



MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 1980

An Executive Session was called by Vice Chairman Rubley at 2:00 to interview a candidate for the position of Executive Director and to discuss personnel matters.

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

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Schabarum  
Councilman Russell Rubley  
Mayor Edmond J. Russ  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Burke  
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Wendell Cox  
Eleanor Killeen, alternate to Supervisor Ward  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate to Councilman Ferraro  
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio representing the State of California

Staff members present:

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell, to approve the minutes of July 9, and July 23, 1980 and amend the minutes of June 25, 1980. Hearing no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman's Remarks

This meeting is to consider the Transit Improvement Program and associated  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  sales tax increase. A staff report on this matter was mailed to the Commissioners for their review prior to the meeting and a summarized staff report was distributed at the meeting.

Consideration of Transit Improvement Program and Associated  
½% Sales Tax Increase

Mr. Richmond presented a summary of the staff report on lead issues, the results of the public review process, and optional means of proceeding open to the Commission. The outline of Mr. Richmond's presentation is attached.

Mr. Richmond also acknowledged receipt of letters from Southern California Rapid Transit District addressed to each Commissioner regarding SCRTD's position on the ½% sales tax proposal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Remy, seconded by Commissioner Szabo, to ask County Counsel to prepare language for the ballot measure and return to the Commission for purposes of further consideration of the issue on August 20.

Considerable discussion followed. Many Commissioners expressed support for the motion in the interest of making it possible for the Commission to place the measure on the November ballot but also expressed concern that if more support was not evident by August 20, that it might be unwise to proceed in November.

Commissioner Rubley raised a question with the funding split recommended by staff. It was also agreed that Mr. Remy's motion on the drafting of ballot language should be voted on first, then the specifics of that language would be addressed.

A roll call vote was called:

| <u>YES</u>    | <u>NO</u>     |
|---------------|---------------|
| Mr. Russ      | Mr. Schabarum |
| Mr. Remy      |               |
| Mrs. Russell  |               |
| Mrs. Killeen  |               |
| Mr. Reeves    |               |
| Mr. Geoghegan |               |
| Mr. Szabo     |               |
| Mr. Rubley    |               |
| Mr. Cox       |               |

Motion carried by 9 to 1 vote.

The discussion then centered on some of the specific details that should be included by Counsel in the ballot and ordinance language.

## Funding Split

A motion was made by Commissioner Rubley, seconded by Commissioner Russ, that funding be split 50% for guideways and major transit centers; 25% for regional bus improvements including regional TSM, ridesharing and fare relief; and 25% returned to local government on a population basis for local public transportation purposes including paratransit.

An amendment was made to the motion by Commissioner Cox that 50% for fixed guideways and major transit centers capital would be for each 5 year period of the program rather than the lifetime of the project.

Mr. Cox withdrew his amendment to the motion.

Chairman Schabarum indicated that such language could be included in the ordinance which would accompany the ballot issue.

Roll call vote:

| <u>YES</u>   | <u>NO</u>     |
|--------------|---------------|
| Mr. Russ     | Mrs. Killeen  |
| Mrs. Russell | Mr. Geoghegan |
| Mr. Remy     | Mr. Schabarum |
| Mr. Reeves   |               |
| Mr. Szabo    |               |
| Mr. Rubley   |               |
| Mr. Cox      |               |

Motion was carried by 7 to 3 vote.

## Specificity of Mode

Staff recommends that the exclusive guideway element of the program include both rail and bus modes as well as other technologies should they prove feasible and desirable, but that specific modes for specific corridors not be identified.

A motion was made by Commissioner Szabo that the staff's recommendation be approved. Seconded by Commissioner Russell. The motion carried.

It was agreed that a map showing the general areas to be served would be included with the ordinance on the ballot.

#### Funding for Operating Expenses:

Staff recommended that operating expenses for both the short term bus/paratransit and the guideway system be eligible for the sales tax. Commissioner Cox suggested that a sliding type scal be used for the guideway portion based on experience during the construction and operation of the system.

No specific conclusion was reached. There was consensus that guideway operating subsidies should be limited, with more definite language to be agreed upon on August 20.

#### Sunset Provision:

Staff proposed that a sunset issue be included in with the ordinance, removing the portion of sales tax devoted to construction of the guideway portion of the program on its completion.

There was considerable discussion on the pros and cons of a sunset provision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Russ, seconded by Commissioner Szabo, to not include the sunset provision.

Commissioner Russell offered a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Cox, to draw up a sunset provision as an optional feature that would include a provision for completion of the guideway system. It was agreed that staff should provide optional sunset language.

#### Acting Executive Director's Report

- A. Pending Litigation against the Century Freeway: A letter was received from Caltrans, District 7, giving a fact sheet relative to an expected suit against I-105 (Century Freeway) by the Association of General Contractors. Copies were distributed to Commissioners.
- B. Request from Southern California Rapid Transit District for \$1.5 million in additional funding: Mr. Richmond indicated that he acknowledged receipt of a letter from SCRTD requesting \$1.5 million in additional subsidy for this fiscal year and he has responded to SCRTD that this matter will be referred to the Finance Review Committee for a recommendation.
- C. Taxipool Demonstration Program: At the last Commission meeting, Commissioner Remy requested for a report back on the legality of awarding funds to GLATA. It appears that there would be no legal problem in awarding FAU funds to GLATA for the taxipool program; however, after discussions the GLATA representative prefers that funds be awarded to Commuter Computer and passed through to GLATA. A motion to award the funds to Commuter Computer for subsequent pass through to GLATA was approved.

New Business

Procedure to approve release of the draft Countywide Transition Plan for public review and comment: Commissioner Cox indicated that the Service Coordination Committee recommends approval of staff's request to seek the release of the draft transition plan for public distribution by a phone poll of Commissioners and/or Alternates. A motion was moved and seconded that the SCC's recommendation be approved. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved unanimously.

Notice of Meetings

The next Commission meeting will be held on August 20, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Notice of meetings was received and filed.

Commissioner Cox thanked staff for their efforts on the ½% sales tax proposal to date.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND  
Acting Executive Director

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