

MINUTES



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

March 26, 1986

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dana at 1:45 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
Councilwoman Pat Russell
Marcia Mednick
Walter King, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
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
Martha Dunn, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

1. Reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. for a meeting with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to discuss the Metro Rail funding contract.
2. Introduced Oscar Abarca, alternate to Commissioner Mednick. Mr. Abarca was appointed by Mayor Bradley.

PRESENTATIONS ON ROUTE 138

The following speakers gave presentations for Route 138/48 improvements:

Assemblyman Phillip Wyman
Supervisor Mike Antonovich
Mayor Lynn S. Harrison, City of Lancaster
Clyde G. Baily, representing Senator Newton Russell
John Crosswhite, Director of Planning for City of Palmdale
George Vaugh, President of the Antelope Valley Board of Trade and
Manager of the Auto Club's Office
J. (Phil) Brady, Chief of Plans and Programs, Edwards Air Force Base

They requested the Commission to place this project in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the FRC meeting of March 24, 1986. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Fiscal Year '86 Proposition A Local Return Lapsing Funds

- o Stipulate that any jurisdiction failing to commit its Fiscal Year '83 allocation, or seek an extension of these funds, by June 30, 1986, will have its funds reallocated by the Commission.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Russell. Mrs. Reed explained the discussion held at the FRC meeting. After much discussion, all those in attendance voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mrs. Reed who opposed it.

Restructuring Commission Funding Programs

- o Approve a single incentive program, funded from the 5% of Proposition A Discretionary funds previously designated for incentive projects, to include the following programs:
 1. Coordinated paratransit systems (formerly funded under Transportation Development Act Article 4.5);
 2. "Bridge funding" for temporary continuation of cancelled RTD service;
 3. Service replacement funding; and,
 4. Planning for service restructuring.

- o Change policies relating to incentive funding for coordinated paratransit systems, as shown in the attachment.
- o Direct staff to prepare changes to Proposition A Local Return Guidelines and transit operator service notification policies, in accordance with the approach described in the staff report, taking into account the comments made by the committees.

Motion was made by Mrs. Reed, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

Transit Performance Measurement Program

- o Approve the Fiscal Year '87 Proposition A Discretionary bonus amounts recommended by staff.

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

RTD Fiscal Year '86 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - El Monte Station Parking Structure, Phase I

- o Program \$500,000 in unobligated Fiscal Year '86 State Transportation Assistance funds to the El Monte Station Parking Structure.

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

RTD Consolidated Draft Transit Service Policies

- o Authorize the Chairman to transmit to the RTD Board of Directors the policy comments recommended by staff, for consideration prior to Board action.

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

Regional Federal-Aid Urban - Proposition A Fund Trade

- o Adopt the guidelines recommended by staff for prioritizing Regional Federal-Aid Urban - Proposition A trade requests;
- o Trade Regional Federal-Aid Urban funds to local jurisdictions, in return for Proposition A funding for Regional Ridesharing, as recommended by staff.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. A suggestion was made to incorporate the recommendations of the Streets and Highways Committee. Mrs. Reed moved to amend her motion to incorporate the S&HC's recommendations into the FRC recommendations, which was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, the motion was carried, as amended.

Los Angeles County Fiscal Year '87-'91 Highway Transportation Improvement Program

- o Adopt the Fiscal Year '87-'91 Highway Transportation Improvement Program, as recommended by staff.
- o Find that this document conforms with the State Implementation Plan's goals for improving air quality.
- o Authorize staff to change phasing for the Route 126 widening project, and make technical corrections to the TIP, if necessary.

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

Ports Highway Improvements Financial Plan Amendment

- o Amend the Ports Highway Improvements Financial Plan to discourage repetitive reallocations, as recommended by the Ports Highways Improvements Financial Plan Committee.

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

Ten-Year Highway Plan Local Streets and Roads Needs Inventory Consultant Assistance

- o Extend the deadline for completion of the local needs inventory by two months to June 1, 1986.
- o Increase the total amount of funds authorized for consultant assistance from \$10,000 to \$14,900.

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

Mrs. Reed also reported that the FRC received information on the status of proposed RTD service changes.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mednick reported on the S&HC meeting of March 26. The committee recommended that the Commission take the following actions:

- o Approve the drafts of the Ten-Year Highway Plan's introduction and Issues, and Assumptions and Constraints chapters with minor changes as suggested by the committee.

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

- o Extend the deadline for completion of the Local Needs Inventory by two months to June 1, 1986;
- o Increase the total amount of funds authorized for consultant assistance for the Local Needs Inventory from \$10,000 to \$14,900;
- o Approve the Regional Federal-Aid Urban - Proposition A Fund Trade with the following amended point:

Stipulate that Commission approval of the trade is contingent upon each agency approving a trade resolution. These resolutions must include statements that:

- The City and/or County plans to expend its local FAU apportionment on appropriate projects in a timely manner;
- The City and/or County needs the additional FAU funds for _____ project;
- The transit needs of the community can be met adequately, even if the funds are traded.

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

Mrs. Mednick also reported, as an information item, that the committee approved the IRC's recommendations to:

- o Monitor SCR 59 (Bergeson)
- o Support SB 1560 (Foran)
- o Oppose HR 4144 (Howard)

She also reported that the committee heard a presentation by the Automobile Club of Southern California regarding their new report titled, "Freeway Development to the Year 2000."

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reed reported on the IRC meeting of March 26 as follows:

State Legislation

AB 2776 (Bane) permits the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) and the San Diego Transit Corporation Board to engage in the purchase and sale of crude oil and gasoline futures. The bill would also remove the sunset clause in current law which would end on January 1, 1987, these agencies' authority to purchase heating oil futures. AB 2776 will be held for future consideration by the committee pending staff obtain additional information on the legislation.

AB 2819 (Calderon) grants SCRTD the authority to classify reserve transit police officers as peace officers. This bill was also held for future consideration by the IRC pending staff obtaining additional information on the legislation.

AB 2872 (Vicencia) permits the SCRTD to purchase up to 40 methanol-powered buses under competitive negotiation procedures. The committee recommended that the Commission adopt a support position on this bill.

SB 1560 (Foran) permits the State to increase State gas and diesel fuel taxes to compensate for any reduction in the Federal fuel tax rates. A support position was recommended by the committee.

AB 4193 (D. Brown) prohibits the California Transportation Commission from adopting a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which includes funding for the Los Angeles Metro Rail Project. The committee's recommendation was that the Commission oppose AB 4193.

SCR 59 (Bergeson) is a resolution directing the State Legislative Analyst to review Caltrans' accounting procedures and to report this review to the Legislature. The committee recommended that the Commission monitor this bill.

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

Federal

H.R. 4144 (Howard) - The IRC presented to the Commission an analysis of H.R. 4144, the Administration's bill to reauthorize the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA). The analysis included a matrix comparing H.R. 4144 with three other Federal STAA reauthorization bills (H.R. 3129-Anderson, S. 1488-Chiles, and S. 1359-Lautenberg). The Administration bill would consolidate several Federal DOT programs and adopt a block grant funding approach for mass transit and streets and roads programs. Funding levels for all transportation programs would be significantly reduced.

Mrs. Reed moved that the IRC adopt an oppose position on H.R. 4144, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. The motion was approved without objection.

Legislative Matrix

It was noted that the Legislative Matrix will now reflect when a bill has been significantly amended so as to warrant a change in a position taken previously by the LACTC. AB 750 (Duffy), as originally written, would have appropriated \$6 million in General Fund monies for elderly and handicapped transportation services, earmarking 50 percent of that allocation to rural areas. The amended bill would establish an Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Committee to assist the Director of Caltrans.

Mrs. Reed moved to change the Commission's position on AB 750 from oppose to monitor, seconded by Mr. King. The motion was carried without objection.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RCC meeting of March 21. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

Los Angeles River Bridge Demolition Contract C423 Award

The committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to award a contract R01-T01-C423 to Pomona Valley Equipment and Company, as indicated on the attached Authorization for Expenditure.

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

Master/Utility Cooperative Agreements

The committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute cooperative agreements with Edgington Oil Company, Four Corners Pipeline Company, Pacific Texas Pipeline Company, Powerine Oil Company, Golden West Refining Company, Lomita Gasoline Company, and Compton Unified School District. 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.

Real Estate Matters

In a closed session at the end of the meeting, the committee recommended establishment of "just compensation" and submittal of an offer for three parcels of land required for the park-and-ride facility at the Artesia Station in Compton.

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the following information items:

Station Design Concepts and Community Review Process

Following staff's presentation of models and drawings to illustrate several station design concepts, the RCC reviewed in detail specific station elements and a process for insuring the requirements of the transit system and the desires of the community are joined in a mutually-acceptable station design. The committee directed staff to proceed with community design forums on the station design concepts for local areas along the Long Beach-Los Angeles corridor in May and June of this year.

Adaptability of Projects to Future Upgrading

The committee held this item over for discussion to the next meeting.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bacharach reported on the RTC meeting of March 21, 1986. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval were as follows:

Metro Rail CORE Study, Milestone 1

The RTC reviewed the results of SCRTD's work on Milestone 1 of the Metro Rail rerouting study, aimed at narrowing the number of alternatives to be evaluated before selecting one alignment which acceptably avoids subsurface methane gas areas. The committee's recommendations were:

- A. That the Commission adopt the following three guidelines reflecting desired service, cost, and impact objectives for the CORE study:
 1. Service: Alternatives must substantially conform to service provided by the locally-preferred alternative (LPA) to major activity centers in Wilshire Corridor, Hollywood, and San Fernando Valley.
 2. Budget: Budget for above not greater than that for LPA (18.6 miles of subway).
 3. Implementation Feasibility: Alternatives must provide for operable segments which are productive (attractive to users) and have interim terminals with impacts acceptable to surrounding community.
- B. That the Commission require the SCRTD to take the following actions before LACTC will approve final routing decisions:
 1. Include Alternative G, which serves Wilshire Boulevard, in the set of final alternatives;
 2. Insure that any final alternative is comparable in cost to the LPA;
 3. Modify the decision-making schedule to include provision for LACTC review and concurrent before decisions are made by SCRTD.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Mednick. Mr. Richmond clarified the current status of Metro Rail rerouting alternatives by indicating that a new Alternative J which meets the intent of Point 1 above is now being developed.

Mr. Bryan Allen commented on the Metro Rail guidelines.

Hearing no objection to the motion, it was carried with the Executive Director's interpretation of intent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTA. Appointments to Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner Schabarum submitted three of his appointees to the Citizens Advisory Committee for another two-year term. They are George Adams, Neil Bjornsen, and Charles Stapleton.

Mrs. Bacharach moved for approve the reappointments, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Motion was approved with no objection.

B. Reschedule the first LACTC meeting in May

The first meeting in May will be rescheduled to May 7 instead of May 14.

C. Light Rail Vehicle Manufacturing Site Visits

Two trips are planned to visit vehicle manufacturing facilities, Japan and South Korea (April 12-19) and Europe (April 26-May 8). The Commission/Committee members expressing interest in participating on the trips are:

South Korea/Japan

Charles Abbott
Jacki Bacharach
Roy Donley
Marcia Mednick
Manuel Perez
Roger Stanard

Europe

Walter King
Marc Wilder
(plus one staff member)

Commission approval was requested for the above-mentioned travels.

Mrs. Reed moved for approval of the list of Commission/Committee members with the exception of Marc Wilder under Mr. Wilder clarified his future status as a Commission member since she understood he will be leaving the Commission this summer. Motion was seconded by Mr. King.

Mr. Geoghegan made a substitute motion to approve all the requested travel, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Mrs. Reed indicated she would not vote for the substitute motion, leaving it short of a majority.

Mrs. Reed's motion carried without objection.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The notice was received and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 3:28 p.m. to discuss potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956(b)(c) and to discuss with the Commission's negotiator on instructions regarding the acquisition of parcels RS21-AS39, AS40 and AS 41 for the park-and-ride facility in Compton from the 3M Company and C.E. Heller, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:18 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the decisions made in closed session. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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Attachments