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MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 1980

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Rubley at 3:15 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Vice-Chairman Russell Rubley
Councilman John Zimmerman
Mayor Edmund Russ
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate to Councilman Ferraro
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Heinz Heckeroth, ex-officio representing State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

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

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Vice-Chairman Rubley took the opportunity to wish the staff and everyone present a happy holiday and a prosperous new year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Review Committee:

Mr. Russ presented the following recommendations for approval:

- o Formally limit the use of Article 4.5 funds in Hawaiian Gardens to elderly and handicapped riders beginning FY 81-82.
- o Approve the City of Claremont's request to amend the FY 81-85 TIP by including the purchase of a lift-equipped van, TDA funds in the amount of \$15,000 have been reserved for Claremont for this purpose.

- o Table staff recommendation concerning reconciliation of the regional highway TIP and the State TIP pending receipt of more information on the options available to the LACTC.
- o Postpone approval of the proposed LACTC Administrative Procedures Manual.
- o Approve contract for legal services with the firm of Nossaman, Krueger, & Marsh pertaining to Prop. A. Mr. Russ mentioned that the FRC's vote was 4-1 in favor of the issue.
- o Approve in concept the establishment of a paratransit subcommittee for a trial period of one year to be based on the current membership of the Elderly and Handicapped Advisory Council plus additional representatives of the paratransit community. Further, the paratransit subcommittee shall be assigned the advisory responsibilities previously delegated to the Elderly and Handicapped Advisory Council, in addition to the advisory responsibilities related to the operational, financial, legislative, and coordinative aspects of paratransit issues. The paratransit subcommittee shall have two members on the TAC. Upon approval of this recommendation, staff shall be directed to present to the SCC a proposed membership roster for the paratransit subcommittee for final approval and review.
- o Increase the membership of the TAC to include two additional League of Cities representatives. The League of Cities has been requested to invite five additional cities to join as members of the Highways and Freeways Subcommittee.

Mr. Russ moved for approval of the items, seconded by Mr. Reeves.

Mr. Remy suggested that the Commission review all committees to gauge their effectiveness, to determine whether any modifications should be made, and how effective their representation is.

Mr. Rubley assured Mr. Remy that the review would take place after the first of the year.

Mr. Richmond said that staff could analyze the other committees as part of the recommendation and report back.

Mr. Russ mentioned that the United Independent Taxi Drivers had also requested to be included in the paratransit subcommittee.

Mr. Richmond explained that the delay on the administrative manual was at the request of Commissioner Reed. She had not had ample time to review the manual before the meeting.

Service Coordination Committee:

Mr. Zimmerman reported to the Commissioners that, pursuant to AB 103, the committee had voted to adopt the TCSP with several amendments.

Mr. Zimmerman further reported that the Committee recommends that the Commission approve the paratransit inventory and preliminary brokerage coordination findings of the Phase I report.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to accept the report and to act on it the first meeting in January. He also made a motion that the Commission approve the paratransit inventory and the preliminary brokerage report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Russ.

A short discussion followed the presentation.

It was made clear that the item was strictly an information item and would be voted on for final approval the first meeting in January.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

Mr. Remy explained that the IRC had not had a meeting recently. He reported that the federal transportation legislation did not pass Congress. Mr. Remy explained that the Commission will be dealing with a new bill and a new Congress next year, with Glenn Anderson possibly as the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Richmond presented to the Commission a Wall Street Journal article summarizing a report that had been sent to President-elect Reagan concerning transportation policy. Mr. Richmond felt that there were a number of issues that would be of interest to the Commissioners.

Mr. Richmond mentioned the proposed EPA sanctions and the Federal Highway Administration's criteria for sanction application.

Basically, the FHWA is excepting certain classes of projects from the funding cutoff as being safety projects, mass transit projects and certain specific highway projects, where they are not air-quality related projects.

Mr. Richmond also distributed a list of projects in District 7 which Caltrans expected to be affected. Caltrans will not be the agency that makes the final determinations, however.

Mr. Heckerth said that Caltrans had reviewed its schedule for the next six months, had looked at the projects that had

already been approved through the FHWA process, and had obligated and eliminated those.

Mr. Heckeroth assured the Commissioners that staff will be informed as each project is cleared.

Mr. Russ asked whether an appeal could be made for the 91/11 completion on the grounds that it is a safety problem.

Mr. Heckeroth further assured the Commission that the funds will not be lost, should the EPA sanctions be imposed. Some of the possible solutions include: an appropriate inspection and maintenance bill, a change in EPA regulations or a change by Congressional action. Mr. Heckeroth said that, in any event, the funds would be available once the sanctions are lifted.

A short discussion followed Mr. Heckeroth's presentation.

At the request of Commissioner Szabo, Mr. Richmond provided a brief update to the Commission regarding the SCRTD's situation with the Flxble buses. The Commissioners were told that as of this week the RTD was missing approximately 33 scheduled trips in the morning peak out of 1,929. The SCRTD was hoping that the next week all trips would be made.

Mr. Richmond said that the Citizens Advisory Committee had made a list of proposed officers for the coming year. The list will be voted on in January and staff will return with the results as soon as the CAC acts.

Mr. Richmond wished Mr. Joe Misner best wishes. Mr. Misner left the Commission's staff on Friday. Mr. Remy also suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Misner for the fine job he did while he worked at the Commission.

Mr. Rubley presented for approval copies of the redraft of the letter to Secretary Goldschmidt. The new letter addressed all objections and suggestions from the last meeting.

Mr. Reeves moved for approval of the letter and was seconded by Mr. Szabo.

No objection was heard to the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zimmerman restated the request by David Shapiro of the United Independant Taxi Drivers Association to be considered as a member of the Paratransit Subcommittee.

Mr. Richmond assured Mr. Zimmerman that the United Independent Taxi Drivers Association will be considered.

Mr. Rubley then presented to Ms. Eleanor Killeen a resolution of appreciation for all her work done as a Commissioner for the LACTC.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Richmond".

RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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