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MINUTES

July 23, 1980

An Executive Session was called by Vice Chairman Rubley at 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman at 3:40 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Councilman Russell Rubley  
Mayor Edmond J. Russ  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Wendell Cox  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate to Councilman Ferraro  
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Eleanor Killeen, alternate to Supervisor Ward  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Burke  
Peter Tweedt, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Councilwoman Chris Reed, alternate to Mayor Russ  
Councilwoman Jan Hall, alternate to Councilman Rubley  
Heinz Heckerth, Ex-Officio, representing State of California

Staff members present:

Rick Richmond, Acting Executive Director  
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 9, 1980 meeting will be available for approval at the next Commission meeting.

Chairman's Remarks

There were no remarks by Vice Chairman Rubley.

Presentation by the City of Long Beach on the Long Beach Transit Mall

Mr. Robert Paternoster, Director of Planning and Building, made a brief presentation with a slide show on the downtown development program for the City of Long Beach.

Committee Reports

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Cox reported on the recommended actions from the July 21, 1980 meeting of the Committee:

1. Appeal of the California Transportation Commission's deletion of Route 101 (Ventura Freeway) widening - Topanga Canyon Blvd. to Mulholland Drive - from FY 1980 regionally approved TIP. Cost of this project is \$4.2 million. The Committee wants to base the appeal on the hope that it can be funded from a return to Los Angeles County of the \$3.764 million which resulted from the CTC action to delete the Route 101 - Beaudry to Vermont soundwall project.

Mrs. Rita Schneir spoke in behalf of Councilwoman Joy Picus, City of Los Angeles, to request that the LACTC appeal the deletion, from the FY 1980 STIP, of the project to widen Route 101 (Ventura Freeway), between Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Mulholland Drive.

Vice Chairman Rubley indicated that the FRC had two additional items: one that Mr. Geoghegan brought to his attention today and the other that was discussed as an amendment item which is the Route 91 landscaping. This item will be brought up at a future FRC meeting for review and possible TIP amendment. Mr. Rubley asked that the FRC recommendations be amended to include an appeal that a sound wall project on Route 405 (between Montana Avenue and Bell Terrace) be moved up one year in the STIP, from FY '83 to FY '82, as programmed in last year's STIP.

It was moved and seconded to approve the FRC recommendations, as amended. Hearing no objections the motion was approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Russell asked if there was any strategy that the Commission can pursue at the State level that would help the Route 101 (Ventura Freeway) widening project as requested by Councilwoman Picus.

Mr. Richmond explained that the problem is that, without identifying equivalent funding sources through deletions in our current approved program, the Commission would likely run into opposition from the other counties in the state. He felt that staff can make the strong argument that the Ventura Freeway Improvement Association and Councilwoman Picus have made about the statewide interest in this project,

given the situation with the alternate routes but, aside from that, the next strongest thing staff can do is to identify our own deletions which thus far has not been part of the package. He thought that the best thing to do is to make the case for the project and argue that this Commission has already lost in getting to the projects and dollars where we are today and that we will have to make the case on that. These projects will be discussed at the California Transportation Commission meeting on July 30.

Commissioner Cox asked if there was any wisdom in attempting to get some support from our State legislators in that area in making this appeal.

Mr. Richmond indicated that State legislators are allowed to appear on behalf of these appeals.

Mr. Geoghegan explained that his amendment is a soundwall to be located on the San Diego Freeway near Montana and northward to Bell Terrace (roughly in the Santa Monica Mountains and on the east side). The amendment requires no money and does not touch any other projects. This particular soundwall project was slipped by Caltrans from FY '82 to FY '83. The effect of asking for the amendment would be to again ask that this project be included in the 1982 scheduling rather than costing any money or jeopardizing any of the other projects in the STIP.

2. Recommend that the Commission support the general concept of commuter bus services being provided by the private sector in cases where:
  - a. such services are comparable to public operator services; and
  - b. such services can be provided at a savings of public subsidies in comparison to public operator services.

The Committee further recommends that the LACTC notify the Public Utilities Commission of this position in support of the application of Southern California Commuter Bus Service, Inc., to extend commuter services between downtown Los Angeles, Century City and points in Orange and Los Angeles Counties (Application No. 59434).

3. Recommend that the \$4.5 million that the Commission is holding for SCRTD be retained to be used to offset or defer future fare increase and that the Board of Supervisors be notified.

4. In the matter of unmet transit needs in the areas of Los Angeles County outside the Southern California Rapid Transit District, the FRC recommends approval of findings as follows:

Avalon: No unmet transit needs exist which could be reasonably met.

Lancaster: In view of the services being provided currently by the L.A. County, Lancaster, and Palmdale, that no unmet transit needs exist which could be reasonably met.

Palmdale: In view of the existing service provided by the three cities in the L.A. County, that the only need that exists that can be met is for service to Palmdale Hospital.

Unincorporated  
County Area: In view of the services provided by the County in both Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley and by the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, that the unmet needs are limited to service to be provided to Palmdale Hospital.

In order to provide that service to Palmdale Hospital, it is recommended that the Commission withhold \$4,000 from the Palmdale allocation and \$4,000 from the County allocation until such time as arrangements are made to provide service to Palmdale Hospital. The Committee further recommends that the remainder of the money be passed on to the county and cities as it is appropriate under the law. Additionally, the Hearing Board and part of the FRC recommendation as well, took note of studies underway in the Santa Clarita Valley and the Antelope Valley area to improve some services and there are some citizens groups working up there but it is too early to do anything with what they have come up with.

5. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 1980-81 TIP which would allocate \$40,000 in regional FAU funds to the Greater Los Angeles Taxi Association (GLATA) for the purpose of extending the Taxipool Demonstration Program through the end of the current fiscal year, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- That the LACTC Counsel shall determine the legality of making such an award to GLATA;

- That GLATA shall contract with Commuter Computer for support services and that staff will review this agreement and report to FRC;
  - That the assumption is that the taxipool program will be self-sufficient at the beginning of the next fiscal year and that at least 500 taxipools will be formed by that time.
6. Recommend approval of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the LACTC and the City of Los Angeles on the Downtown People Mover project.
  7. The Committee received a report from Caltrans on stations along the Century Freeway. Caltrans is now working on a proposal in cooperation with SCRTD and the City and other agencies that would establish two additional stations in an area between Crenshaw Blvd. and Wilmington Avenue which, under the original plan, was not to have any station.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Finance Review Committee's report.

Concerning the Taxipool Demonstration recommendation, Commissioner Heckeroth reported that Caltrans sent a letter to Commission staff indicating that it would probably be preferable to enter the contract between Caltrans, the dispenser of FAU funds, and Commuter Computer rather than GLATA. He suggested that LACTC amend the resolution to say "...either GLATA or Commuter Computer."

After much discussion, Commissioner Tweedt indicated that the motion has the latitude to cover the concerns raised by Mr. Heckeroth and at this time, the Commission should pass the motion as worded and then turn the matter over to Legal Counsel for review and have the matter settled.

Commissioner Remy indicated that on the agenda, two weeks from now, he would like to know how this matter is settled because he would like to see the question addressed that we're not funding some activities that might down the road become competitive activities and the tie-in should clearly be there if it meets the test of legality. He hopes for a report even it is only information as to how these issues have been resolved.

Commissioner Szabo also requested for back-up information at the next Commission meeting.

Hearing no objection to the motion made by Mr. Cox, the motion to approve the Finance Review Committee's report was approved unanimously.

## Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported that he had one item for possible action, which was discussed at the Committee meeting today at 1:00 p.m. The bill (SB 1911 - Petris) is in the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee and relates to a change under which the State Income Tax deduction for the excise tax on the sale of gasoline, diesel fuel and other motor fuels would be eliminated. The monies gained by such a repeal would be used to fund a program that would have a refundable personal income tax credit for monthly transit passes not to exceed \$5.00 per month per pass. It also would allow a refundable personal income credit for the cost of participation in the vanpool or buspool program not to exceed \$5.00 per month per rider. The bill is currently opposed by this Commission. The bill is presently supported by SCAG, SCRTD, and the California Public Transit Operators organization. It is viewed as an incentive program for people to get into vanpools and encourage greater ridership on buses. There is a difference of opinion as to the amounts of tax dollars that would be lost and also expended under the program. The Committee discussed this bill at length and the motion of the Committee was that the LACTC remove its opposition and maintain a neutral position on the bill. The recommendation from the IRC was to take a neutral position.

A motion was made by Mr. Rubley, seconded by Mr. Reeves, to approve the IRC's recommendation to take a neutral position on SB 1911.

Commissioner Russ expressed his objection to the report of the IRC to take a neutral position and advocated that the Commission oppose the Bill. Commissioners Tweedt, Cox and Szabo supported Mr. Russ' comments.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Tweedt, seconded by Mr. Szabo, that the Commission maintain its original position in opposition to the Petris bill (SB 1911).

Roll call vote:

<u>Yes</u>	No
Mr. Russ	Mr. Remy
Mrs. Killeen	Mrs. Russell
Mr. Reeves	Mr. Geoghegan
Mr. Szabo	
Mr. Zimmerman	
Mr. Cox	
Mr. Tweedt	
Mr. Rubley	

Motion was carried by a 8-to-3 vote.

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported that the Committee will be meeting on Friday, July 25, 1980, at 12 noon and had nothing further to report at this time.

## Acting Executive Director's Report

- A. Follow-up on Long Beach Freeway Route Adoption: Letters have been sent under Chairman Schabarum's signature to Caltrans Director Gianturo, Business and Transportation Agency Secretary Stein, California Transportation Commission, Federal Highway Administration, all members of the State Legislature from the affected areas, and also the affected jurisdictions, advising them of the Commission's decision and the Commission's request to Caltrans to prepare an undated environmental document on the project. Staff will be following up shortly with an effort to see what responses are received and what steps should be taken from there.
- B. Commission Member Travel Request: Request from Commissioner Cox to attend a Committee meeting of APTA in Washington, D.C. He has been active in the Committee on Transit Performance. This request is being brought before the Commission in accordance with the policy of Commission's approval for Commissioner's travel.

A motion was made by Mr. Russ, seconded by Mr. Tweedt, to approve Commissioner Cox's request.

Commissioner Russ asked if this is a new policy that has been adopted. Mr. Richmond indicated that this is the policy that has been followed since Chairman Schabarum became chairman. Mr. Russ also asked Legal Counsel if this policy is part of the Administrative Code and requested an answer be given back to the Commission.

- C. Information on the Public Hearings on the Public Transit Improvement Program (1/2% Sales Tax Proposal): The Commission had its first public hearing yesterday afternoon and evening at USC. There is a hearing tonight at this City of Long Beach Council Chambers. Tomorrow evening two hearings are scheduled in Northridge and Van Nuys and five more hearings next week, concluding next Thursday evening.

## Long Beach Freeway (Route 7)

Commissioner Zimmerman requested that a follow-up report be made on the Long Beach Freeway at the next Commission meeting to see what action has been taken.

New Business

There were no new business.

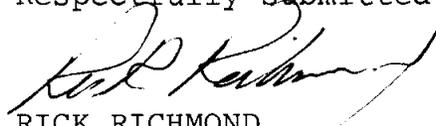
Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and filed. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 6, 1980.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND  
Acting Executive Director

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