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MINUTES

July 28, 1982

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Edelman at 1:50 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Edmund Edelman
 Councilwoman Pat Russell
 Councilwoman Chris Reed
 Mayor Jacki Bacharach
 Wendell Cox
 Councilman Ernie Kell
 Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
 Burke Roche, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
 Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
 Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
 Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
 Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
 Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
 Annette Honda, Secretary

Chairman Edelman introduced Councilman Ernie Kell, who will serve as the representative to the Commission from the City of Long Beach.

Chairman Edelman also introduced John Fitzrandolph, Dean of the Whittier Law School and a member of the City/County Consolidation Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 14, 1982 were approved unanimously, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Edelman mentioned that the Secretary of Transportation, Drew Lewis, indicated in a speech yesterday that money will be available to finish the Wilshire preliminary engineering for the Wilshire Metro Rail project.

Mr. Cox highlighted the significance of the approval of the grant with respect to the SCRTD Central Maintenance Facility, in which the Commission has taken an interest recently. This facility would help the District save money in operating costs.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the FRC meeting of July 26, 1982. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

1. Reduced Fare Memorandum of Understanding with Municipal Operators
 - o The approval of the Proposition A Reduced Fare Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Gardena was held over for further review.
2. Legal and Procedural Issues Relating to Local Return Administration
 - A. Overall Recommendation
 - o Ask Special Counsel to conduct further investigation into the following areas:
 1. Interest penalties for improper use of funds;
 2. Applicability of the Gann initiative to the Proposition A program; and
 3. Legality of residence restrictions on Local Return projects.
 - B. Penalties for Improper Use and Untimely Use of Funds
 - o Establish a policy in which untimely use of Proposition A Local Return funds would require repayment of funds received, plus actual interest earned on those funds.

C. Substitution of Proposition A Funds for General Funds

Mr. Sanborn prefaced this segment of the motion by stating that this item was to be effective only for the time being while staff and the Commission committees review this issue further.

- o Establish a basic policy allowing cities to substitute Proposition A funds for other revenues only when those revenues which had been externally dedicated to transit have been lost. Further modification to this policy may be made after further review of the issues by staff and the Commission.

D. Exchanges of Local Return Funds

- o Approve in concept the revision of the section of the guidelines relating to exchanges of funds to include the considerations to be made in fund exchange agreements, as outlined by staff, and a sample agreement for use by cities in fund exchanges.

E. Eligibility of Special Purpose Transit

- o Allow expenditure of Proposition A Local Return funds for service designed specifically to serve school trips, as long as this service is available to the general public.
- o Establish a policy to require Commission review and approval prior to fund expenditure for capital equipment purchases for dedicated recreation transit buses.
- o Review of the eligibility of using Local Return funds for recreational transit was held over further review by staff and the Commission.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

3. Quarterly Fiscal Reports on Proposition A Local Return Program

- o Adopt the concept of quarterly fiscal reports for the Proposition A Local Return Program.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

4. Proposed Agreement with Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller
 - o Approve, pending review by Special Counsel, an agreement with the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller for administration of Proposition A funds, not to exceed \$25,000 during the first year of operation.
 - o Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Commission.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

5. Emergency Allocation of Funds for Ballona Creek Bikeway
 - o Allocate \$50,000 of 1982-83 TDA Article 3 Regional Bikeway funds for the Ballona Creek Bikeway - Phase II.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

6. Office Space for Transit Development Section
 - o Approve a lease agreement with the Banco Popular for additional office space of 2,000 square feet for the Transit Development Section.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the SCC meeting of July 19, 1982. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

Transit Jurisdictional Dispute Resolution and Criteria for New Services

Mr. Cox highlighted some points in a memorandum on procedures for the Santa Monica/Culver City transit jurisdiction dispute resolution and criteria for new services. There were some revisions to the committee's recommendations.

Mr. Cox indicated that the recommended criteria are divided into two main categories:

1. Expanded service within an operator's Reserved Service Area.
2. Expanded service beyond an operator's Reserved Service Area.

Mr. Cox added that the following sentence, "The SCRTD must be notified of, and give its consent for, all service expansion beyond an operator's Reserved Service Area," has been deleted from the committee's recommendation because it did not represent what was seen as the policy position of the Commission and there were questions as to whether it was required by law.

Mr. Cox summarized the remainder of the committee report and moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Motion was carried as no objection was heard.

The second item was to adopt the following schedule for resolving the current jurisdictional dispute between Culver City and Santa Monica.

Friday, August 6 - Deadline for parties to submit statements

Friday, August 13 - Hearing held

Friday, August 20 - Service Coordination Committee meets to make recommendations

Wednesday, August 25 - Commission meets to make decision

Mr. Cox moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Motion was carried, hearing no objection.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Travel Request: Commissioner Cox expressed an interest in attending the Transportation Research Board Conference on "The Private Sector Role in Public Transportation" in Virginia on August 8-11, 1982.

Chairman Edelman asked that this request be forwarded to the Commission for approval. Mr. Pierce moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

- B. County Counsel's Contract: Staff recommended extension of the Commission's contract for County Counsel's services, which expired at the end of the fiscal year. The extension would be for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Sanborn moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

- C. Rapid Transit Committee: The Rapid Transit Committee meeting was scheduled for August 5, but has been rescheduled for Friday, August 6, 1982 at 12 noon.

- D. **New Employee:** David Thurman was introduced to the Commission. He will be working in the Highway/TSM Programs Section.
- E. **Executive Session:** The executive session will be held over until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Federal Legislation:** Mr. Remy distributed a report by the House Appropriations Subcommittee, which was forwarded to the Commission by Irving Smith.

Mr. Remy indicated that the House put in money for new starts and extensions. Los Angeles is listed for \$35 million in the new starts category, which could be significant if such a measure gets through the Appropriations process.

- B. **Prop. A Local Return:** Mr. Cox distributed a letter from American Charter Enterprises, which raises an issue concerning recreational transportation services. This letter was signed by a group of private operators.

Mr. Cox requested that this issue be placed on the Finance Review Committee agenda for their meeting on August 23, 1982. No objections were heard to this request.

- C. **Century Freeway:** Mr. Roche commented on the progress and concept of the Century Freeway.

Mr. Heckeroth commented on Caltrans' position on this matter. He suggested periodic reports on the progress of the Century Freeway as well as other freeway projects to the Commission.

There was considerable discussion that followed.

- D. **Mini-Bus System:** Mr. Roche questioned the status regarding augmentation of a mini-bus system, as recommended by a UCLA study.

Mr. Richmond indicated that SCRTD had made three or four alternative levels of improvement to the downtown mini-bus system. There was no commitment to the financing of these improvements.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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