legislative Agenda with two amendments. The amendments are as follows: (1) delete the word guideway from the provision supporting legislation to equitably allocate any increase in the state's fuel tax (bullet 4, page 58) and (2) substitute the word program for stabilize in the provision regarding State Transit Assistance (STA) funding (bullet 4, page 59).

Discussion followed. Mr. Remy suggested that staff be directed to provide further information on AB 18 (Katz), a measure to allow the issuance of general obligation bonds of up to \$1.5 billion for highway, transit guideway and local streets and roads improvements.

Bryan Allen (public comment) spoke in favor of amending the legislative agenda to indicate Commission support for State legislation authorizing a local gas tax increase.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of the IRC recommendation as amended by the committee and Mr. Remy, which was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Renewal of LACTC's State Legislative Consultant's 1987 Contract

The committee recommended approval of the 1987 contract of Tim Egan, the LACTC State Legislative Consultant.

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

Authorization for RFP to Study Public Attitudes on Transportation

The IRC considered a recommendation of the Commission's panel on the LACTC public affairs outreach program. The panel, which met at a special workshop on December 10, recommended that the Commission contract with a market research firm to conduct a public opinion survey to assess public attitudes on transportation issues in Los Angeles County. The committee recommended approval of the outline suggested by staff for the Request for Proposal with the following amendments to the scope of the survey: (1) a testing of the public's perception of what agency is responsible for transportation programs in the county, and (2) an assessment of the public's personal choices of alternative transportation modes.

The IRC further recommended that a task force be formed to work with staff on the RFP and, after the selection process is complete, with the selected market research firm on the opinion survey. That task force would have as its members: Mrs. Reed, Mayor Bradley or his designate, and Chairman Dana or his designate. The task force would also include a volunteer member from the business or academic community who is familiar with market research studies.

Discussion followed.

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

State Legislation

The IRC received a report on SB 2 (Robbins), a measure to restructure the transportation agencies in Los Angeles County, as an information item. As a result of this review, the committee recommended that a short-term Commission task force be created to develop a recommendation for IRC on a strategy for a Commission response to SB 2 and other efforts regarding consolidation of transportation agencies in the county. The task force would be composed of Chairman Dana, Co-Chairman Mayor Bradley, and the committee chairs of the Commission. The first meeting of the task force would be scheduled for the first week in January.

The IRC will review the recommended strategy for the first Commission meeting in 1987.

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

SCRTD's 1987 Legislative Agenda

The SCRTD's 1987 Legislative Agenda was presented as an information item.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of December 12. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

Cooperative Agreement

The RCC recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SCRTD and begin to issue work orders for necessary activities included in the Memorandum.

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

Century Project

The RCC recommended that staff study the potential for eventually automating the Century project by analyzing the current design to identify any aspect which may preclude future automation.

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

Closed Session

The RCC went into a closed session regarding the acquisition of Parcels R-01-R21-AS112, AS62, AS70 and recommended that the Commission adjourn to a closed session to discuss the above parcels.

Report on Elevated Section on Long Beach Boulevard

The committee discussed the City of Long Beach's conceptual study of a single-track loop and staff's concern regarding issues for consideration in the areas of operation, design and construction. Since it is important that the community affected by the loop accepts its inclusion in the project, staff and the RCC expect the City of Long Beach to undertake community relations activities and necessary environmental work for consideration of the single-track loop before making a formal request for including it in the rail project at no additional cost to LACTC.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of December 12. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

Lincoln Heights Route Refinement Study Recommendations

The RTC heard testimony from the public and discussed issues raised in the staff's report. Before authorizing further study of options within the Lincoln Heights segment, the RTC allowed additional time for the Lincoln Heights community to consider the acceptability of various alignment and profile options. Staff will return with a scope of work for expanded study, including how to connect the Lincoln Heights segment to the Seventh/Flower Street Station.

Mrs. Bacharach moved that additional alignments be made into the Lincoln Heights study over and above the two alignments that we already have and that staff be authorized to expand the scope of their work to include a down-town 7th and Flower Street Station to the Lincoln Heights connection. The motion was seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Bryan Allen (public comment) commented that he had no objections to the recommendations of the committee but does not support the idea of limiting the study to an alignment through El Sereno and Lincoln Heights.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Mednick offered a substitute motion that staff will prepare the scope-of-work necessary to initiate a route refinement study for the portion of the alignment which connects the Lincoln Heights segment to downtown Los Angeles with the ultimate goal of reaching the 7th and Flower Station or reaching the connection to the Long Beach-Los Angeles line. The substitute motion was seconded by Mr. Remy.

Further discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the substitute motion:

Yes: Mednick

No: Sanborn, King, Remy, Russell, Bacharach, Reed, Dana

Abstain: Donley

Substitute motion failed.

Hearing no objection to the committee's recommendation, the motion by Mrs. Bacharach was carried.

Century-El Segundo Rail Transit Project -- Decisions on Next Steps

On November 12, the Commission adopted a resolution for the Century-El Segundo Extension. This resolution has been carried out. The RTC recommended that the Commission authorize further design, land acquisition, and construction of the Century rail transit project to terminate with the El Segundo Extension to the Hawthorne yard by taking the four actions recommended in the staff report.

1. Funding for "the project" as approved November 12, 1986, should be committed. The total budget for the project is estimated to be \$150,000,000. This represents the \$117,000,000 estimated cost in 1986 dollars escalated to the mid-point of construction, plus the cost of seven additional rail vehicles needed to operate the extended Century Line. This budget estimate assumes revenue operations on the line simultaneous with the opening of the Century Line (presently scheduled for September 1993). In January, appropriate amendments to the rail transit "program plan" will be brought to the Rail Construction Committee.

2. Staff should be authorized to request proposals for a consultant to perform preliminary and final engineering services. Estimated cost for the total design effort is \$6-7 million (included in the total project budget).
3. The most time-critical piece of right-of-way required is the 9.4-acre Hawthorne Yard site, currently owned by the State of California. The State has declared it surplus property and will make it available to local agencies in January. The Commission should authorize staff to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of this property (included in the total project budget), returning for establishment of just compensation by the Commission at a later date.
4. One additional staff position should be authorized for oversight of the engineering services. Details will be presented for approval in January.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the committee's recommendation which was seconded by Mr. King.

Mrs. Mednick indicated that she supports the recommendation but stated for the record and clarification that what is being voted on is the El Segundo Extension of the Century Line and that this does not move any other segments or any other line further ahead. Mr. Remy echoed Mrs. Mednick's comments.

Mr. Bryan Allen read a letter which he had sent to the Rapid Transit Committee disagreeing with the committee's recommendation for committing funds to the El Segundo Extension at this time and asked the Commission to reject the recommendation as presented. He offered some recommendations to the Commission.

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

Yes: Sanborn, King, Donley, Remy, Russell, Bacharach, Reed, Mednick, Dana

No: None

Abstain: Donley

Motion passed.

San Fernando Valley EIR

The RTC considered staff's report on the alternative routes and criteria being examined for possible inclusion in the Environmental Impact Report. On January 23, the committee will act on recommendations for the final alternatives for the EIR.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Copies of the LACTC FY 1986-87 Annual Audit Report with a summary memo attached were distributed to the Commissioners present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on a former railroad right-of-way in the Silverlake area and the one-way loop idea in the City of Long Beach.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The LACTC meetings for 1987 will be held at the Department of Water and Power on the 15th floor. The first meeting is scheduled for January 14.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:25 p.m., the Commission adjourned to a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) for purposes of discussing real estate acquisitions for parcels located at 1230 South Flower Street, Los Angeles (Cooper); Carson Street in Long Beach (Southern California Edison Company); and at 333 East Esther Street, Long Beach (Chidester).

Meeting was reconvened at 3:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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