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MINUTES

October 27, 1982

The regular Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Russell at 1:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members in attendance were:

Councilwoman Pat Russell
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Council Member Christine E. Reed
Councilman Ernie Kell
Wendell Cox
Burke Roche, alternate to Supervisor Hahn
Ted Pierce, alternate to Supervisor Antonovich
Robert Geoghegan, alternate to Supervisor Edelman
Barna Szabo, alternate to Supervisor Dana
Ray Remy, alternate to Mayor Bradley
Heinz Heckeroth, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members in attendance were:

Rick Richmond, Executive Director
Gerald Crump, County Counsel, for Ronald Schneider
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary
Annette Honda, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 13, 1982 were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Geoghegan reported on the committee's meeting of October 25, 1982. The committee had the following recommendations for the Commission's approval:

Proposition A Local Return Project Proposal from the City of Lancaster

- o Disapprove the City of Lancaster's Proposition A Local Return Project Proposal for a street extension, based on the project's lack of predominant public transit benefit.

Proposition A Local Return Project Description Form

- o Amend the Proposition A Local Return Program Guidelines to add transit accessibility as one of the examples of state and federal requirements that are the responsibility of local jurisdictions.

Article 4.5 Policies Subject to Annual Project Audits

- o Drop the per passenger subsidy requirement from the 1982-83 TDA Article 4.5 fare recovery ratio;
- o Continue to limit 1982-83 TDA Article 4.5 funds to a maximum of 82.5% of a claimant's budget.

Proposal to Create a Special Reserve of State Highway Funds for Bikeway Projects

- o Oppose the creation of a special reserve of state highway funds for bikeway projects.

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Remy reported on the committee's meeting of October 27. The committee's report is as follows:

State Legislative Program

SB 215 has required a new county minimum formula which can have a fairly important impact on a number of highway projects for this county. There are a series of alternatives or options that have been presented by staff for discussion purposes, and staff is going to take these options and expand on them. They would indicate

what groups would be opposed to each option and also put a dollar figure on each option so we would know how much of an impact financially each option would be upon the County of Los Angeles. This will be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee and returned to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. There is a hearing scheduled before Senator Foran's committee in the latter part of November. The principal subject of that hearing would be these revisions and formulas; therefore, this report will come back to IGR and to the Commission prior to that hearing.

Weight Distance Truck Fee

There was a proposal to establish a program for a weight distance truck fee which would change the method by which trucks are now assessed for the utilization of the highway system. This would establish a concept of both weight and distance in terms of the fee mechanism. There were no details as to what the proposal would be, what the impact would be, and how the funds would be distributed so the recommendation would be to see specific language before recommending support or opposition to this concept. The committee thinks the concept is worthy of being developed.

Federal Highway Legislation

A problem has emerged between the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Dan Rostenkowski, and the Chairman of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, James Howard. It is the result of a jurisdictional dispute between these two powerful members of Congress. There is a very distinct possibility of a severe impact on the flow of dollars for the highway program in California. The committee recommended that the Chairman of the Commission send letters to both chairmen, along with copies to the Los Angeles County congressional delegation. The letter should encourage the resolution of the dispute, and be specific relative to the amount of dollars that may be at risk for projects in Los Angeles and perhaps in other part of the state.

Mr. Remy moved for approval of the committee's recommendation on the letter, as well as the concept of the weight distance fee. Mrs. Reed seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Russell reported on the meeting of October 22, 1982. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission's approval:

- o Adopt Interim Environmental Guidelines comprising specified revisions of SCRTD's current guidelines;
- o Adopt the Guideway Financial Plan proposed by staff for submittal to Caltrans and California Transportation Commission;
- o Ask staff to pursue with SCRTD the concepts outlined in staff's comments on Metro Rail Milestone #6 Report.

The committee had decided to interview all five firms submitting proposals for general engineering and environmental consultant services on the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project. The committee expects to recommend a selection to the Commission on November 10.

Mrs. Russell moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Bacharach. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Mrs. Reed mentioned that the letter attached to the packed from the Rapid Transit Committee with the staff comments on the Metro Rail Milestone #6 Report was very well framed and thoughtful.

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox indicated that the committee met, but there were no action items to report. The committee is continuing to work on the issues of development of the performance audit, the development of the strategic plan, and the transit performance measures program update, which is required by state law. The committee anticipates reporting back to this Commission on November 24, 1982 on some, if not all, of those items.

BRIEFING BY CALTRANS ON RAIL TRANSIT ACTIVITIES

Susan Brown, Chief of Public Transportation Branch of Caltrans, described the studies that Caltrans has underway which coincides with the Proposition A corridors. A fact sheet of Caltrans' rail transit activities was distributed to the Commissioners.

Considerable discussion followed Ms. Brown's presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert Swan spoke regarding the improvement of low-cost rail transit.

Mr. Bryan Allen spoke regarding Caltrain, El Monte Busway Extension, and the Century Freeway.

Mr. Greg Roberts spoke about Caltrain in that there are no count monthly passes available for this service. He also spoke regarding Culver City's handicapped reduced fare applications.

Ms. Brown mentioned that Caltrans does offer special monthly pass discounts up to 55% for most points, and Caltrans is working with SCRTD on combined fares for those people who use both Caltrain and SCRTD for their work trips.

Mr. Richmond indicated that staff will get in touch with Culver City Municipal Bus Lines regarding the handicapped issue and report back to the Service Coordination Committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Audit of the Commission's Operations: A copy of the audit for the last fiscal year of the Commission's operations was distributed to the Commissioners.
- B. CAC Annual Event and Dinner: A tour of the Los Angeles International Airport facilities is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 1982. Following the tour, dinner will be held at Bruno's Ristorante.
- C. Organization and Staffing: Updated information on the organization and staffing of the Commission was distributed to the Commissioners.
- D. Workshop: An informal workshop will be held immediately following the Commission meeting regarding the Proposition A Local Return Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roche commended staff for the write-up on the Canadian trip.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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