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MINUTES

February 13, 1980

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Schabarum at 3:25 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Peter Schabarum
Councilman Russell Rubley
Councilman John Zimmerman
Mayor Edmond J. Russ
Wendell Cox
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
Councilwoman Chris Reed, alternate to Mayor Russ

Staff members present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 23, 1980 were approved unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Schabarum brought three correspondence to the attention of the Commissioners:

1. Letter from SCAG indicating that a regionwide committee has been formed to review the TIP and requesting that a representative from this Commission be a participant on the committee. Chairman Schabarum appointed Mr. Rubley to be the Commission's representative.

2. Letter from the Southern California Transportation Action Committee (SCTAC). The Chairman held his remarks pending a report from Mr. Remy under the Intergovernmental Relations Committee report.
3. Letter from the Secretary of Transportation Neil Goldschmidt announcing the appointment of Mr. Norm Emerson as project coordinator for the Century Freeway project.

Chairman Schabarum welcomed a group of 12 participants from Coro Foundation's Public Affairs and Arts Program.

Committee Reports

Finance Review Committee

Commissioner Rubley reported on the committee's meeting of February 13. The recommended actions by the committee are attached as EXHIBIT A.

Chairman Schabarum recognized Commissioner Ed Russ as having a role in bringing together the cities of Gardena and Torrance to a successful conclusion which prompted a more effective use of the dollars for these maintenance facility projects.

Commissioner Cox indicated that, in regard to the admissions of the cities of La Mirada and Arcadia to TDA eligibility, the committee also directed staff to come up with some possible drafts for limitation amendments to be used in the formula distribution for TDA Article 4 funds that would put some limitation on how much of the formula distributed money could go to demand-response transportation systems.

The FRC's recommended actions were approved unanimously by all 10 members who were present and voting with the exception of the item on Memorandum of Understanding Agreements.

Memorandum of Understanding on Transit Guideway Projects: Mr. Rubley indicated that this item was discussed at great lengths at the committee meeting.

After general discussion, the Executive Director indicated that staff will take a cut at project specific memoranda of understanding and hope to be able to discuss these with implementing agencies to the extent the implementing agencies want to discuss such drafts with staff. Then staff will report back to the committee at its next meeting, and then to the Commission on February 27.

The recommendation of the Finance Review Committee was to direct staff to prepare separate MOU agreements for CTC, SCRTD, and the City of Los Angeles.

M/S/C - Approved the FRC's recommendation.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Commissioner Remy reported on the committee's meeting of February 11, 1980. Minutes of the meeting were handed out to the Commissioners, which Mr. Remy referred to in his report (EXHIBIT B).

State Legislation

SB 84 and SB 1302: The recommended actions relative to Foran's bills are that we will continue to monitor these bills and report back to the Commission.

SB 1293 and SB 1294: Committee has indicated support for the bills. In essence, they are consistent with what we supported last year in terms of moving forward with an inspection and maintenance program.

State Windfall Profits Tax: Staff will be inviting Bill Press or a member of his staff to come before the committee. This item will be on the ballot in June. Staff will also seek a spokesperson for the other side of the initiative and have them appear before IRC so that both sides of the issue can be heard and the committee can present a recommendation to the Commission.

The recommendation of IRC is to support the bills by Senator Montoya (SB 1293 and SB 1294) in principal and ask staff to review in greater detail with the Senator a way the Department on Consumer Affairs is the lead agency to carryout the vehicle inspection and maintenance program instead ARB, which has the responsibility now for the program.

M/S/C - Approved unanimously the committee's recommendations.

Federal Legislation

Contract for LACTC Washington Representative: At the last Commission meeting, this matter was referred to a 3-member committee consisting of Commissioners Remy and Russ and the Executive Director relative to Mr. Irving Smith's contract and the Commission's desirability of having Mr. Smith visit the Commission periodically. The recommendation of the 3-member committee is that, rather than dealing with a per diem figure and the problems of paying per diem during travel as well as per diem while visiting Los Angeles, the Commission increase Mr. Smith's monthly fee to \$1250 from \$1000 (\$12,000 per year to \$15,000 per year) and that the Commission not pay for any per diem on Mr. Smith's trips to Los Angeles.

M/S/C - Recommendation was approved unanimously.

Federal Legislative Update: Mr. Irving Smith was asked to join the Commission at the table. He reviewed the status of the Legislative process in Washington with the Commission. He indicated that Congress is now considering legislation that would impact funds and programs for fiscal year 1981 (beginning October 1, 1981) and beyond. There are two key committees: one, the Authorization Committee (Congressman Howard's committee) and the other is the Appropriations Committee (chaired by Congressman Duncan from Oregon). The Authorization Committee sets the numbers and the Appropriations Committee tell you how much of those numbers and how many of those dollars you have to use. It is extremely important to realize that, because a dollar amount is authorized, that does not necessarily mean by a long-shot that that dollar will be appropriated. Related to Mr. Smith's explanation of the committee process, Commissioner Remy informed the Commission of upcoming hearings scheduled in March that the Commission should be aware of. Mr. Smith recommends that the Commission should either appear in person or submit something for the record at these hearings. He recommends strongly that the Commission take a position with regard to the authorizations and with regard to the appropriations, once we are sure what those numbers are. If the Commission chooses to appear in person, he will make the proper arrangements; if the Commission decides to submit something for the record, that can be done also. As far as the Windfall Profits Tax is concerned, Commissioner Remy cited that the Conference Committee has agreed on a total tax revenue of \$227.3 billion. This is considerably less than the numbers being vented about here-to-fore. Of the original total submitted by the President, it was hoped that \$55 billion of that could go to mass transit over the next ten years. The way it presently stands, there is nothing concrete between the conferees with regard to how much, if anything, will go to mass transit. There are two proposals; one by the House and one by the Senate. If the House version is approved, the numbers figure out to \$22.7 billion over a 10 year period or whenever the \$227 billion is achieved. And if the Senate version is agreed to, it will be \$10.2 billion. Again, these numbers are significantly less than what had been anticipated at the start of the discussion of Windfall Profits Tax. Mr. Smith referred to the Legislative Update for the numbers. in the President's proposed FY 81 budget pages 1 and 2, column FY 1981. He doesn't foresee the House or the Senate taking any action for at least another week. There is a major bill before the Congress now which the hearings will be starting. Congressman Howard's bill will provide some additional funding for mass transit and for highways. Mr. Smith referred back to his earlier comment that the numbers in the Howard bill, in his view, are quite high in terms of expectations of what you might receive from an appropriating committee. From what he has been able to determine, the appropriating committee has looked at those numbers and has suggested that

perhaps a number significantly lower will be what comes out of the Congress when this bill finally gets through probably the early part of September. He learned this morning that the Administration will also introduce a bill which could change the Section 5 formula. Mr. Smith indicated that he is not sure why the Administration wants to to change the Section 5 formula, but it appears that they want to combine several of the tiers. He doesn't know what the implications are for Los Angeles or for any place else. When information is obtained, Mr. Smith will transmit it to the Commission.

Commissioner Remy recommended that staff, working through Mr. Smith, see if the Commission can get time before the appropriate federal committees, either for in person presentation or at least submittal for the record, as to the position that this Commission will ultimately take on these matters, especially Section 5.

Hearing no objections, recommendation was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Cox indicated that, one thing that should have been mentioned under the Finance Review Committee report, was the fact that the deficit that had concerned the Commission before at RTD no longer exists, based upon the new actions based upon the balance budget plan over the next three years.

Highways and Mass Transit Financing: Linda Pendlebury and Don Camph briefed the Commissioners on the highway funding recommendations presented to the IRC for the committee's consideration.

Commissioner Remy indicated that the IRC has suggested that there not be any recommendation on those funding options, but rather the Commission review them for comments and IRC will bring them back to the Commission possibly at the next meeting as to whether the Commission would want to pursue any or all of new funding options.

Linda passed out a copy of highway funding recommendations which was presented at the IRC and the committee suggested that report be reviewed by the Commissioners for their input on the options. The report also relates to the adoption of the Los Angeles County TIP. The Commission will be adopting it on February 27. At that meeting, staff will present recommendations from the subcommittees which will consist of a list of unfunded projects, such as Routes 30, 47, 7, 101, etc. Arthur Young & Company recently presented an oral report to the California Transportation Commission comparing the 1979 STIP with the 1980 PSTIP 5-year periods.

Staff suggests that some or all of three options be explored as the basis of a statewide thrust toward raising additional highway revenues:

- (1) Combined indexing and cents per gallon increase with legislative review;
- (2) Subvention of gasoline sales tax "windfall" to State General Fund; and
- (3) Increased truck weight fees.

Commissioner Remy indicated that the IRC has no recommendation on the above options at this time. The committee wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the scope of the problem. The committee would like input from the Commission for further consideration of possible legislation.

Status report on the 1/2¢ Sales Tax for Mass Transit: Staff has moved forward with legal assistance to determine to what extent the Legislature could adopt such a measure by a two-thirds vote, subject to a 50% vote of the people here. If that is reasonable, prudent and legal, it may prove to be valid to move forward with the proposal in the Legislature. If it isn't, then the Commission would have the existing authority by a two-thirds vote here anyway to put such a measure on the ballot. The committee has instructed the staff to continue to work on the report. We have a spot bill put in by Senator Roberti which would serve as the vehicle should it be reasonable and prudent to seek a legislative proposal. No action need to be taken by the Commission at this time.

M/S/C - Unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Relations Committee report.

Service Coordination Committee

Commissioner Cox reported on the committee's meeting of February 11. He introduced the staff members of Simpson & Curtin, consultants for the Transit Coordination and Service Program Study. With regard to the study, the SCC recommends approval of a \$40,000 task order to begin and complete work in the area of service distribution, service classification, and service standards.

In addition, the committee discussed the proposed formation of an Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Advisory Council. This is required under the Federal DOT Section 504-Nondiscrimination regulation. The committee expressed some concern of the makeup of the council and will report back to the Commission after further review on it.

M/S/C - Unanimously approved the recommendation of the Service Coordination Committee.

Commissioner Cox briefly reported on a meeting which he attended with respect to federal procedures. As a member of the APTA Policy

Committee, he attended a meeting in Atlanta and met with various UMTA administrators and people. He indicated that there seems to be a great deal of disagreement within the agency about how things are administered between various regions. He will continue to work with this committee so that we in Los Angeles are not in the position of having to do more things than other parts of the country are having to do.

Introduction of Citizens Advisory Committee Chairman James Cragin

Mr. Cragin was not in attendance. An invitation will be sent to him to join the Commission for an introduction at a later date.

Executive Director's Report

- A. Century Freeway Coordinator: Earlier in the meeting, Chairman Schabarum mentioned the announcement of Norm Emerson as the coordinator for the Century Freeway Project. The Chairman asked Mr. Emerson to join the Commissioners at the table.

Mr. Emerson indicated that this position was created because of the recognition of the complexity of this project. He also indicated that Secretary Goldschmidt views the project as one dealing not only with transportation problems, but really with attempting to deal with some of the more complex housing and urban and economic development problems in that corridor. The U.S. DOT views their role as a partner with the State, local governments, and many of the community groups that are involved. He hopes to work closely with the Commission and staff on the project.

Chairman Schabarum indicated that he applauds the Secretary's decision and the Commission looks forward to working closely with Mr. Emerson.

The Executive Director suggested that the Chairman encourage Mr. Alan Stein of the Business and Transportation Agency to make an early appointment of a project coordinator for the State. Chairman Schabarum indicated that, with the concurrence of the Commission, he will send a note to Mr. Stein.

- B. Wilshire Starter Line: Received today a copy of letter dated February 7 to Mr. Jack Gilstrap of SCRTD by Mr. Ted Lutz, UMTA Administrator. The letter hints that approval has been given to proceeding with the final environmental impact statement for the Wilshire Starter Line.
- C. Union Station: There is a meeting on February 29 on a follow-up of efforts in pursuing agreements in funding for Union Station at Los Angeles City Hall.

- D. Introduction: Introduced Rebecca "Becky" Reardon as the new Public Affairs Officer for the Commission.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

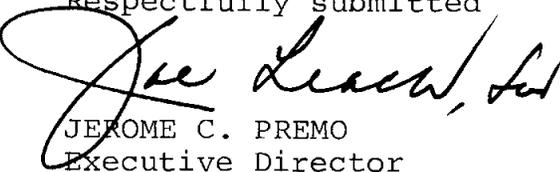
Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and filed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 1980, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



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Executive Director

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Attachments