

MINUTES



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July 9, 1986

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dana at 1:53 p.m. in the Board Room of the Department of Water and Power.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Deane Dana
Mayor Christine E. Reed
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman Marc Wilder
Marcia Mednick
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley

Staff members present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 25 (page 6) concerning Mr. Gilson's second motion should be corrected to read: Mr. Gilson moved that an amendment be added to the FRC's recommendation that the action before the Commission today in no way modifies the Commission's policy relative to a 40% set-aside for bus operations for the period which has been previously specified, which was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the minutes as amended, which was seconded. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

1. On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Dana presented Mr. Wilder with a resolution and a personalized yellow reflective pavement marker for his service on the Commission and wished him good luck in his future endeavors.
2. Mr. Dana reported on his trip to New York with Mrs. Reed and Mr. Sanborn on July 2 to meet with bond rating agencies. The Commissioners and LACTC staff made presentations before the firms of Standard and Poors and Moody's Investors Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of July 6. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Proposition A Discretionary Grant -- FY 1986 Memorandum of Understanding with Gardena Municipal Bus Lines

Recommended approval of the FY 1986 Proposition A Discretionary Grant Memorandum of Understanding with Gardena Bus Lines.

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

LACTC Comment on Route 71 (Corona Freeway) Environmental Document

Recommend approval of a letter to Caltrans, recommending that Caltrans construct a freeway to improve Route 71, with the addition that Caltrans be requested to design the freeway to accommodate the addition of a high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in the future.

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported that the committee discussed the following items:

1. California Transportation Commission's approval of the 1986 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP);
2. A report from Mr. Sanborn on the recent meetings with bond rating firms in New York.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for July 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Bacharach reported that some of the members of the Streets and Highways Committee toured the Caltrans and City of Los Angeles' traffic control operation facilities on July 7.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of July 9 as follows:

Renewal of Contract for Washington, D.C. Representative

The IRC recommended the renewal of a one-year contract with Smith and Howard Associates, Inc., the consulting firm which represents and advocates the position of the LACTC in Washington, D.C.

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

STATE LEGISLATIONJarvis Initiative

An analysis of the "Taxation, Local Governments and Districts" initiative, sponsored by Howard Jarvis, was presented as an information item. The initiative, which would limit the taxing authority of local agencies and districts, has qualified for the November ballot.

Update on State Legislation

It was noted that the Governor has signed into law AB 3127 (Chapter 186/86), the State Budget for 1986-87. The Governor reduced the level of funding transferred from the General Fund to the Transportation Planning and Development (TP&D) Account. This action could significantly reduce operating assistance to transit operators.

SCA 12 (Foran), a measure to define gas tax revenues as user fees thereby removing these revenues from the Gann expenditure limitations, has died in the Assembly. SCA 12 was strongly supported by the Commission.

AB 1464 (Harris) will be amended to permit the LACTC to continue to enforce its existing affirmative action provisions. Staff is currently reviewing the author's proposed amendments to the bill. On June 25, the Commission adopted an "oppose unless amended" position on AB 1464.

AB 2714 (Condit), a bill to establish safety requirements for dial-a-ride transportation of children to and from school, was defeated in the Senate Transportation Committee. On June 25, the Commission adopted an "oppose, unless amended" position on the measure and LACTC amendments were introduced during committee consideration of the bill. These amendments were not approved. The bill is dead unless reconsideration is approved. If the bill is reconsidered, IRC has directed staff to seek an amendment to AB 2714 changing the allowable trip mileage to seven miles.

AB 832 (Vicencia), a bill permitting the SCRTD to contract for railcars through the process of competitive bidding, was signed into law by the Governor on June 24 (Chapter 187/86).

SB 2072 (Greene) was recently amended by the author to incorporate Commission amendments. The bill, which would establish a grant program for agencies which provide elderly and handicapped services, now calls for an allocation formula based on the population of an area and an increase in the allowable county funding cap. These two new provisions would directly benefit Los Angeles County.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

H.R. 3129 (Anderson-CA), the House bill to reauthorize funding for Federal highway and transit programs, was presented as an information item. The bill passed out of the full Committee on Public Works and Transportation on June 25 and is slated for floor consideration in August. The measure is an amended version of the bill supported by the Commission on October 2.

Update on Federal Transportation Legislation

An update on Congressional action on legislation affecting Federal highway and transit programs was presented as an information item. It was noted that S. Con. Res. 120, the FY 1987 Congressional Budget Resolution, passed both chambers and authorizing and appropriations legislation for transportation programs has been considered at the committee level.

Update on the Legislative Matrix

The following changes to the Legislative Matrix were noted:

AB 515 (Harris) was signed into law by the Governor.

SB 202 (Bergeson) was passed by the Assembly Transportation Committee sans LACTC amendments. The bill is now before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

SB 1794 (Beverly) passed the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee after it was amended to include a 1991 sunset clause for the provisions of the measure. The bill is now in Assembly Ways and Means.

SB 1902 (Bergeson) was refused passage on June 26.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of July 8 as follows:

Lease Termination -- Del Amo Park & Ride

In a closed session at the conclusion of this meeting, the Committee will recommend actions concerning termination of the lease on LACTC property at 2034 Santa Fe Avenue.

Initial Evaluation of Light Rail Vehicle Proposals

At the next Commission meeting, the RCC will make recommendations based on staff's initial evaluation of light rail vehicle proposals.

Mrs. Bacharach reported that 11 proposals were received by staff. Copies of the initial evaluation of proposals were distributed to the Commissioners for their review. Mrs. Bacharach explained the vehicle procurement process, results of the initial evaluation, and the basis for the staff recommendation. Three categories were established: satisfactory, conformable, and unacceptable. After initial evaluation, seven were judged conformable and four were judged unacceptable. The four car builders whose proposals were deemed unacceptable by staff are: Breda (Italy), MAN/Morrison Knudsen/Hyundai (Germany/Korea), ASEA/Kaiser (Sweden) and Kinki Sharyo/C. Itoh (Japan).

It was requested by RCC that the Commissioners review the initial evaluation of proposals before the Commission takes action on the RCC recommendation on July 23.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Wilder indicated that he felt that the four carbuilders are being eliminated prematurely. He moved that staff request comments back from these four carbuilders, notifying them that their proposals have been found to be unacceptable and that they are being given an opportunity to respond prior to the July 23 Commission meeting. The motion was seconded.

Further discussion followed.

Mr. Remy made an amendment to Mr. Wilder's motion that the letter should notify the four carbuilders that their proposals have been recommended for rejection but if there is additional information that they think might change this recommendation, the Commission staff will receive it but a change in the recommendation is unlikely unless there is some major changes in the proposals. Mr. Wilder accepted Mr. Remy's amendment.

Mrs. Bacharach indicated that the motion calls for this matter to come back to the July 23 meeting and the Rail Construction Committee is meeting on July 18. She felt that the RCC should have the benefit of any information

received from the four firms so requested the motion to be changed to July 18 so that the information will come before the RCC. Mr. Wilder indicated that he would amend his motion to have the firms respond by July 18 if they can be informed of the Commission's action immediately.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Sanborn, Geoghegan, Remy, Russell, Wilder, Dana

No: Bacharach, Reed, Mednick

Amended motion passed.

Automation Study for Century Project

The RCC had asked staff to return with a scope of work and schedule for further investigation of automating the light rail vehicle presently being specified for the Century Freeway rail transit project.

Mr. Wilder indicated that the committee received a report from staff on automating the Century project and encouraged Commissioners to obtain a copy of the staff report and read it.

Station Design Community Review

The RCC received another update on station design. Staff had gone out into the community and presented the station design concepts and a questionnaire has been presented to the community, asking for three things: (1) ideas for station names, (2) ideas for possible station canopies, and (3) ideas for station pavement treatments.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of July 8 as follows:

Alameda Corridor Task Force Status Report

The committee recommended Commission adoption of the following policy statement:

"LACTC has a legitimate interest in improvements in the Alameda Corridor, for both passenger transportation and freight transportation reasons, and would be willing to commit its administrative capabilities and funding resources to such projects, commensurate with benefit to LACTC's project in the corridor, if other parties benefiting likewise participate with their share of the financing. No financial commitments will be made by LACTC without explicit approval by the Commission of specific projects to be programmed in the LACTC's five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

"Furthermore, this statement makes no judgment on implementation of the Mealy Street freight rail diversion in the City of Compton."

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

Metro Rail CORE Study Update

The RTC received another update on the SCRTD Metro Rail CORE study. In September, the RTC and Commission will be asked to comment on a supplemental environmental impact statement on the Metro Rail alignment west of Alvarado Street.

San Fernando Valley Study Update

The RTC was briefed on the technical findings of the Route Refinement Study and will be holding a public meeting in the Valley on the evening of Tuesday, July 22.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. The Commissioners have been invited by the Canadian government to visit their new system that recently opened in Vancouver, B.C. Staff is scheduling a trip for interested Commissioners and Rapid Transit Committee members for September 24-26 to visit new transit lines in Portland and Vancouver. Any interested Commissioners were asked to notify staff as soon as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Mr. Remy has also been invited by the Canadian government but is unable to join the members on the September 24-26 trip and has expressed an interest to visit the Vancouver transit system on August 29. Commission's approval was requested.

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

2. Bond Issue Overall Schedule and Related Activities:
 - a. Staff hopes to receive a rating early next week;
 - b. The pricing of the bond is tentatively scheduled to take place either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week;
 - c. A special LACTC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall of Administration, Room 374-A for the Commission to act on authorizing the resolution for the bond sale;

- d. There are several investors information luncheons scheduled by Salomon Brothers in New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The Los Angeles meeting is scheduled for this Friday, July 11. Staff would appreciate hearing from any interested Commissioners who want to attend the Los Angeles meeting as soon as possible. Mr. Sam Katz, Financial Advisor, will attend the New York meeting and LACTC staff will attend the San Francisco meeting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bryan Allen (public citizen) commented on LACTC staff's report on the automation study for I-105.

Mr. Sheldon H. Walter (public citizen) asked the Commission if they knew when they plan to have the groundbreaking ceremony for the Metro Rail.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission adjourned into an Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 at 3:10 p.m. to hear the Rail Construction Committee's recommendation on the lease termination for Del Amo Park & Ride (Parcel R21-AS58), 2034 Santa Fe Avenue.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:18 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the RCC's recommendation. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.


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Executive Director

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