



LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION • 311 SOUTH SPRING STREET – SUITE 1206, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013 • (213) 626-0370

MINUTES

May 14, 1980

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Schabarum at 3:08 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

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

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director  
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Council  
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Reeves, to approve the minutes of April 23, 1980. Minutes were unanimously approved.

The minutes for the special meeting of April 30, 1980 were passed out at the meeting. Chairman Schabarum indicated that the minutes will be approved later in the meeting.

Chairman's Remarks

1. Route 7 Hearing: Hearing is scheduled for tomorrow (May 15) from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Alhambra City Hall. Copies of a news story and editorial from the Pasadena Star-News (May 13, 1980) were handed out to the Commissioners. Interested Commissioners were asked to attend the hearing. The members of the Hearing Board received background material on the Route 7 project.
  
2. Request from the City of Claremont relating to the funding of improvements to Baseline Road, currently Route 30: Chairman Schabarum asked Mr. Premo to explain the situation. Mr. Premo indicated that he had received on May 8, a letter from the City of Claremont requesting that the Commission program over the next 3 or 4 years about \$3.5 million for improvements on Baseline Road from Foothill Blvd. to the San Bernardino County line. The first and priority item as part of this effort was a request of \$165,000 for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This issue was discussed at the TAC meeting and there have been discussions between the Cities of Claremont and La Verne and Caltrans regarding this project. A request was made for the FAU Technical and Policy Committees to meet and consider this amendment and return to the LACTC committees for review and then to the full Commission for consideration on June 11. The problem is that there are no unallocated FAU funds at this point or during the time period as the schedule for this project.

Chairman Schabarum introduced Mayor Eleanor Cohen, City of Claremont, who commented on behalf of the City of Claremont and City of La Verne on the problem facing the two cities. The cities plan to appear before the California Transportation Commission at its meeting in Riverside on May 28.

Chairman Schabarum asked that this matter be referred to the FAU Technical and Policy Committees for their review and report back to this Commission no later than June 11.

Commissioner Remy suggested that the LACTC send a letter to the California Transportation Commission informing them that this item will be under consideration and that this Commission will not be able to have a position prior to the CTC's meeting in May.

The Commission concurred with the suggestion, and the Chairman asked Mr. Premo to draft such a letter to the CTC.

3. Selection of a New Executive Director: The Commission has employed the firm of Korn/Ferry International which Mr. Norm Roberts is the representative. Mr. Roberts has been meeting with the Commissioners for the purpose of developing a profile

for the successor to Mr. Premo. Chairman Schabarum suggested that a Subcommittee of the Commission be formed to assist Mr. Roberts but that all members of this Commission will have a role in making the final selection. The Subcommittee will be made up of Chairman Schabarum, present Chairman; Mr. Rubley, as upcoming Chairman; Mr. Russ, as past Chairman; and either Mrs. Russell or Mr. Remy, representing the City of Los Angeles.

#### Discussion of SCRTD's Financing Needs and SCRTD's Presentation to the Assembly Transportation Committee

Messrs. Tom Neusom, Marv Holen, and Jack Gilstrap of SCRTD and Mr. Nate Holden, Deputy to Supervisor Hahn, were invited to join in the discussion with the Commissioners of the SCRTD's financial situation and the SCRTD's recent appearance before the Assembly Transportation Committee. Mr. Neusom distributed copies of a letter from Assemblyman Ingalls, Chairman of the Committee, inviting SCRTD to Sacramento. The Los Angeles County delegation on the Assembly Transportation Committee was interested in knowing about SCRTD's proposed fare structure. Messrs. Neusom, Gilstrap, and Holden reported on their participation at the meeting.

Mr. Premo explained the timetable for allocating FY 80/81 funding to SCRTD.

Mr. Neusom indicated that a public hearing on a revised fare structure is scheduled for June 7, and that he has invited the Los Angeles County members of the Assembly Transportation Committee to the hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Russ, that the Commission communicate with the Assembly Transportation Committee, and particularly the Los Angeles delegation to discuss the Commission's position on SCRTD's fare structure and the allocation of available subsidy funds. Hearing no objections, motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reed asked if there is any possibility of pushing the Commission's schedule forward so that the SCRTD does not have to go through the process of producing a TIP which may well be amended a week and a half later and let SCRTD have the public hearing and make their decisions in an atmosphere of rationality rather than have their staff put together a TIP without their Board reviewing it. The Commission can meet later in the month to make a decision if that would help SCRTD in their decision-making process.

Chairman Schabarum asked Messrs. Premo and Gilstrap to work together to see what can be done to have a mutually acceptable schedule.

Committee ReportsFinance Review Committee

Commissioner Rubley reported on the committee's meeting of May 12. The committee's recommendations for action by the Commission are attached as EXHIBIT A.

1. Request from Long Beach Transit for allocation of \$1.5 million in TDA funds for Downtown Transit Mall:  
M/S/C - Approved committee's recommendation.
2. Culver City's request to amend TIP and authorize expenditure of \$302,000 of TDA capital reserve funds for purchase of two replacement buses;
3. SCRTD's request for \$120,000 in supplemental Federal planning funds;
4. Contract with SCAG for the routine administration of the SB 620 program in Los Angeles County:

M/S/C - Approved Items #2, 3, and 4 of FRC's recommendation.

Mr. Bryan Allen (from the audience) requested to speak before the Commission on the consultant's recommendation on Route 30 (Foothill Freeway). Chairman Schabarum invited Mr. Allen to speak at the FRC meeting on June 4 to convey his comments at that time.

Staff Report and Analysis on FAU Program: Copies of the report were handed out to the Commissioners. The Executive Director indicated that this report was discussed at some length at the FRC meeting. He also indicated that staff had been asked by the Commission to examine the FAU Program in terms of obligating funds to projects and moving those projects to construction. The Commission had also expressed concerns about Commuter Computer and its regional FAU funding situation and the issue of how to move ahead local projects as highlighted by the earlier discussion on the City of Claremont's request.

The report contains a number of attachments, commenting on the FAU program as presently administered, including those from the L. A. County Road, City of Los Angeles, and other jurisdictions receiving FAU funds.

The Executive Director briefly summarized the recommendations of this report.

#### Timely Use of Funds

1. Apply the federal "1 + 3" obligation test to individual jurisdictions within the County.
2. Review, on an exception basis, programs and projects when available data indicate problems may exist. Assist local agencies in cutting Federal and State red tape.
3. Require that start of construction begin on projects within one year of obligation of construction funds.
4. Request the City of Los Angeles' Gas Tax/FAUS Technical Rew Committee to report to the Commission at the second LACTC meeting in June.

#### Commuter Computer

5. Direct staff to work with other transportation agencies and the private sector in developing a "Continuing Cooperative Agreement" with Commuter Computer and a work program for FY 80/81, and to continue to try to resolve the proposed takeover of Commuter Computer by Caltrans.
6. Seek additional FAUS funds to support Commuter Computer in the event Caltrans withdraws its gas tax support.

#### Regionally Significant Local Projects

7. Pursue the possibility of multi-jurisdictional funding of regionally significant local projects and examine the implications of altering the current 80/20 allocation formula.

#### Institutional Change

8. Accept the offer of the FAUS Policy Committee to become an advisory committee to the Commission.

Transmittal of Report

9. Communicate this report to all appropriate agencies including FHWA, Caltrans, League of Cities, FAU Policy Committee, and local jurisdictions, and request comments by June 16, 1980.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rubley, seconded by Mr. Cox, to approve the staff's recommendation to distribute the FAU report to all jurisdictions in Los Angeles, including the League of Cities, and request comments by June 16, 1980. Hearing no objections, motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Remy suggested that staff extend to the San Gabriel Valley City Managers and other manager groups if they are interested in having this FAU report on their agendas.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported the committee's has not had a meeting since the last Commission meeting so the following items are for discussion.

1/2¢ Sales Tax Proposal: The committee has attempted to schedule a meeting with the Los Angeles County delegation and has run into both scheduling problems and time crunch in Sacramento as the legislative deadlines approach. The Executive Director indicated that staff has spoken to Assemblyman Fenton and other members of the L.A. delegation about the possibility of a meeting in Sacramento. They have indicated concerns that they would like to meet with the principals (the Supervisors, Mayor Bradley, etc.) in pursuing the 1/2¢ sales tax. The schedules of the various individuals have been difficult to reconcile. Mr. Premo indicated that it is unlikely to pass this session the bill through the State Legislature. Material on the 1/2¢ sales tax for transit was handed out to the Commissioners. Staff is in a situation now of having to decide whether the staff should continue to try and schedule a date for a meeting with the L.A. delegation. He also informed the Commissioners on what staff is currently doing in following up on previous direction to staff with respect to the 1/2¢. Staff is working with the Technical Advisory Committee, will request for comments from the Citizens Advisory Committee, and seeking to get as much response as possible to the substance of the recommended program that is part of this proposal.

Commissioner Remy suggested that this Commission meet with the Los Angeles delegation during their recess with the 1/2¢ sales tax proposal as one of the items for discussion.

Commissioner Geoghegan expressed Supervisor Edelman's view of the 1/2¢ sales tax proposal.

Commissioner Killeen expressed Supervisor Ward's concern that if we do not receive the federal funding for the Wilshire Starter Line, that the 1/2¢ sales tax not be used to fund that project. She proposed that in the legislation that we exempt the existing plan for the Wilshire Starter Line from that funding.

Commissioner Remy suggested that Commissioners review staff's material and provide comments by June 4 and June 9 (FRC meeting) and action by the full Commission on June 11; and pursue a general meeting with the Los Angeles delegation.

Commissioner Cox asked that the wording of staff's updated material on the 1/2¢ (page 4 - EXHIBIT B) be changed to include "...No less than 50% for the construction of mass transit guideways and the purchase of equipment for those guideway."

Commissioner Szabo asked about the progress of the motion relative to the legislative advocacy of a possible constitutional amendment on the changing of the voting requirements currently two-thirds for transit/energy related propositions. The Executive Director indicated that more work needs to be done. Mr. Szabo asked that the Commissioners be kept apprised of this matter.

Chairman Schabarum indicated that staff, with comments from Commissioners, will put together a report as it relates to the program and language associated with the proposed 1/2¢ sales tax proposal for Commission's review on June 11 with a deadline of mid-August for introduction for such a proposal on the November ballot.

Proposition 11 (State Windfall Profits Tax: Material on this issue is included in the agenda packet. The committee has taken no position on this issue. The item is self-explanatory in terms of the material as to the benefits that would be achieved by such a measure in terms of increased funds for public transportation. The arguments are clear on the other side of a tax on the single industry that could have a potential of a negative effect on the retention and expansion of the industrial base for the oil companies in some of their holdings. Each member of the IRC had their own points of view on the measure and couldn't come up with any consensus recommendation. The suggestion of the committee was to bring this measure before the full Commission for discussion and/or referral back to the committee.

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No position on 11: motion

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LACTC mtg.

MEMBER

ALTERNATE

Peter Schabarum (Chairman) <sup>yes</sup>  
Supervisor, L.A. County

Peter Tweedt

Edmond Russ (Chairman) <sup>yes</sup>  
Mayor, Gardena

Christine Reed  
Councilwoman, Santa Monica

Tom Bradley  
Mayor, Los Angeles

<sup>no</sup> Ray Remy  
Deputy Mayor, Los Angeles

John Ferraro  
President, L.A. City Council

<sup>yes</sup> Pat Russell  
Councilwoman, Los Angeles

Baxter Ward  
Supervisor, L.A. County (Chairman)

<sup>no</sup> Eleanor Killeen

Kenneth Hahn  
Supervisor, L.A. County

<sup>yes</sup> Robert Reeves

Edmund Edelman  
Supervisor, L.A. County

<sup>no</sup> Bob Geoghegan  
Deputy to Supervisor Edelman

Yvonne Burke  
Supervisor, L.A. County

<sup>no</sup> Barna Szabo

Russell Rubley <sup>yes</sup>  
Councilman, Long Beach

Jan Hall  
Councilwoman, Long Beach

John Zimmerman <sup>yes</sup>  
Councilman, Norwalk

Will Simendinger  
Councilman, La Mirada

Wendell Cox <sup>yes</sup>

James Ragan

Heinz Heckeroth

A motion was made by Commissioner Russ, seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Commission take no position on Proposition 11.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Russ, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Reeves,  
Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Rubley, Mr. Cox,  
Chairman Schabarum.

Nays: Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Remy, Mrs. Killeen,  
Mr. Szabo.

Motion passed 7 to 4.

Federal Transit Authorization Legislation: It is a matter of substantial discussion today and tomorrow in the Conference Committee on the budget. The committee has been in communication with at least one of the California members on that Budget Committee (Congressman Mineta). It is Mr. Remy's understanding that the 1981 House authorization for the transit side is higher than that proposed by either the Administration or Senate. They are in the middle of the deliberations now for what the budget marks would be for authorizing committees. This Commission has consistently supported those budget marks in the program on the House side. The two authorizing bills are moving forward. The biggest issue there deals with the formula for allocating the Section 5 funds. The Senate is proposing a new formula based more on service provided than what now exists with propulation/population density. This new formula has a net decrease for Los Angeles as shown in the attachment (EXHIBIT C). We would suffer a \$23 million reduction of operating assistance and with the problems that SCRTD has in the operating assistance side, this becomes an extremely difficult issue. Senator Cranston has been very helpful in trying to maintain the position of California on this matter. The IRC will continue to work with staff and Irving Smith (LACTC's Washington representative) has been extremely helpful in keeping staff apprised of this. Mr. Premo has advised that there is going to be a meeting of the APTA Government Affairs Committee in Washington next week relative to the Section 5 issue. The IRC will continue to work with staff and see that the position that the Commission has adopted is maintained.

#### Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox had no items to report on the committee. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, at 12 noon, at the Commission offices.

## Executive Director's Report

- A. Policy discussion re. Article 4.5 Farebox Recovery: This is an item carried over from the Finance Review Committee report. At the last Commission meeting, there was a recommendation from the Finance Review Committee to approve a farebox policy for 4.5 operators which is consistent with the policy adopted for regular fixed-route operations. Farebox and/or contributions from local governments which, if they were contributed on per rider subsidy basis, would meet the statutory requirement for 10% farebox recovery. A legal opinion was received from SCAG, which administers the Article 4.5 program (a subsection of the TDA Program). SCAG sees no problem with the policy interpretation of farebox and/or local money. At the previous Commission meeting, this issue was continued at the request of Commissioner Reed. Staff's recommendation is to accept this "farebox and/or local contribution." This is consistent with the earlier recommendation of its Finance Review Committee. Commissioner Reed reiterated her opposition to this proposed policy as being inconsistent with State law.

Motion was made by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan, that Commission approve the Finance Review Committee's recommendation. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Russ, Mr. Remy, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Killeen, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Rubley, Mr. Cox, Chairman Schabarum.

Nays: None

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- B. Wilshire Preliminary Engineering Grant: Caltrans has recommended approval of 15% of the first year's cost of the Wilshire Preliminary Engineering Grant. The California Transportation Commission will consider that action at its meeting on May 29 in Riverside.
- C. South Counties 1980 STIP: The California Transportation Commission will meet on May 28 in Riverside to consider the 1980 STIP. This Commission will testify in the morning of the 28th.
- D. Commuter Computer: There is a meeting tomorrow morning at which the status of Commuter Computer will be analyzed. Chairman Schabarum is planning to offer his thoughts at that meeting.

- E. Request for Citizens Advisory Committee's Comments on the proposed 1/2¢ Sales Tax: Motion was made by Mr. Remy, seconded by Mrs. Russell, that the Commission invite the CAC to offer their views on the 1/2¢ sales tax proposal by June 4. Motion was approved.
- F. FAU Report by staff: The Executive Director commended Don Camph, Linda Pendlebury and Camille Acosta for their outstanding work in putting out the FAU report.

New Business:

1984 Olympic Games: Mr. Remy indicated that there is increased interest in the issue of transportation relative to the 1984 Olympic Games. Mr. Remy moved that the Chairman and the Vice Chairman and whoever else they deem appropriate attempt to set up a meeting with the leadership of the local organizing committee to discuss ways in which the transportation issues of the 1984 Olympic games could be coordinated in terms of planning and operation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Notice of Meetings

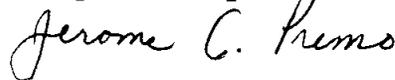
Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 1980, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



JEROME C. PREMO  
Executive Director

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Attachments