

MINUTES



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January 29, 1986

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dana at 1:37 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Deane Dana
Mayor Christine E. Reed
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilman Marc Wilder
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Roy Donley, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Tom Houston, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Don Walson, Ex-Officio for State of California
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana

Mr. Richmond indicated that he had received a letter from Mayor Bradley appointing Tom Houston, Deputy Mayor, to serve as his alternate for today's Commission meeting.

Staff members present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 15, 1986 were approved unanimously as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

1. 1986 Committee Assignments - Assignments will be reviewed after the Finance Review Committee report.
2. SCAG Regional Advisory Committee Presentation on the Olympic Legacy Program will be made at the February 12 meeting.
3. Joint meeting with the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission is being planned for May 28 instead of May 14, May 28 is a regular LACTC meeting day.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC meeting of January 27, 1986. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

Contract Cities' Request for Reconsideration of Policy on Use of Proposition A Local Return Funds for Streets and Road Purposes

The committee received a report from staff and legal counsel regarding the Contract Cities' proposal for use of Proposition A Local Return funds for street and road purposes, and also heard a presentation from legal counsel and staff representatives of the Contract Cities Association. No action was taken on this item. The California Contract Cities Association has asked that this item be placed on the Commission agenda for discussion by the full Commission at some future meeting.

Mr. Harold Croyts appeared before the Commission and spoke on behalf of the California Contract Cities Association. He asked that LACTC and Contract Cities staff meet to decide when a further presentation by the Contract Cities should be scheduled.

Mr. Donley also requested that the City of Lancaster be given the privilege of addressing the City's concerns to the Commission.

Chairman Dana indicated that he and Mr. Sanborn would meet with Mr. Croyts to discuss the issues raised by the Contract Cities.

Fiscal Year '86 Proposition A Local Return Program Audits

Authorize the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposal for performance of the Fiscal Year '86 Proposition A Local Return Audits, in accordance with the approach and procedures listed in the staff report.

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

RTD Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment - Methanol Bus Project

Approve Fiscal Year '86 TIP Amendment for \$1,866,677, to test and evaluate methanol-fueled buses, with the understanding that State Petroleum Violation Escrow Account funds will be applied toward the local match if they become available.

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

Fiscal Year '87 Overall Work Program - Short-Range Transit Plan Update Funding and Special Project Recommendations

Recommend that the Southern California Association of Governments take the seven actions listed in the attached chart. This recommendation includes two changes to the staff report:

- Recommendation #3: change funding from \$241,600 to \$103,600.
- Recommendation #4: state that all savings due to reduced Short-Range Transit Plan expenses should be used for special projects within the county.

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

Approval of Consultant for 10-Year Highway Plan

- o Approve \$10,000 for consultant assistance for the 10-Year Highway Plan's Local Streets and Roads Needs Inventory.
- o Authorize Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposal for consultant assistance.

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

Commission Triennial Performance Audit

Authorize the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposal for a performance audit of the Commission. Staff will work with members of the Finance Review Committee (or any other interested Commission members) in making a recommendation on the firm to perform the audit and in the conduct of the study.

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

Amendments to the Commission's Administrative Code

Adopt amendments to the Administrative Code to make the following changes:

1. Require that three Commission members, rather than all members, of the Rail Construction Committee come from the Rail Transit Committee.
2. Establish the current Highway Issues Task Force as a standing Commission Committee, with the same duties as currently assigned to the Task Force. (The FRC recommended revising this amendment to: (a) limit Commission membership to five individuals; and (b) assign responsibility for highway maintenance issues to the committee.)
3. Implement the provisions of SB 200, with proviso that County Counsel will add language to deal with any provision of SB 200 not addressed in the current staff version.

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

Word Processing Equipment Purchase

Approve purchase of computer/word processing equipment from Gateway Computer at a cost not to exceed \$105,000.

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

Mrs. Reed also reported that the committee received, as information, reports on the following items:

1. Potential Transportation Development Act Article 4.5 Incentive Funding Policy amendments. Staff will return in February with additional information and possible amendments.
2. Revised Transportation Zone Guidelines schedule. Action on the guidelines is expected February 26, 1986.
3. Fiscal Year '86 Commission quarterly report.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported on the IRC meeting of January 29, as follows:

1986 State Legislative Deadlines

A copy of the legislative deadlines for the California Legislature was submitted to the Commissioners as an information item.

Year-End Summary of Major Transportation Legislation

A summary of federal action in 1985 on transportation programs, prepared by LACTC Washington, D.C. consultant Irving Smith, was submitted to the Commissioners as an information item. A schedule update on the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law was discussed in the committee meeting. The committee will present a more detailed analysis of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law's impact on the FY 1986 budget appropriations for transportation programs and a review of the Administration's FY 1987 budget at the February Commission meetings.

Update on January 16 APTA Legislative Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C.

It was reported that the Legislative Committee of the American Public Transit Association (APTA) met on January 16 to review current legislative issues of concern to the transit industry and to adopt a plan of action for the association toward developing policy positions on these issues. The IRC and staff will actively participate in the work of the subcommittees and keep the Commission apprised of any new developments in this area. The results of the subcommittees' February meetings will be presented at the APTA Legislative Conference March 9-11.

APTA Legislative Conference Congressional Meetings Forum

The Commission was notified of the March 9-11 APTA Legislative Conference. The Commissioners were asked to fill out the Congressional Meetings Form to indicate whether they will attend the conference in Washington, D.C. and, if so, with whom they would like to meet from the Los Angeles County congressional delegation. All forms should be returned to the LACTC Government Relations Section.

Update on Legislative Matrix

AB 1979, introduced by Assemblyman Dave Elder, has been significantly amended since the Commission adopted a support position on the bill. Previously, the bill would have provided funds for grade separations. Currently, the measure authorizes the use of Petroleum Violation Escrow funds for a study on "dynamic weight concept."

Mrs. Bacharach moved to change the Commission's position on AB 1979 from support to monitor. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried.

LACTC Testimony on House Committee on Public Works and Transportation Field Hearing on Infrastructure Financing

Copies of Mrs. Bacharach's January 10, 1986 testimony on infrastructure financing were submitted to the Commission as an information item.

Legislative Update

The first edition of the LACTC Legislative Update was distributed to the Commissioners as an information item. The Legislative Update, a publication identifying the legislative concerns and positions of the LACTC, will be sent on a monthly basis to state and federal elected officials from Los Angeles County.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of January 24, as follows:

Light Rail Vehicle Procurement--Release of Request for Technical Proposals

The committee reviewed a summary of the procurement process and key features of the Request for Technical Proposals and recommended that staff be authorized to release the RFTP for light rail vehicles for the Long Beach-Los Angeles and Century Rail Transit Projects with some key additions. First, the RFTP will require that 20% of the cost of the vehicle be expended in the U.S. ("domestic content"). Second, a provision will be included to indicate that all of the vehicles must be built in a plant that has produced electric rail transit or in a plant that can be shown to LACTC's satisfaction as capable of producing the vehicles as called for in the LACTC's specifications. In the case of the latter approach, the bidder would be required to demonstrate satisfaction of this requirement prior to a Commission's decision on "short listing" of qualified bidders. The determination on this issue would be made by staff in conjunction with Commission's consultants. The committee will review specific RFTP language setting forth this requirement at its next meeting.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the committee's recommendation and asked that the Request for Technical Proposals be authorized to be released for distribution and circulation. Motion was seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Donley indicated that the 20% figure should be raised to 30% for domestic content. Mrs. Bacharach clarified that the intent of the committee is a minimum of 20%.

Mr. Jeff Baker, representing a citizens organization and private mechanical contractors, appeared before the Commission and requested that the language of the RFTP specifically provide for incentives to prospective bidders in the LACTC's procurement process, such as a local assembly provision.

Mrs. Bacharach commented that the committee did discuss this matter of local assembly and felt that the vehicle should be assembled at one location and the committee's action allows staff to evaluate and approve any assembly plant.

Mr. Wilder asked if, when delivery of cars is made from a foreign country, the cars would be disconnected from the bogie and shipped separately, and if this affects the way the RFTP is prepared.

Mr. Caufield, Program Director for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project, explained that when the cars are built at the assembly plant, staff wants the cars to be built completely and to run before they leave the assembly plant. When the cars are shipped, they are required to be blocked up and not rest on their own wheels.

Mr. Donley made a substitute motion to increase the domestic content to 30%. Due to lack of a second, the motion died.

Mrs. Bacharach amended the committee's recommendation to indicate that the 20% is the minimum requirement of the cost of the vehicle to be expended in the U.S. (domestic content). Amendment was seconded by Mr. Wilder.

Roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Sanborn, King, Geoghegan, Houston, Russell, Reed,
Bacharach, Wilder, Mednick Dana

No: Donley

Amended motion was passed.

Professional Liability Insurance

At its last previous meeting, the committee voted to postpone consideration of owner-controlled professional liability insurance for two weeks and requested an extension of the insurance quotation. Staff returned to the committee with a presentation on the effect of insurance decisions on LACTC's subcontracting and affirmative action programs. The committee recommended the Commission approve purchase of \$15 million of owner-controlled professional liability insurance at a premium of \$3,179,625. The committee has directed the Risk Management Consultant to continue to seek a higher limit on this insurance. The cost of this insurance is included in the Program Plan budget, Line item 10 - Owner's Insurance.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval of the committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wilder.

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Sanborn suggested that a higher deductible amount might mean a lower premium.

Mrs. Bacharach amended her motion that the committee will look at other forms of deductible and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Donley explained his objection to the committee's recommendation.

Further discussion followed.

Roll call vote was taken on the amended motion:

Yes: King, Geoghegan, Houston, Russell, Reed, Bacharach, Wilder, Mednick, Dana

No: Donley

Passed: Sanborn

Amended motion was passed.

Mrs. Bacharach reported on an information item:

Mitigation Measures - Mealy Street Freight Rail Diversion (MC-5)

The committee reviewed with staff the environmental impact mitigation measures to be included in the Final EIR for the MC-5 Alternative. The Final EIR will be ready for Commission consideration in March if the agreements that staff has proposed to Compton and Southern Pacific can be finalized by then.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS (continued)

4. 1986 Committee Assignments

Copies of the committee assignments were distributed to the Commissioners. Mr. Dana indicated that all members' requests for assignments were met and went over the various changes to the committee assignments.

5. LACTC/SCRTD Liaison Committee

Chairman Dana indicated that he will be joining Blake Sanborn on the committee, replacing Jacki Bacharach.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Appointment of TDA Article 8 Hearing Board

The FY 1986-87 Hearing Board for all three Article 8 hearings is recommended to consist of:

1. Marcia Mednick, an at-large member of LACTC, appointed by the Chairman;
2. Supervisor Dana or his designee;
3. Supervisor Antonovich or his designee;
4. A representative appointed by SCAG;
5. A member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, selected by the CAC.

Commission approval was requested by LACTC staff.

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

B. APTA Legislative Conference

The APTA Legislative Conference is scheduled for March 9-11 in Washington, D.C. Congressional meeting forms were distributed to the Commissioners. They were asked to fill out the form to indicate whether they plan attend the conference and, if so, with whom they would like to visit from the L.A. County delegation.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the proposed mitigation measures for the MC-5 Alternative for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project.

Mr. Ed Duncan commented on LACTC's Quarterly Financial Report.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachment