

MINUTES



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

March 12, 1986

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dana at 1:43 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

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

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Elyse Kusunoki, Senior Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 26, 1986 were unanimously approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of March 6, 1986. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

Restructuring of Commission Funding Programs

- o Approve in concept a single Incentive Program, to be funded from the 5% of Proposition A Discretionary funds previously designated for incentive projects.
- o Require staff to obtain additional input from current Article 4.5 applicants on the incentive funding policy for coordinated paratransit systems and return proposed policy changes to the Commission for further action.
- o Authorize staff to proceed with developing changes to the Proposition A Local Return Guidelines, in accordance with the approach described in the staff report.

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

RTD Purchase of 90 Buses Using Local Funds

- o Approve the RTD request to purchase 90 buses, with the condition that RTD apply its Fiscal Year '86 operating revenue surplus towards the purchase.
- o Direct staff to obtain a projection of RTD's surplus.

Mr. Sanborn indicated that additional information had come to the staff regarding this matter and asked Mr. Richmond to explain. Mr. Richmond clarified the type of buses that are being purchased.

Mr. John Richeson of SCRTD was present and answered questions by the Commissioners.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval of the RTD's request to purchase 90 buses with the condition that the RTD apply its Fiscal Year 1986 operating revenue surplus towards the purchase and direct staff to obtain the projections of the RTD's surplus. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Mr. Goldy Norton, representing the United Transportation Union, requested the Commission to expedite this matter.

Mr. Wilder asked for clarification of the motion.

Mr. Richmond explained that RTD is proposing to purchase the buses through the issuance of equipment trust certificates which would be repaid from future operating funds.

Roll call vote was taken.

Yes: Sanborn, King, Geoghegan, Donley, Remy, Bacharach, Wilder, Mednick, Dana

No: None

Not present when vote was taken: Russell, Reed

Motion was carried.

Recruitment of Director of Finance and Administration

- o Direct staff to proceed with hiring a Director of Finance and Administration with the assistance of a professional recruitment firm to be selected by the Executive Director. (The salary range will be \$45,415 - \$62,599.)

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

Consultant Selection - Commission Triennial Performance Audit

- o Approve selection of Arthur Young & Company as consultant for the Commission Triennial Performance Audit.

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

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 1986.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 1986.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the following information items discussed at the RCC meeting of March 7, 1986:

MC-5 Rail Freight Diversion

The committee reviewed the status of the Compton MC-5 Alternative, its benefits and costs, which would be \$60 million with Rosecrans Avenue overcrossing the consolidated freight tracks or \$74 million with a Rosecrans

underpass. Matters remaining to be resolved include agreements with Compton and the railroad, certification of the EIR by LACTC, and adoption of an amendment to our Program Plan if MC-5 is to be incorporated into the project. The last two matters depend on the first two, which the committee are actively pursuing.

7th and Flower Station Entrances

The committee postponed to its next meeting a report on the status of the work to be completed in April before a decision is made on the 7th and Flower station entrances.

Willowbrook Interchange Station Concept

The committee postponed a report on the Willowbrook interchange station to its next meeting.

Judgment on Long Beach-Los Angeles Project Litigation

The Commission received a favorable judgment in the Long Beach Superior Court. The Commission has been upheld on all points of a complaint filed in Superior Court by petitioners seeking to overturn the Commission's selection of the Long Beach Boulevard routing for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach also reported on the following information items discussed at the RTC meeting of March 7, 1986:

Metro Rail Re-Routing Study

a. SCRTD Study Status Report

Staff reviewed with the committee the status of the study and guidelines for evaluation of Metro Rail re-routing alternatives. The study is near completion of Milestone 1, the first of five milestones, in which four of twelve alternatives are emerging for consideration by SCRTD for further study; a decision on the four will be made after SCRTD public meetings and a further report at the next committee meeting.

b. Consideration of Additional Alternatives

Committee member Roy Donley proposed a concept for building a rail rapid transit system along existing freeway rights-of-way. Specifically, he proposed that the SCRTD re-routing study consider using the Hollywood Freeway to connect the San Fernando Valley to downtown Los Angeles with rail rapid transit, while continuing Metro Rail along the

Wilshire corridor between downtown Los Angeles and Santa Monica. By a 3-2 vote, the committee declined to recommend this proposal to the Commission.

Much discussion followed.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Reed to review Mr. Donley's proposal after the federal funding for the minimum segment of the Metro Rail is certain.

San Fernando Valley Route Refinement

The committee reviewed objectives for the San Fernando Valley Route Refinement Study and the program for the second phase of the study. The first phase of alternatives evaluation continues with a Rapid Transit Committee meeting on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley and will conclude in early April with staff recommendations for further evaluation in phase two.

Financial Planning Review

Staff presented further information to the committee on financial planning for rail development.

Mr. Paul Taylor briefly summarized the two scenarios which were discussed at the Rapid Transit Committee meeting. Mr. Richmond explained how the numbers relate to the commitments that are being asked of the local interests in the Metro Rail project grant contract under negotiation with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Much discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Appointment to Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner Bradley has nominated Ms. Diana Salazar to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve the nomination, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

B. Commissioner Travel Request

Chairman Dana has been requested by the SCRTD to participate in a number of meetings in Washington, D.C. on March 20 in support of future appropriations for Metro Rail. Commission approval was requested.

Mrs. Reed moved for a blanket authorization to allow Commissioners to travel to Washington, D.C. for Metro Rail purposes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

There is a possibility that the scheduled June meeting dates will be changed. Commissioners will be notified of the change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission adjourned into an executive session at 2:35 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b and c).

The Commission reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bacharach, seconded by Mrs. Reed, that the Commission authorize special counsel to:

1. file a claim with Caltrans with reference to the rescision of the sale of two parcels of land purchased by the LACTC relating to the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project; and
2. proceed to file litigation against all parties as soon as advisable and possible with reference to the aforementioned rescision of sale.

Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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