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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 1980

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Rubley at 3:10 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Vice-Chairman Rubley  
Mayor Edmond Russ  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Supervisor Kenneth Hahn  
Wendell Cox  
Bob Geoghegan, alternate to Ed Edelman  
Pat Russell, alternate to John Ferraro  
Eleanor Killeen, alternate to Baxter Ward  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Yvonne Burke  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Heinz Heckeroth, ex-officio representing State of  
California

Staff members in attendance were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director  
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary  
Phyllis Eder, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Russ, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman to approve the minutes of the October 29, 1980 meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

There were no remarks.

CONTRACTS WITH STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Mr. Richmond pointed out to the Commissioners that a chart showing the voting breakdown by jurisdiction on Prop. A was included in the agenda.

Mr. Richmond gave a brief explanation of the contracts that need to be filed with the State Board of Equalization in order to proceed with the collection of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ % sales tax.

The first contract would authorize the Board of Equalization to prepare to collect the sales tax. The second contract is to authorize collection, administration, and disbursement of the sales tax to the Commission.

The Commission would be responsible for the expenses of the Board of Equalization based on the first contract. The estimated cost between now and July 1 is \$50,000 to \$60,000.

The second contract would be referred to the State Attorney General for an opinion on the issue of majority versus two-thirds vote. There is still the possibility of a legal challenge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hahn to approve the two contracts, authorize the Vice-Chairman to execute the contracts, and forward them to the State Board of Equalization.

Supervisor Hahn observed that the passage of Prop. A provided the Commission with a tremendous opportunity to improve transportation for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

The second part of staff's recommendation was to authorize the Executive Director to engage legal counsel for the purposes of negotiating a favorable ruling by the Attorney General's Office. Legal counsel could also defend the Commission in the event of litigation.

Mr. Schneider suggested that a dollar limit be set for legal counsel expenditures for this fiscal year.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion that the Executive Director be authorized to engage legal counsel for a sum not to exceed \$75,000.

Mr. Remy wanted to add to the motion a condition that, before a contract is consummated, the Executive Director must come before the Commission and report on the firm to be retained, what is contained in agreement and a clarification of the relationship between new legal counsel and existing legal counsel.

Mr. Hahn seconded Mr. Remy's addition to the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Richmond highlighted the issues that will need foremost attention during the next few months. One issue is the possibility of not imposing the sales tax in outlying areas of the county that will not benefit from the tax to the same degree that the more densely populated areas will. Mr. Richmond also suggested that the Commission may want to consider legislation to expand the eligible uses of the funds. Certain transit related uses are not now eligible for  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  monies. The Commission should also consider whether it wants to administer all aspects of this program. Consideration should be given to the AB 103 mandated Transit Coordination and Service Program in terms of transit system productivity and how that would be related to the SCRTD reduced-fair subsidy program. Policies need to be developed for the administration of the local returns.

Mr. Zimmerman also suggested that staff study the possibility of holding funds for communities that have no immediate use for their portion of the local return monies.

Mr. Cox suggested that staff return with a proposed schedule as to how the Commission should go about identifying the rapid transit corridor priorities and what the process would be.

Mr. Remy suggested that staff deliver a report to the FRC on the budgetary impact of implementing Prop. A on the Commission's operating funds.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Finance Review Committee:

Mr. Russ presented the following recommendations from the FRC to the Commissioners for their approval:

- o Concur with the Service Coordination Committee in approval of the revised contract agreement with the consulting firm of Simpson and Curtin in the amount of \$25,000 to provide additional service in developing a draft Transit Coordination and Service Plan.

Mr. Russ moved for approval of the recommendation and it was seconded by Mr. Cox. No objection to the motion was heard.

- o Authorization of an additional \$10,000 for work performed after adoption of the draft TCSP, based on the work program prepared by the Executive Director. The FRC must approve this work program before the funds are expended.

- o Approval of execution of an allocation resolution between LACTC and the County in order to advance the previously approved \$300,000 loan to Commuter Computer in a manner complying with the allocation requirements of SB 620.

- o The LACTC to take all action necessary to prevent the slippage in scheduling by Caltrans of the completion of the 91/11 interchange project, and to appear before the California Transportation Commission to urge immediate allocation of an additional \$2.2 million to the Redondo Beach Blvd. Off-Ramp project to permit it to go ahead as scheduled. Also, apprise the jurisdictions affected on the status of the project.

- o Approval of commuter bicycle Request for Proposal and authorize its distribution to prospective consultants.

- o Approval of a request from the City of Los Angeles for a FY 81-85 TIP Amendment in the amount of \$706,400 of FAU Funds previously allocated to the city of Los Angeles to permit implementation of the Ventura Blvd. Bus Priority Signal Preemption project, from Reseda Blvd. to Vineland Ave.

Mr. Russ moved for approval of the FRC actions, seconded by Mr. Cox. No objection was heard to the motion.

A short question and answer period followed Mr. Russ' presentation.

#### Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

Mr. Remy presented a brief update to the Commission regarding Section 5 reauthorization legislation that might be considered in the remaining days of the 96th Congress. He explained that there is a strong effort to get something passed in the lame-duck session.

Mr. Remy also said that there is a possibility that Congressman Glenn Anderson will assume the Chairmanship of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee, which reviews all public transportation and highway legislation.

#### Service Coordination Committee:

Mr. Cox reported that there were no action items. He said that the SCC and staff are working closely with Simpson and Curtin and the bus operators to finalize the draft Transit Service and Coordination Program and that the draft will be presented to the Commission on December 10 for discussion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Richmond reminded the Commission of the Citizens Advisory Committee's annual dinner for November 15.

Mr. Richmond introduced new employee Mr. Elliott Smith to the Commissioners. He explained that Mr. Smith was hired as a fiscal analyst assistant to Joe Misner and Linda Pendlebury.

Mr. Richmond also announced to the Commissioners that Mr. Joe Misner will be leaving the Commission at the end of the year to go to work for the New Jersey Public Transit Corporation.

Mr. Russ asked that a resolution be signed by the Commission commending the Chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for his efforts this year. No opposition was heard.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director

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