



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

MINUTES

March 19, 1980

Meeting was called to order to Vice Chairman Rubley at 3:15 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Councilman Russell Rubley  
Mayor Edmond J. Russ  
Councilman John Ferraro  
Wendell Cox  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman  
Peter Tweedt, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Eleanor Killeen, alternate to Supervisor Ward  
Robert Reeves, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Burke  
Councilman Will Simendinger, alternate to Councilman Zimmerman  
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate to Councilman Ferraro  
Heinz Heckerth, Interim Commissioner, replacing Robert Datel

Staff members present:

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

Chairman's Remarks

Mr. Rubley asked Councilwoman Pat Russell for her remarks about having the Commission meeting at Los Angeles City Hall. She welcomed the Commission to City Hall.

Request to SCAG for Allocation of \$1.2 million of FY 1980-81  
LACTC Operating Funds

The Executive Director presented a recommendation to authorize transmittal to SCAG of a request for the allocation of approximately \$1.2 million of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for the Commission's internal operating expenses in the upcoming

fiscal year (FY 80-81). He emphasized that this request was needed to meet a SCAG deadline, and that a specific budget for the expenditure of these funds would be presented by staff to the Commission at the second meeting in April. At that time Commission will have an opportunity to make any changes in the staff's proposed budget that are considered necessary.

M/S/C - To authorize request to SCAG as recommended, with specific budget to be presented for subsequent approval in April.

#### Status Report on Memoranda of Understanding on Transit Guideway Projects

The Executive Director indicated that staff should have agency comments soon and be in a position to have a recommendation for the Commission at the first meeting in April. There was no further discussion on this issue.

#### Report on American Public Transit Association (APTA) Legislative Conference

Commissioner Remy reported on the conference which was held in Washington, D.C. He indicated that the principal item discussed was the Section 5 funding formula, which the Administration is proposing to modify. Considerable differences of opinion on whether the formula should be changed and, if so, how have surfaced. This subject is still under discussion. In addition, Commissioner Remy conveyed the impression of most Federal officials and Congressional leaders that Federal budget concerns make significant increases in Federal transit funding extremely doubtful and reductions in Federal highway funding likely.

#### Report on National League of Cities Meeting

Commissioner Remy reported that President Carter gave a presentation last week at the Annual National League of Cities Meeting in Washington, D.C. Mr. Remy reported that, of the programs under consideration by the Administration for budget cuts, transportation, specifically adequate funding for energy impacted transportation, is of concern to the League and U.S. Conference of Mayors. Both the League and Conference of Mayors support adequate funding for these programs.

#### Congressional Breakfast Meeting

Commissioner Russ reported that he and Mayor Bradley chaired the Congressional Breakfast meeting with 8 Congressmen and about 20 Congressional staff persons. A brief presentation was made on an overview of the Commission, the Wilshire Starter Line, federal legislation and the National Rideshare Program. The Executive Director also made a brief presentation on the Los

Angeles/San Diego southwest corridor. The persons in attendance seemed impressed with the fact that Los Angeles County had finally "gotten their act together," and will be a potent force to deal with in the future.

It had been the Commission's hope to announce to the Congressmen present that Federal DOT approval had been obtained to print the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wilshire Starter Line; however, the EIS had been "stalled" in the Environmental Section of DOT. After several meetings arranged between LACTC staff and Commissioners and finally direct contact between Mayor Bradley and Secretary Goldschmidt, it appears that the EIS will be released shortly.

Chairman Rubley welcomed Councilman John Ferraro who is President of the Los Angeles City Council.

#### Transit System and Financing Alternatives for Los Angeles County

The Executive Director briefly summarized what had led to the Commission's current position in the consideration of options for future transit systems and financing. Consistent with the interest and direction of the Commission, legal assistance was sought to analyze the legal questions relating to the 1/2¢ sales tax and special assessment financing options.

He introduced Mr. Tom Phelps of Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg and Tunney, who in turn introduced Mr. Tom Holley. Mr. Holley gave a presentation on the transit financing alternatives.

After questions were asked by the Commissioners and a lengthy discussion was held, it was moved by Commissioner Russ to have staff prepare a legislative language to go before the Intergovernmental Relations Committee this week, proposing the 1/2¢ tax for approval of two-thirds of the State Legislature and a majority of the voters in Los Angeles County. The motion was later clarified to include funds or operating subsidies. Seconded by Commissioner Simendinger.

After further discussion, it was decided to refer this issue to the IRC without a vote. Staff will indicate to Senator Roberti that the Commission has discussed this issue and will take a position at next Wednesday's Commission meeting.

#### Supplemental Funding for Flood and Storm Damages

Commissioner Remy briefed the Commission on his discussion with Federal Highway Administration officials and the Congress on the likelihood of supplemental funding for flood and storm damages caused by the recent rains. It appears that, with the new budget cutting fever, that funds for this purpose may be tight and,

therefore, felt that the Commission go on record in support of supplemental funding for this purpose.

Commissioner Remy moved that Commission support supplemental funding at the Federal level and that staff work with appropriate members of the Congress. Seconded by Commissioner Russ.

M/S/C - Approved unanimously.

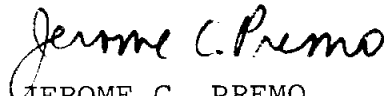
New Business

The Executive Director introduced John Medeiros as the new Administrative Officer for the Commission staff.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 26, 1980, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JEROME C. PREMO  
Executive Director

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