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MINUTES

November 24, 1982

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

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Ed Edelman
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
Blake Sanborn, alternate to Supervisor Schabarum
Heinz Heckeroth

Staff members in attendance were:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 10, meeting were unanimously approved, as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Edelman asked Mr. Richmond to comment on the status of the five-cent gasoline tax.

Mr. Richmond indicated that the proposal by Secretary Lewis has been advancing and receiving Congressional support. However, staff has not received any details on how the program will work. Of the five-cent gasoline tax increase, four cents will go to highway projects, and 1 cent will go to rapid transit projects.

Chairman Edelman requested that staff report on this issue when further information is received. He was concerned as to whether funds would be available for the Wilshire Corridor Subway.

Mr. Cox mentioned that on KNX Radio, Secretary Lewis was quoted that there would be no funds for the Wilshire Subway out of this tax. Furthermore, there are interests around the country that would like to see the transit money distributed completely on a formula basis so the effect would be that much less money would come into areas like Los Angeles and Houston where there are clearly demonstrated needs for significant rapid transit projects. An important meeting in Washington of the APTA Legislative Committee will be held on December 1, 1982. He suggested that a Commission member should be present to formulate a position most favorable for the people of Los Angeles.

Mr. Pierce conveyed an interest in attending this meeting in Washington. He is a member of the Rapid Transit and Intergovernmental Relations Committees, which are involved on this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanborn reported on the committee's meeting of November 22, 1982. The committee had the following recommendation for the Commission's approval:

Interviews for Public Affairs Consultant Assistance

- o Schedule interviews during the week of November 29, 1982 with the following public affairs consulting firms:
 - Market Communications/David Abel & Associates
 - Realmarket Communications
 - Daniel H. Baer, Inc./Roger Beck Public Relations
 - Communicraft
 - Haley, Kiss & Dowd, Inc.
 - The American Pacific Group

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

Mr. Sanborn also reported on the committee's review of the following informational items:

Proposition A Local Return Project Proposal from the City of El Monte

- o No action was taken on this item since the City of El Monte has withdrawn its Proposition A Local Return Project Proposal for a railroad grade separation project and the street widening portion of the Santa Anita Avenue project.

Update on the Proposition A Fare Stabilization Program

- o Based upon ridership trends to date, significant additional bus service is not anticipated at this time to accommodate SCRTD patronage increases which are due to the Proposition A Fare Stabilization Program.

Proposed Changes in SCRTD's Subscription Bus Service

- o Replacing current subscription bus service with alternate express bus service is being proposed by SCRTD for inclusion in the Fare Stabilization Program. ARCO, the principal subscription bus service patron, will be commenting on SCRTD's proposal soon.

Revisions to the Proposition A Local Return Program Guidelines

- o Review of the proposed update and revisions to the Proposition A Local Return Guidelines was held over until the FRC's January 10, 1983 meeting at the request of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Issues Concerning the Proposition A Local Return Program

- o Comments were offered on two issue papers dealing with:
 - 1) Coordination of bus stop improvements and park-and-ride lots funded under the Proposition A Local Return Program; and
 - 2) Allowable administration and planning costs which could be charged to the Proposition A Local Return Program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Richmond reported on the IRC's meeting of November 19, 1982. The committee had the following recommendations for Commission's approval:

Update to Legislative Program for 1983-84

1. County Highway Minimums: The Committee reviewed the five options available to the Commission to revise the county minimum formula.
 - o Committee recommendation is to support Option 1 of individual county groupings, excluding Interstate Completion funds in addition to other funds such as road-side rests, or the partial exclusion of Interstate funds. If we are not successful with this approach, then ask the Legislature to create an ad hoc committee by August, 1983 to develop a new formula.
 - o Relay to the CTC and the Legislature that, even with a 5¢ increase in the federal gas tax, Los Angeles and many other counties would not be likely to receive any of the increased revenues unless the current formula is changed.
 2. Senate Transportation Committee Hearing on November 30, 1982:
 - o Committee authorized the development and presentation of testimony at the hearing, consistent with the Commission's policy on the issue of county Highway minimums. The Commission will be represented by Vice Chairwoman Pat Russell.
- Mr. Cox moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.
3. Commissioner Remy's request concerning the Transportation Development Act Program: Staff discussed the likelihood of the TDA funds being used to help make up the State's projected budget deficit of \$1.1 billion.
 - o Committee recommendation is to send a letter to Senator Foran and Assemblyman Young expressing the Commission's concern that gasoline sales tax spill-over funds not be diverted for General Fund use, with a copy to Californians for Better Transportation.

Legislative Briefings for New Members of the Los Angeles County Delegation

- o The Committee recommended that the Commission make an effort to brief newly-elected State and Federal legislators on the Commission and anticipated legislative issues.

Mr. Cox moved for approval of these two items; seconded by Mrs. Russell. Hearing no objections, motion was carried.

Proposed Contract for State Legislative Representation

- o Committee recommended that the Commission enter into a contract with Tim Egan for State Legislative Representation. The proposed contract was forwarded to each member with their agendas.

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

Update on Corporate Support Program

- o Staff discussed a time frame for meeting with various groups throughout Los Angeles County on coordinated corporate support for transportation improvements and will return to IRC with specifics on literature and presentation.

Comments on Proposed Federal Regulations

- o The federal government is proposing a paratransit policy to encourage consideration for paratransit services in developing overall transportation programs. The committee considered this and is generally supportive that the item is going to come up to the Service Coordination Committee before the deadline, so IRC will report back from the SCC in terms of the specifics on this particular policy.
- o The Committee reviewed the SCC recommendation to approve the proposed letter to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) regarding changes to Charter and School Bus Regulations. After reviewing private operator comments at the IRC meeting and staff recommendations, the Committee recommended to receive and file the letter and bring the matter to the full Commission for discussion and action.

Public Comment:

Mr. Robert Ayer, Assistant Director, Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines, spoke in support of the letter.

Mr. James Carson, appearing on behalf of the Bus Operators Association of Southern California, which is made up of the major charter operators within the greater Los Angeles area, spoke in opposition to the letter. He submitted a position paper to the Commission which was distributed to the members.

Consideration discussion followed.

Mrs. Reed moved that the letter, which staff presented to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, be authorized to be sent to UMTA as proposed by staff. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bacharach.

There was a roll call vote:

ayes - Mrs. Sanborn, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mr. Kell

nays - Mr. Roche, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Cox, Chairman Edelman

Motion failed - vote was 5 to 4 in favor of the motion; however, six votes were needed for the motion to carry.

Mr. Cox offered a substitute motion that the Commission send a letter to the agency suggesting that the Commission support efforts to minimize competition by publicly subsidized operators in the charter market, but that such operations within the regulations be subject to a minimum regulatory burden. Mr. Cox moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Russell.

Mr. Richmond clarified that it is staff's interpretation that if these regulations go into effect, there will not be any public operation in charter, and that it will be impossible for the public to get charter business.

Mrs. Reed offered a substitute motion to Mr. Cox's motion that the letter go forward simply addressing the school bus issue, as staff has outlined, and remain silent on the charter bus issue. Mrs. Reed moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce.

There was a roll call vote on Mrs. Reed's substitute motion:

ayes - Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Bacharach, Mr. Kell

nays - Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Roche, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Cox,
Chairman Edelman

Motion failed - vote was 5 to 4 against.

The Commission decided to vote on Mr. Cox's motion. Mrs. Bacharach requested that the motion be reread for clarification.

Mr. Richmond repeated the motion which stated that staff would indicate the Commission's intent to minimize public competition in the charter bus field as a general statement of policy, and that the Commission would also encourage whatever publicly-owned operator participation in the charter bus field be allowed with a minimum of regulation. The Commission is discouraging public competition for charter business but specific regulations will be adopted that will pin down what is allowable. That which remains allowable the Commission would encourage that it be provided for with a minimum of further regulatory burden.

There was a roll call vote to approve the motion:

ayes - Mr. Roche, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Cox, Chairman
Edelman

nays - Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Reed, Mrs.
Bacharach, Mr. Kell

Motion failed - vote was 5 to 4 against the motion.

Chairman Edelman requested that this item be held over.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Russell reported on the RTC's meeting of November 18, 1982. The committee had the following recommendation for Commission's approval:

Recommendation for Selection of Consultant for Community Involvement for Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project

The Rapid Transit Committee had reviewed 13 proposals and interviewed six firms for the Community Involvement consultant in support of the engineering/environmental work on the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Transit Project.

Following the committee's study of the written proposals and consideration of the interview sessions, staff was instructed to focus further evaluations on the following firms:

Community Involvement

1. David Abel and Associates
with Watts Labor Community Action Committee (MBE)
2. Gruen Associates
with Barrio Planners (MBE), and Edgar Goff (MBE)
3. The joint venture firm of Schimpeler-Corradino
Associates with Polytech, Inc. (MBE)

For the community involvement effort, it was recommended that the firm of David Abel & Associates be selected for the following reasons:

1. Their team is local, has extensive knowledge of the communities in the corridor and the issues that are important to this project.
2. The team's familiarity with the corridor area provides an advantage in establishing early contacts and ongoing communications with elected officials, key organizations and individuals.
3. Their proposal was the most detailed in outlining proposed approaches, techniques, deliverables and schedules.
4. Their key staff has all of the appropriate skills and background to carry out the elements of the proposed work plan.
5. They have received excellent references from previous clients.

The Rapid Transit Committee recommended that the Commission designate the firm of David Abel & Associates as the Community Involvement Consultant for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Project and that staff be authorized to negotiate a contract David Abel & Associates, to be submitted for final Commission approval.

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

SERVICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Cox reported on the committee's meeting of November 15, 1982. The committee has the following recommendations for Commission's approval:

- o Approve the contract for Phase II of the Transit Operator Performance Audit
- o Adopt the revised LACTC Short-Range Transit Plan: FY 1984-88 Supplemental Guidelines
- o Approve renewal of the formula allocation procedure for transit operators

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

PRESENTATION BY CALTRANS ON THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FREEWAY SYSTEM

Mr. David Roper, Deputy District Director of Operations, briefed the Commission on the operational characteristics of the freeway system. He reviewed the current congestion problems on the freeway systems and distributed a map that indicated the freeway sections with the most congestion during peak periods.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Notice of Meetings - The next Commission meeting scheduled for December 8, 1982 will be held at the Department of Water and Power, 111 North Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Application of AB 1040 - Copies of a memo were distributed to members concerning the recently enacted legislation with an opinion from Ronald Schneider on the applicability of this law to the Commission.

Light Rail Line Brochure - An information brochure on light rail line activities was produced by staff and distributed to the Commission members.

Mass Transit Magazine - An excerpt from the magazine concerning Proposition A was distributed to the members.

New Employees - Several staff members from the Transit Development Section were introduced to the Commissioners. Paul Kalra, Chief Transit System Engineer; Sharon Robinson Sivad-El, Environmental and Community Specialist; and Linda Ford McCaffrey, Progress and Budgets Supervisor, are all involved in the light rail engineering effort for the Los Angeles-Long Beach line.

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:10 p.m., the Commission adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.


RICK RICHMOND
Executive Director

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