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MINUTES

September 8, 1982

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Edelman at 1:47 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Edmund Edelman  
Council Member Pat Russell  
Council Member Jacki Bacharach  
Council Member Christine E. Reed  
Council Member Ernie Kell  
Wendell Cox  
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum  
Burke Roche, alternate to Supervisor Hahn  
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich  
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana  
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley  
Allan Hendrix, representing Heinz Heckeroth

Staff members in attendance were:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 25, 1982 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Edelman reported on the Canadian trip taken by several Commission members to visit various rail rapid transit systems in Canada. He said staff will be preparing a draft report about the tour, and the Commissioners who attended the trip will be asked to add their comments and ideas to the report.

When the report has been completed, it will be distributed to the Commissioners who were unable to go on the trip and other interested people. He also commended the Canadians' accomplishments and said it was very valuable to see rail transit systems in action, and to learn how they were developed, both from a political standpoint and financial standpoint. He asked some of the Commissioners to comment on the trip.

Commissioners Pierce and Roche remarked about the new light rail systems in Edmonton and Calgary.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the committee's meeting of September 8. The FRC's recommendations are as follows:

1. Prop. A Local Return Proposal from the City of Inglewood
  - A. Accept in concept the portion of the Inglewood proposal relating to transit security to be provided on-board and at bus stops. The details of this proposal must be presented to FRC before final approval is given.
  - B. Accept the SCRTD proposal for an arrangement to include a contract between the SCRTD and Inglewood for support/response vehicles. Final approval of the Inglewood proposal is to be contingent upon (a) development of a contractual agreement between the SCRTD and Inglewood for support vehicles, (b) a formal arrangement for coordination of other aspects of the program between SCRTD and Inglewood policy, and (c) submittal by Inglewood of a revised project proposal and budget reflecting these changes.

It was moved and seconded to approve the above recommendation. Motion was carried, hearing no objection.

2. Approval of Cities' Memoranda of Understanding for Fare Reduction Program

Approve Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) for fare reduction by Culver City Municipal Bus Lines and Montebello Transit Utility. Direct staff to include a report on "Prop. A impact" in each future request for a transit project programming decision.

It was moved by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Mr. Szabo, to approve the recommendation. Motion was carried, hearing no objection.

3. Request for Proposals for Public Affairs Consultant Assistance

Approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) for public affairs consultant assistance and authorize staff to solicit proposals from public relations practitioners.

Motion was made by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Mr. Cox, to approve this recommendation.

Mrs. Reed expressed opposition to this recommendation and suggested reducing the scope of the public affairs proposal. She asked that the entire proposal be deferred, or that only the slide show be authorized.

Mr. Richmond explained that the proposal consists of (1) public relations audit and plan, (2) slide show, and (3) publications.

There was much discussion by the Commissioners.

Mrs. Bacharach made an amended motion that Commission eliminate the audit function from the RFP, have a public relations firm help to do the slide show and publications, and have staff do the in-house audit. Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Reed.

There was a roll call vote on the amended motion:

Ayes: Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach

Nays: Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Roche, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Kell, Mr. Cox, Chairman Edelman

Amended motion failed by 4 to 6 vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reed to continue this item for two weeks, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

Roll call vote to continue this item for two weeks:

Ayes: Mr. Roche, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Russell, Chairman Edelman

Nays: Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Kell

Motion to continue the RFP for public affairs consultant assistance for two weeks passed by 7 to 3 vote.

4. Lease of Additional LACTC Vehicle

Approve leasing of an additional Commission Vehicle for Transit Development Section with the specific procurement to return to FRC for final decision.

Motion to approve by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Chairman Edelman. Motion was carried, hearing no objection.

5. Request for Copy Machine

Authorize Executive Director to lease a Xerox 5600 copy machine for the third floor Transit Development Section offices.

Motion to approve by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion was carried, hearing no objection.

6. UMTA Demonstration Grant Contracts

Authorize Executive Director to execute contracts necessary for UMTA demonstration grant for Prop. A Programs.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Mrs. Reed. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Szabo reported that he chaired the IRC meeting in Mr. Remy's absence. The committee's report is as follows:

1. News regarding death of Congressman Adam Benjamin, Jr. (Indiana).

Congressman Benjamin was the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee and was very helpful in legislation for federal funding for the Los Angeles area.

The committee recommended that a letter of condolence be sent to his family and staff.

2. Bus Deregulation Bill

This bill has passed Congress and is awaiting President Reagan's signature. Further information was given by Mr. Irving Smith, the Commission's Washington representative.

3. Federal Legislation

Mr. Irving Smith reported on federal legislation. Copies of an update were distributed to the Commissioners to follow Mr. Smith's report.

Wilshire Metro Project: IRC recommends that staff be instructed to correspond with members of the House and Senate to support retaining the \$15 million for the Wilshire Metro project if and when another supplemental appropriations bill is put together in a month or so.

4. State Legislation

Ridesharing Bills:

AB 455 (Young), AB 548/549/550 (Ryan), SB 320 (Petris), SB 321 (Alquist) have all been either chaptered or waiting for the Governor's signature.

Property Acquisition Bills:

AB 456 (Young) - Assists City of Los Angeles and SCRTD in their efforts to purchase Union Station should the Joint Powers Authority decide to purchase the property through condemnation. Bill was held in committee and is dead for the session.

AB 1460 (Young) - Would delete the abandoned Baldwin Park Branch in Los Angeles County from the list of properties to be acquired and would appropriate from the abandoned railroad account to Caltrans a sum equal to the amount which would have been sufficient to acquire the Baldwin Park Branch, for the purchase of abandoned railroad R/W with the Willowbrook Branch in Los Angeles County being the first priority. Bill is now law.

AB 3179 (Young) - Would authorize a city or county acting jointly with a transportation planning agency to adopt a resolution requesting the rescission of a state highway route located within the county. Bill is before the Governor for signature.

SB 1711 (Holmdahl) - If chaptered before AB 3179, this bill provides for the following: authorizes the City of Hayward to file with the California Transportation Commission a local alternative transportation improvement program that would address options available for the development of a transportation facility along Route 238 in Hayward. If SB 1711 is chaptered after AB 3179, the provisions of SB 1711 would apply to Los Angeles County in the development of a local alternative transportation improvement program. Both bills are before the Governor for signature.

Noise Attenuation Barrier Bills:

AB 2316 (Lockyer) - Bill was held in committee and is dead for the session.

AB 2381 ( Lockyer) - To the Governor for signature.

AB 2313 (Lockyer) - Bill is law.

Freeway Agreement Bills:

AB 1623 (Martinez) - This measure authorizes Caltrans to construct a freeway without a freeway agreement with a county or city on the route determined by the California Transportation Commission if specified conditions have been met. This bill applies specifically to the Long Beach Freeway (Route 7). This bill is now law.

AB 3375 (Elder) - Would make additions to Route 7 and deletions from Route 47. Changes to these bills would become operative only if a specified financial plan developed by the LACTC is submitted to, and approved by the California Transportation Commission no later than December 31, 1984. Bill is before the Governor for signature.

SB 215 (Foran) - Would increase the gallonage tax on motor vehicle fuel to 9¢ starting in 1983, eliminate the General Fund use of gasoline sales tax spillover monies by FY 1987, and earmark these revenues for transportation-related programs, increase truck weight fees for three successive years, increase Department of Motor Vehicle fees to cover their costs, provide for a local option gas tax, and change the fund allocation formula for State Highway funds to a 70% county return to source. Bill is now law.

SCR 46 (Ellis) - Would request the California Transportation Commission, in cooperation with local and regional entities to identify specific high-priority state highway and guideway projects and to submit a report identifying these projects to the Legislature no later than January 1, 1983. The resolution has passed the Legislature, does not require the Governor's signature.

SCR 82 (Robbins) - Would urge the California Transportation Commission to exempt funding for the Century Freeway from the county minimum calculation for Los Angeles County under SB 215. Interim hearings will be held on this resolution in the fall.

ACR 135 (Floyd) - Would designate the Harbor Freeway-Artesia Freeway Interchange as the Edmond J. Russ Freeway Interchange. This resolution has passed the Legislature, does not require the Governor's signature.

Mass Transit Bills:

SB 1335 (Foran) and AB 2551 (Young) - Will appropriate a total of \$193 million for both FY 1982-83 and 1983-84 from the Transportation Planning & Development (TP&D) Account.

SB 1331 (Foran) - Makes revisions to the way State Gas Tax Funds (Prop. 5) are used for mass transit guideway construction.

Sales Tax for Public Transportation Bill:

AB 3800 (Marguth) - Would declare that all special districts are subject to the Article XIII A special tax 2/3 vote requirement whether or not the district has the authority to levy an ad valorem property tax. Bill was held in committee and is dead for the session.

Annual Auto Inspection and Maintenance Bill:

SB 33 (Presley) - Requires a mandatory biennial inspection and maintenance program for all motor vehicles. Bill is before the Governor for signature.

Major Transportation Legislation that was amended in Conference Committees:

AB 2516 (Sher) - Would revise the requirements for qualified retirement plans and IRA's, annuities or bonds and would increase the amount of permissible contributions that could be sheltered. As introduced, this bill would have used the gas tax deduction as a source of funding and, as such, would have eliminated the provisions of SB 320. An amendment was included in Conference Committee to protect the provisions of SB 320 from being eliminated by AB 2516.

SB 1627 (Marks) & SB 1907 (Johnson) - SB 1907, recently signed by the Governor, eliminated the major provisions of AB 549 and AB 550 (ridesharing bills). SB 1627 was used to include amendments to reinstate the provisions of AB 549 and AB 550. SB 1627 is before the Governor for signature.

AB 3647 (Young) - Would provide for the development of a high-speed rail transportation in California. Bill is before the Governor for signature. Staff will review this bill and return with an analysis recommendation to the committee.

It was moved and seconded to approve the IRC report. Hearing no objections, the committee's report was approved.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Russell reported on the committee's meeting of August 26, 1982. The committee recommended the following:

1. Authorize staff to prepare a Request for Proposal based upon the latest draft Scope of Work and the conditions proposed by staff via memorandum of August 26.
2. Approve sending a Request for Proposal only to the "short list" of these most highly-qualified consulting firms or teams:

Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall

DeLeuw, Cather & Company

Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff

Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas/  
Raymond Kaiser Engineers (joint venture)

Transportation & Distribution Associates, Inc.

3. Advise these firms that we have identified, through Statements of Qualifications, a number of firms which are especially highly-qualified in specialty areas of light rail/railroad operations, vehicles and environment and/or as MBE/WBE firms.
4. Establish in the Transit Development Section additional staff positions, as proposed by the Executive Director. These are:

Progress & Budget Supervisor  
Chief Transit Systems Engineer  
Chief Transit Design Engineer  
Environmental/Community Specialist

Mrs. Russell also referred to the papers which were attached to the committee's recommendations: Issues, Options and Conditions for RFP; Evaluation Criteria; Consultants for Engineering and Environmental Work which includes the highly-qualified and speciality firms; and Calendar showing the milestones for consultant selection and notice to proceed. She also commended the staff for preparation of the Scope of Work for the RFP.

It was moved by Mrs. Russell, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach, to approve the committee's report. Motion was carried, hearing no objection.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Appointment to Citizens Advisory Committee: Supervisor Edelman has appointed John Espinosa to serve on the CAC. He had requested for Commission approval of this appointment.

Motion was made by Chairman Edelman, seconded by Mrs. Bacharach, to approve the appointment. Motion was carried, hearing no objection.

2. Appeals to the California Transportation Commission on the FY 1983-87 State TIP: The LACTC was successful on both appeals, which were the inclusion of a soundwall on the Golden State Freeway and Route 101 widening project in San Fernando Valley. Both appeals were accepted by the CTC.
3. UMTA Demonstration Grant: Commission has received notification of approval of an UMTA demonstration grant in the amount of \$275,000 for temporary staffing and certain studies relating to the implementation of Proposition A.
4. New Employees: Introduced Sharon Neely, who is the Manager for the Transit Programs Section; and John Cosby, who will be working in the Paratransit Section.

NEW BUSINESS

Pending SCRTD Strike: Mr. Remy suggested that staff be prepared to provide statistics and other financial information regarding Proposition A, bus operations, and other issues which are likely to be discussed by the public and the press during a labor action. He said it was critical that accurate information was available to all sides.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Robert commented on the lack of coordination between Santa Monica and SCRTD buses requiring a transfer at Rimpau terminal, and the operation of the terminal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:55 p.m., there was an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Meeting reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rick Richmond*  
RICK RICHMOND  
Executive Director