

# MINUTES



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May 28, 1986

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dana at 1:40 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Deane Dana  
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach  
Mayor Christine E. Reed  
Councilman Marc Wilder  
Marcia Mednick  
Blake Sanborn, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Walter King, alternate for Supervisor Hahn  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Roy Donley, alternate for Supervisor Antonovich  
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley

Staff members present were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director  
David Kelsey, Senior Deputy County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Linda Butler, Secretary

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 23 were approved unanimously as submitted.

## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Dana appointed Captain Joe Ruggiero of the California Highway Patrol and Ron Lamb of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce as additional outside agency members to the Streets and Highways Committee to develop the Ten-Year Highway Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of May 23, 1986. The following recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

**Fiscal Year '86 Transit Operator Performance Audit -- Phase II Revision**

- o Approve the revised work program for Phase II of the Transit Operator Performance Audit to include additional study of RTD's absenteeism, as described in the staff report.
- o Authorize the Executive Director to issue a Notice to Proceed with this task at a cost of \$14,034, included in the current contract and budget.

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

**Los Angeles County Fiscal Year '87 to '91 Short-Range Transit Plan and Transportation Improvement Program**

- o Approve the recommendations regarding the '87 to '91 Short-Range Transit Plan and Transportation Improvement Program as listed on the Attachment.

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

**State Transit Assistance -- Section 9 Trade with Ventura, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties**

- o Trade \$6,471,074 in State Transit Assistance for \$9,706,611 in Section 9 funds.
- o Trade \$6,471,074 in Proposition A Discretionary funds to RTD in return for a like amount of State Transit Assistance funds.
- o Approve the Memorandum of Understanding authorizing the trade as submitted by staff, and authorize the Executive Director to make necessary changes after discussion with the other parties to the agreement.
- o Approve Fiscal Year '86 Transit TIP Amendments for the RTD bus capital projects summarized in the staff report, to be funded from proceeds of the trade.

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

Chairman Dana commented that the selection of a Senior Underwriter Manager is a major decision to be made by the Commission and is pleased that the FRC members have agreed to meet on a Saturday to be involved in this important effort.

Hearing no objection, the motion to approve the schedule and strategy for the Senior Manager Underwriting services was carried.

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

1. The motion passed by the Board of Supervisors concerning bus operator drug and alcohol abuse.
2. Local Federal-Aid Urban funds in danger of lapsing on July 1, 1986.
3. Status of the State Transportation Improvement Program approval process, and proposed State transit funding cutbacks.

The FRC requested a report on the estimated vs. actual savings resulting from implementing the transit operator performance audit recommendation.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of May 28 and the committee's recommendations were as follows:

##### State Legislation

AB 515 (Harris), presented to the Commission as an information item, amends current law by transferring local agency contracting provisions from the Public Contract Code (PCC) to the applicable codes where statutory authorization for these agencies exist. The original legislation did not include changes in the LACTC's contracting authority for rail construction since the enactment of SB 200 in 1985. Amendments reflecting the LACTC's contracting authority provisions embodied in SB 200 were incorporated into AB 515 at the request of the Commission. The bill was subsequently approved by the Senate Governmental Committee and will be considered on the Senate floor in the near future.

AB 3695 (Condit) amends the farebox recovery requirements for public transit operators under the Transportation Development Act (TDA). The bill is based on the recommendations of a study on current law and would establish uniformity in the State's requirements. Although the legislation would not directly impact Los Angeles County operators, the IRC recommended the Commission support AB 3695.

Mrs. Reed moved to approve the IRC recommendation which was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

### Applicability of Proposition A Non-Competition Requirements to Capital Projects

Mr. Sanborn moved that this item be held over to a later meeting pending additional testimony, which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

### Fiscal Year '87 Commuter Computer Funding Agreement

- o Approve the Memorandum of Understanding, as recommended by staff, to provide Commuter Computer with \$2,461,000 in Proposition A funds during Fiscal Year '87.

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

### Rail Financing Strategy: Issues and Actions

- o Direct staff to begin planning for a combined fixed-rate and multi-year construction funding package for the rail program.
- o Issue a Request for Proposal for Senior Manager Underwriting Services to the firms listed in the staff report. The schedule for selection of Senior Underwriting Manager is as follows:

Pre-Proposal Conference - 2:00 p.m., May 29, 1986

Proposals Due - 5:00 p.m., June 5, 1986

Staff Selects Firms for Interviews (Goal: 3 to 5 firms) - 12:00 noon, June 6, 1986

Interviews by Financial Advisor/Staff/FRC Members - June 7, 1986

FRC meeting to recommend Senior Underwriting Manager - 3:00 p.m., June 7, 1986

Commission meeting to appoint Senior Underwriting Manager - June 11, 1986

Mr. Richmond briefly summarized the bond financing issues which need to be addressed by the Commission at future meetings.

Much discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Bacharach asked that the FRC meeting convene at 2:30 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. on June 7.

Mr. Sanborn moved that schedule and bond financing strategy be approved which was seconded by Mrs. Reed.

SB 1842 (Bergeson) excludes ridesharing costs and insurance costs from the calculation of a transit operator's farebox revenue-to-cost ratio. The IRC recommended that the Commission support the bill if SB 1842 was amended to (1) delete the exclusion of insurance costs from TDA farebox ratio requirements, and, (2) to clarify that the exclusion of ridesharing costs is solely for the purpose of complying with farebox requirements.

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

Proposal to Increase Funding for SCAG -- The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has developed a legislative proposal to remove the \$1 million "cap" on TDA funding for regional planning. The IRC recommended that the Commission support SCAG's Transportation and Communications Committee's action on the proposal, which is as follows: (1) to recommend support for removing the TDA cap; (2) to recommend the implementation be phased so as to reduce the impact on transit operators; (3) to direct SCAG staff to meet with staffs of the commissions and transit agencies to reach an agreement on various programmatic issues that have been raised (SCAG staff and LACTC staff have reached agreement in principle on these concerns); and (4) to recommend that TDA contributions from Ventura and Imperial Counties be made mandatory.

Mrs. Reed moved to approve the IRC recommendation which was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. All those present had no objection to the motion with the exception of Mr. Dana who abstained. Motion was carried.

#### Federal Legislation

An update on the FY 1987 federal budget deliberations was presented as an information item. A comparison of the Senate and House proposals was included for Commission review.

#### Testimony before Congressional Panels

Copies of Vice Chairman Tom Bradley's testimony before the House Appropriations' Subcommittee on Transportation and Commissioner Jacki Bacharach's testimony before the Senate Appropriations' Subcommittee on Transportation were submitted to the Commission as information items.

#### Update on Legislative Matrix

It was noted that SB 1902 (Bergeson), a measure supported by the Commission, was recently amended in the Senate Appropriations Committee to include a sunset clause on Caltrans' authority to contract our services specified in the bill and to insure impartial review of the qualifications of bidders for engineering and design contract work with Caltrans.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of May 23, 1986. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

Cooperative Agreements

The committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a cooperative agreement with AT&T Communications. This authorization would include issuing work orders for necessary activities, including design work.

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

Contract No. R01-T08-P835 Track-Crossing Assemblies

The committee recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to:

L.B. Foster Co. for a lump sum amount of \$66,973.00; with a contingency, the total of this authorization shall not exceed \$69,608.00.

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

Acquisition of Property for "J-Yard" Access (Parcel R21-AS14)

The committee requested a closed session of the Commission to discuss acquisition of property for "J-Yard" access (at the end of this meeting).

Mr. Bacharach also reported on the following information items:

Station Design/Community Review Status Report

Staff plans to conduct six forums in the local area to seek community input. In addition, three open houses at local shopping centers are scheduled. Notification to the community will be done through fliers, letters, newspaper ads and some canvassing. Contact will be made with affected elected officials during the weeks of May 27 and June 2.

The committee also discussed, in relation to station design, multi-lingual signage. The SCR TD's policy on multi-lingual signage was received and staff has indicated that they plan to follow it. The committee reviewed the SCR TD policy and felt it is appropriate; however, they also want to incorporate international signage and staff is looking into that suggestion.

### Construction Update

The committee was briefed and shown some slides on the construction work underway -- demolition/reconstruction of the L.A. River crossing in North Long Beach.

### RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC's meeting of May 23, 1986. The committee's recommendation was as follows:

#### San Fernando Valley Study Progress Report

The committee discussed a recommendation to extend the San Fernando Valley rail transit study from North Hollywood to Universal City. In preparation for this recommendation, staff met with elected officials of the affected area, community groups, and business groups. The response that was received was generally favorable. Senator Robbins contacted the Executive Director to express his opposition to the proposed extension. A letter was received from the Universal City/North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Board endorsing the addition of this study. The committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to extend the Bechtel National, Inc. contract in the amount of \$35,000 to study an extension of the San Fernando Valley rail transit project from North Hollywood to Universal City.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the RTC's recommendation which was seconded by Mrs. Mednick. Mr. Donley expressed his opposition to the recommendation. Much discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: King, Geoghegan, Remy, Reed, Bacharach, Mednick, Dana

No: Donley

Passed: Sanborn

(Mr. Wilder left before vote was taken.)

Motion was passed.

As an information item, Mrs. Bacharach reported that staff presented a report on the progress of the Metro Rail CORE Study.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## A. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment

Mr. Dana had nominated Richard Idler to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee and requested Commission's approval of this appointment.

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

B. Commissioner Travel Request

Mr. King has indicated an interest to attend the American Public Transit Association's Annual Rapid Transit Conference in Miami, Florida from June 1 to 4. Commission's approval was requested for his travel.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of travel request which was seconded by Mr. Geoghegan. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

## C. Solicitation of Senior Underwriting Manager

Regarding the solicitation of Senior Underwriting Manager, Mr. Richmond requested that, if Commissioners receive inquiries from potential bidders, they should refer the inquiries to Commission staff so that they can be handled in a standard format.

Staff has discussed with the Commissioners the Political Reform Act of 1974 regarding contract awards. Since this Senior Underwriting Manager contract was not identified earlier as falling within the limitations of this statute, Mr. Richmond brought it to the attention of the Commissioners. If any of the Commissioners have any detailed questions, they should ask Mr. Kelsey.

New Business

None

Public Comment

Mr. Goldy Norton, public relations representative for the United Transportation Union, commented that the Board of Supervisors' action of drug and alcohol testing was not limited to the SCRTD but also included other public agencies and school districts. He asked the Commission to meet with SCRTD to set guidelines. He also requested the Commission to consider increasing funds to the SCRTD to reduce the present overcrowding on buses and to get specific types of absenteeism from SCRTD in the Commission's study of the absenteeism problem.

Mr. Richmond indicated the issues involved will be discussed with SCRTD.



Mr. Sheldon Walter, transit consultant, commented on alternative financial funding for rail transit system in Los Angeles County.

#### Notice of Meetings

The Commission meetings for June 11 and 25 and July 9 and 23 will be held at the Department of Water and Power, 111 North Hope Street on the 15th floor.

The Finance Review Committee meeting has been changed to June 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the LACTC Main Conference Room on the 6th floor.

The Streets and Highways Committee has rescheduled their meeting to June 23 at 10:00 a.m. at the LACTC Main Conference Room.

#### Executive Session

Mr. Kelsey indicated that, in accordance with the Government Code, the Commission will adjourn into an Executive Session for two matters:

Potential litigation on the basis of Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

Possible acquisition of real property under Government Code Section 54956.8 (J-Yard access - Parcel R21-AS14)

At 2:40 p.m., the Commission adjourned into Executive Session.

At 3:20, the Commission reconvened. A motion was made by Mrs. Bacharach and was seconded, that the Commission follow finding of just compensation and authorize the Executive Director to make an offer to the property owner for the purchase of a portion of the property located at 2652 Long Beach Avenue (J-Yard access).

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

  
RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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Attachment