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MINUTES

January 23, 1980

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Schabarum at 3:10 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

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

Staff members present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Cox indicated that, under the Finance Review Committee report, the committee requested that staff put together a report on the actual cost and revenues relating to the SCRTD's contracted lines in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and asked this matter to be included in the minutes.

Minutes of January 9, 1980 were approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Remarks

At the last Commission meeting, Chairman Schabarum handed out a list of 1980 Committee assignments and asked for comments from the members and alternates. Since he did not receive any comments or objections, the list of assignments will be the format of this year's activities, subject to change whenever necessary (EXHIBIT A).

Committee ReportsFinance Review Committee

Commissioner Rubley reported on the committee's meeting of 12 noon today. The recommendations of FRC were handed out to the Commissioners (EXHIBIT B).

Commissioner Russ indicated that the Overall Work Program was discussed in great detail at the meeting. The Executive Director explained that one of the key points discussed at FRC meeting was the fact that this is a tentative and preliminary approval by the Finance Review Committee in accordance with staff recommendations. Staff will return to the full Commission with rapid transit related work at the Commission meeting of February 13. Staff will review with the Commissioners after the beginning of April the status of funds from several prior years' planning allocations that have not yet been expended by agencies. The Commission may want to make a decision to either not spend that money or reallocate it to other agencies. After feedback is received from SCAG and the federal government on the Overall Work Program, staff will give a status report for Commission's final approval.

Commissioner Zimmerman indicated that he understood that there was some urgency regarding the South Bay maintenance facilities in order to be eligible for funds and asked for the status of this project. Commissioner Russ indicated that Cities of Gardena and Torrance have to get together to mutually agree on the use of major repairs at Torrance. This matter will be reviewed further at the next FRC meeting.

M/S/C - Approved the Finance Review Committee's recommendations.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting of January 22. The minutes of that meeting were handed out to the Commissioners. He briefly covered the key items in the minutes.

Federal Legislation

Windfall Profits Tax: The Conference Committee has come to a conclusion with regard to the level of the tax currently at 227.3 billion. Next step in this process is to determine how those funds will be distributed. There is strong interest in what level of the Windfall Profits Tax will go to public transportation. The committee will monitor that very closely as to how the funds will be distributed, what portion of the Windfall Profits Tax goes to what types of functions and activities.

State Legislation:

Assemblyman Ingalls' Preprint 14 on Motor Vehicle Inspection Maintenance: Senator Montoya also has some bills in on I&M and Senator Foran in the past had some interest on this subject. The IRC did express concern about the statements made last fall by EPA Administrator Douglas Costle concerning the lack of a I&M program in California and the impact this would have on building permits for any new construction. The committee is looking at both sides: the Inspection & Maintenance Program and the implications for all future new construction of major facilities. The committee will have a report and perhaps positions on this and other legislation on this subject at the next meeting.

Transit Labor Law: Staff will circulate the draft legislation to seek out the opinions of RTD and the munis and will informally try and make contact with appropriate representatives from labor and report back to the committee for possible action.

SB 654 (Union Station): Senator Foran has a bill on Caltrans' purchase of multi-modal transportation facilities like Union Station. The Senator is holding this bill pending some general feedback and consensus from the local governments and Caltrans as to some of our concerns on the bill. Mr. Remy reported on a meeting held at City Hall last week and attended by Chairman Schabarum, Ed Russ, Caltrans, City of Los Angeles, and LACTC staff on Union Station. A working group was formed to examine various options and report back within six weeks. A concern was expressed that perhaps Caltrans is not moving as fast as we'd like in calling that meeting together.

Energy Report:

Emergency Energy Conservation Act of 1979 (EECA): The State Emergency Energy Conservation Plan Committee is starting to come together and this Commission has requested to be able to participate in its advisory group of state and local agencies as an ex-officio or advisory basis.

Rideshare: The funding going in at the federal level for ridesharing legislation is expected to be continued in the rewrite of the Surface Transportation Act. The National Rideshare Task Force will be meeting in Washington, D.C. on February 26, 1980 and they will have before it a draft proposed piece of legislation for ridesharing.

Emergency Transportation Fund: Staff is continuing to work on developing specific recommendations in this area and will report back for future Commission consideration.

Highway Financing: The California Transportation Commission will be issuing a report, prepared by Arthur Young and Associates, at the CTC meeting on January 30 and 31 in San Diego. Staff will review the report in context with the recommendations on highway financing.

RTD Legislative Program: They deleted a number of items from their proposed legislative program and indicated their strong desire to try and improve the legislation as it relates to workman's compensation. IRC has requested RTD to report back to the committee as to what bills they are going to put in on workman's compensation and perhaps we can be helpful with them in supporting improvements in workman's comp laws.

Jarvis II: Recommendation from the committee for staff to develop an analysis of the impact of the proposed Jarvis II initiative which seeks to cut state income tax in half. Staff will also look at the overall resources the state may receive from the oil deregulation that Congress recently acted on. The feeling of the committee is to gather this information so we don't face a June Commission meeting and discover that a variety of things are going to happen.

Congressional Briefing: Recommendation from the committee is that we not have several, but try and focus at one convenient time where a select number of members of the Commission, including a couple of staff members, would be involved in a trip to Washington, D.C. There is a meeting on mass transportation on February 6-8. The committee feels that it is an important gathering that a Commission member should attend. The American Public Transit Association has a meeting on March 10-11 and the National League of Cities has scheduled a meeting on March 16-18. Recommendation of the committee is to seek a legislative trip to Washington, D.C. that would tie-in with one of the other of those meetings, sometime within the time frame of March 10-18. Commission members who would be interested to attend, should notify the Chairman or the committee

Washington, D.C. Representative: Mr. Irving Smith has done some excellent work. Mr. Remy commented, particularly in the materials which was sent to the IRC, his complete report on where things stand legislatively in Washington, including projections of the funding that we might look at both from the Administration as well as Congress. It is very useful information. Committee's feeling is that it would be useful to periodically have Irving Smith meet with the Commission, get to know Commission members, and discuss on a face-to-face basis items of interest in Washington. Recommendation from the committee was that a program be established for bringing Irv to Los Angeles at the discretion of the Executive Director

and the Chairman and, if it is desirable to do this, that the Executive Director then discuss with Irv what would be a reasonable level of per diem compensation in addition to expenses for his time in Los Angeles.

Mr. Remy moved approval of the IRC's recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Szabo.

Recognizing Mr. Remy's suggestion that Irv visit Los Angeles before a portion of the Commission members visit Washington in mid-March, Chairman Schabarum suggested that the local briefing from Mr. Smith can be accomplished the latter part of February or first part of March, allowing us time to have Commissioners Remy and Russ and the Executive Director put together, as a result of a meeting with Irv Smith, some sort of a concluded proposal for Commission's consideration at the February 13 meeting.

Chairman Schabarum concurs with Mr. Remy's recommendation that the delegation from the Commission be a limited group. He asked for comments from Commissioners who have an interest in with the suggestion of Mr. Remy.

The recommendations of the IRC were approved unanimously.

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported that the committee has approved Simpson and Curtin's first task order of \$5,000 on Transit Service and Coordination Program at its meeting on January 14. It was moved and seconded that Commission approve the committee's recommendation. Motion was carried unanimously.

Presentation of Resolution

Chairman Schabarum, on behalf of the Commission, presented a resolution to Robert Datel, District Director of Caltrans, for his outstanding service.

Proposed State Transportation Improvement Program

Material prepared by staff was handed out at the meeting (EXHIBIT C). The Executive Director explained the status of the program, including a report on schedules for major projects. The Commissioners commented and questioned why there were delays in those projects, which Linda Pendlebury of staff helped answer.

Chairman Schabarum indicated that, for consideration by the Finance Review Committee and the Commission at the next meeting, it might be well if we identify more specifically where funds under the control of local agencies have been allocated over the periods 1970-1982 and identify which jurisdictions are on the long or short side of having obligated the funds available. He indicated that the Commission should address that responsibility in addition

to the larger question of our role in seeing that the other funding administered by Caltrans gets pushed along.

Commissioner Szabo also indicated that this Commission needs to get a better handle on the additional funding needed for the projects, delineated by Mr. Premo earlier, to see whether or not we can find funding sources for those projects or whether or not those projects are actually meritorious of getting funded.

Chairman Schabarum asked the Executive Director to include the considerations stated by Commissioner Szabo as part of the Finance Review Committee's consideration of the proposed STIP. In addition to that, the FRC should review the changes in schedules for some of the projects.

Mr. Datel offered a different perception on the STIP process. He indicated that he didn't feel pessimistic about how the first cycle turned out. By his own experience, that if we're going to do the job of continually refining the STIP program, there's going to have to be some changes and the Department has a responsibility to recommend those changes. Caltrans is doing their best to keep the program on schedule. He asked the Commission to "buy in" to the process and become a real partner and help Caltrans when they need it to move projects and help them improve their process.

The Executive Director indicated that the STIP will be reviewed by the Finance Review Committee on February 13 and, hopefully, have the STIP ready for adoption by the Commission on February 27. Staff will be following up with the Air Resources Board to be sure that they have received the three letters which were sent to them, asking them to join with staff in a discussion of the impact of the air quality requirements on the STIP.

Executive Director's Report

- A. Status of Commission's actions on SCRTD request for \$5.2 million: The Commission allocated \$3.3 million at its last meeting to SCRTD. The Commission had requested staff to work cooperatively with SCRTD on some budget options that implemented the basic policy direction of the Commission concerning a balanced budget over the current three-year period. Staff of SCRTD has developed some options and will be reviewing them with their Finance Committee tomorrow. The Executive Director will be there to explain the basis of this Commission's action. The Executive Director will report back to the LACTC Finance Review Committee and to the full Commission in advance of the meeting on February 13.
- B. Status of the Rapid Transit Report: This is a follow-up to Chairman Rubley's FRC report. Staff has put together a report, which each Commissioner has received, that examines the status

of the Regional Transit Development Program (RTDP) and spells out some alternative modifications to that program that might be pursued. A summary of the report was handed out to the Commissioners. Further work will be done on this report and staff will report through both the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Finance Review Committee in anticipation of some preliminary position that the Commission might be able to take at the next Commission meeting.

- C. Memorandum of Understanding: Staff has indicated to Assemblyman Ingalls' staff that we will be getting back to him in the middle or end of February. Commission has requested that the Executive Director write a letter to various agencies requesting comments on the draft Memorandum of Understanding, prepared by staff, by mid-January. Staff has received several replies with one or two outstanding. When all replies are received, staff will consolidate replies and send a report to the Commissioners.

Notice of Meetings

Chairman Schabarum indicated at the last Commission meeting the possibility of having once-a-month meetings. Because of the large amount of items, including the transit question and the development of the proposed STIP, to be discussed and adopted by the Commission, it is necessary to have two meetings a month and the normal number of committee meetings.

The notice of meetings was received and filed.

New Business

Commissioner Killeen asked if the Commission should have a report from the County Energy Commission's Transit Committee. The Executive Director indicated that he had received a copy of the motion that was introduced by Supervisor Ward at the Board of Supervisors. It asked for our comments on the energy report and the transit elements of it. Staff reviewed this with our Technical Advisory Committee and is preparing a response. Staff will package both the Energy Commission's report and the response as part of the Rapid Transit material that is coming back.

Commissioner Remy inquired about the March 12 Commission meeting date. Because of APTA and the National League of Cities meetings, and depending on the number of Commissioners going to Washington, there may not be a quorum. He asked Commissioners to think about the date.

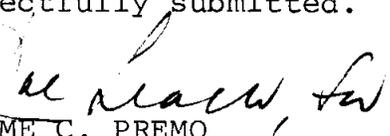
Commissioner Rubley submitted a petition of 500+ signatures of residents in favor of sound barriers on Route 91. There was a news release from Caltrans in the newspapers that Caltrans were to do an additional on-and-off ramp on Downey Avenue starting in another six months.

Chairman Schabarum received the signed petition and asked staff to send it to Caltrans.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 13, 1980, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted.


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Executive Director

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Attachments