

MINUTES



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

April 23, 1986

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Acting Chairwoman Reed at 1:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Mayor Christine E. Reed
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman Marc Wilder
Marcia Mednick
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Peter Ireland, alternate for Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley

Mr. Richmond indicated that he was in receipt of a letter from Supervisor Dana appointing Peter Ireland as his alternate for today's meeting.

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel, for Dave Kelsey
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Margarita Ortiz, Senior Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of April 9, 1986, as submitted. Those present approved the minutes with no objection except for an abstention by Mrs. Bacharach.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC meeting of April 21 and the committee's recommendations were as follows:

Phase II - Fiscal Year '86 Transit Operator Performance Audit

- o Based upon the results of Phase I findings, approve the proposed work program for Phase II of the Performance Audit with the exception of the SCRTD revenue collection task. Staff was asked to discuss another alternative with the operators and report back in May.
- o Authorize the Executive Director to issue a Notice to Proceed with Phase II, at a cost of \$79,671, which is included in the current contract.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval and to include in the motion that the alternative being discussed with the operators is the alternative of assisting the small munis with regard to preparing goals, objectives, and performance standards. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Office Space Modifications

- o Approve the office space modifications to the 5th and 6th floors for an amount not to exceed \$22,000, to be funded with monies currently available in the Office Space Account.

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

SCAG Proposal to Increase Transportation Development Act Planning Funds

- o Express concern that SCAG has not followed a proper review and approval process for this proposal;
- o Advise SCAG of the concerns of the L.A. County Transit Operators;
- o Inform SCAG that its proposal should not take effect during FY 1987.

Mrs. Reed indicated that she has since received additional information that SCAG now plans to take this issue through several of the committees at SCAG, and that no policy board members at SCAG have taken a position on this proposal because it has not been brought to their policy board. The FRC principally commented on the process that was not being used rather than the substance of the item which no action was taken.

Mrs. Reed moved that staff be directed to forward the letter outlining the Commission's concerns on the process, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Mrs. Russell asked how this became a concern when no action had yet been taken by SCAG policy committees. Much discussion followed.

Hearing no objection, Mrs. Reed's motion was approved.

Mrs. Reed also reported that the FRC received the following items as information:

1. Phase I results of the Transit Operator Performance Audit were presented by the consultant, who addressed each operator's strengths, weaknesses, and progress made in implementing the prior audit recommendations.
2. Municipal operator capital projects proposed for the 1987-91 Transit Transportation Improvement Program were highlighted. SCRTD's capital program has not been received and will have to be reviewed on a delayed scheduled.
3. The Fiscal Year '86 Commission Quarterly Financial Report was presented.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Mr. Wilder reported on the S&HC meeting of April 23. The committee did not take any actions at its meeting but did give direction to staff regarding the development of the following portions of the Ten-Year Highway Plan:

1. Outline of the State Highway Needs portion of the report;
2. Method for determining State Highway Corridor Needs;
3. State Highway Project list completeness; and
4. Method for determining Local Streets and Roads Needs.

The committee also discussed SCAG's Olympic Legacy Report and the Streets and Highways Committee structure.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the outline of approach and review of State Highway Project lists and Project Type Codes for the State Highway Needs Chapter.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of April 23 and the committee's recommendations were as follows:

State Legislation

SB 1902 (Bergeson) expands Caltrans' authority to contract with qualified professionals for project development and design whenever the department

is unable to perform the work in a timely manner due to limited staffing. The bill calls for Caltrans, with consultation from CTC, to develop guidelines for contracting out with these specified professionals. The committee recommended the Commission adopt a support position.

SB 2072 (Greene) establishes a \$3 million grant program for elderly and handicapped transportation services and would impose a \$250,000 cap on the amount which may be allocated to any one county. The committee recommended that the Commission support the measure if the bill is amended to (1) add a specified allocation formula recognizing the needs of areas with large elderly and handicapped populations, and (2) raise the per-county limit to reflect the amounts counties would be eligible for under the proposed allocation formula. The IRC also requested comment on the bill from E&HTAC.

AB 2710 (Roos) changes the basis on which fuel tax revenues are used to support the State's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program. The resulting change would make additional funds available for the development and maintenance of the State Highway System and local streets and roads. The committee recommended the Commission support AB 2710.

Mrs. Reed moved to approve the above-mentioned IRC recommendations which were seconded by Mr. Geoghegan. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

AB 3830 (Rogers) revises the county gas tax apportionment formula by distributing revenues which exceed \$249 million annually on the basis of county road miles maintained, rather than the current formula which apportions such revenues based on the number of registered vehicles in the county. Due to the negative impact this proposal would have on L.A. County, the committee recommended that the Commission oppose this measure.

Mrs. Reed moved to approve the committee's recommendation of AB 3830 which was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

AB 2819 (Calderon), an RTD bill which allows the agency to classify reserve transit police officers as peace officers, was held over by the IRC for further consideration. The Commission directed staff to obtain the positions of the LAPD and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on AB 2819.

Federal Legislation

H.R. 3128, the FY 1986 budget reconciliation bill, was submitted to the Commission as an information item. This measure makes no changes in the FY 1986 appropriations for transit programs, but does cut \$400 million from three highway programs and raises the Highway Obligation Ceiling for the current fiscal year.

Testimony before Congressional Panels

A copy of Chairman Deane Dana's testimony before the Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs was submitted to the Commission as an information item. It was further noted that Vice Chairman Tom Bradley testified on behalf of the LACTC before the House Appropriations' Subcommittee on Transportation on April 23. In addition, Commissioner Jacki Bacharach will present testimony for the LACTC before the Senate Appropriations' Subcommittee on Transportation in mid-May.

Update on Legislative Matrix

It was noted that the Legislative Matrix reflected recent amendments to, and action on three State measures: AB 4193, SB 878, and SB 949. This legislative action did not necessitate a change in the position of the Commission on any of the measures.

Foran Reception

The Commissioners were reminded of the May 5, LACTC reception for retiring Senator John F. Foran and were encouraged to notify Kathy Torigoe if they plan to attend.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of April 21 and the committee's recommendation was as follows:

Award Contract C424 - Bridge Piers

The committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award Contract R01-T01-C424 (L.A. River Bridge Piers) to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Swinerton and Walberg Company in the amount of \$925,625. With provision for extra work and change orders, the total of this authorization shall not exceed \$1,018,200.

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

As information items, Mrs. Bacharach reported that the committee discussed the following:

1. School Safety Program -- The committee concurred with the Executive Director to award a contract to Gardner/Koven in the amount of \$25,000 for School Safety Program to inform children about the dangers of construction, while educating them about the light rail project. This program is for grades K-9. The mascot for this program is Travis the Owl.
2. Automation for the Century and Coastal Lines -- The scope of the study was discussed with staff and will be brought back at a future meeting.

3. Station Design -- Having station design forums in selected locations throughout the corridor was discussed.
4. Briefing Breakfast -- An elected officials' briefing breakfast is being planned for May 9 to inform them as to the status of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.
5. Quarterly Progress Report -- Copies of the progress report for the Long Beach-Los Angeles and Century projects were distributed to the Commissioners. The committee reviewed the quarterly progress reports which explains what the milestones were for the quarter. In a meeting in May, the committee will be receiving any revisions to the schedule. If any Commissioners have questions, they should be directed to the committee.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of April 21 and the committee's recommendation was as follows:

Selection of Bond Counsel

Thirteen responsive proposals were received from law firms desiring to be bond counsel for LACTC's rail transit financing program. Preliminary evaluation resulted in a short-list of five proposers. A six-member panel interviewed the proposers and voted unanimously to recommend Kutak Rock & Campbell. The committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to Kutak Rock & Campbell in the amount of \$75,000. With provision for extra work and contingency, the total of this authorization shall not exceed \$82,500. (These legal fees will be paid from bond proceeds.)

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

The committee received a status report on the Lincoln Heights study from staff.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Commissioner Travel Request

Mr. Barna Szabo had expressed an interest in attending the California Contract Cities Association's Annual Municipal Seminar which will be held on May 29 to June 1, 1986 in Palm Springs. Commission approval was requested.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of Mr. Szabo's travel request which was seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

B. Reminder of Next Commission Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 7 instead of the regularly scheduled May 14.

C. Proposed LACTC 1986-87 Budget

Copies of the proposed FY 1986-87 operating budget were distributed to the members present. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for the Commission meeting on June 11.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the route refinement for the El Segundo Extension and asked the Commission to have an extensive public outreach effort for the Environmental Impact Report, and on the Rail Construction Committee's consideration of staff's proposed scope of work for study of automated operation on the I-105 railway (not Century) and Coast railway .

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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