

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 22, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hahn at 3:05 p.m.

Members present:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn  
Councilwoman Renee Simon  
Mayor Edmond Russ  
Councilman John Ferraro  
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Will Simendinger, alternate for Mayor Zimmerman  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley  
Wendell Cox  
Robert Datel, Ex Officio, representing State of California

Staff members present:

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

Minutes of March 8, 1978 were approved, as submitted.

Chairman Hahn welcomed Robert Datel who was appointed by Governor Brown to serve on the Commission as an ex officio member.

Caltrans District 7's "Shortfall":

Letter dated March 8, 1978 from Adriana Gianturco, Director of Caltrans, was discussed. (Exhibit A)

Legal Counsel to the Commission was requested to advise as to the extent of activity permitted by Caltrans under terms of the court injunction on Century Freeway.

Commissioner Tweedt asked Robert Datel for milestone dates which were established for all 6-year program projects. Mr. Datel will furnish list of milestone dates to him by March 23, 1978.

Chairman Hahn will write letter to the Governor regarding the \$60 million "shortfall" and copy of his letter will be given public dissemination.

Chairman Hahn's letter to Secretary Alan Stein concerning the Century Freeway was handed out to the members.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Committee:

Robert Geoghegan reported the committee's two recommendations which were discussed at their meeting of March 9. (Exhibit B)

1. Citizens Advisory Committee - Proposed Bylaws:

Since members of the Citizens Advisory Committee have not reviewed the Bylaws, this matter will be continued to the next Commission meeting.

2. UMTA Title VI Regulations:

Committee recommends that Commission ask operators to reimburse Commission for services of consultant.

Finance Review Committee:

Executive Director reported on the committee's recommendations:

1. Balanced budget alternatives request from SCRTD.
2. Caltrans TIP amendment - construction of soundwalls along San Bernardino Freeway.
3. Request from Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding establishment of monitoring system for collection and expenditure of State and Federal User Tax funds.

M/S/C - Approved Finance Review Committee's report.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee: (Exhibit C)

Ray Remy reported on the committee's recommendations to approve the Commission's position on appointment to SCAG's Aviation Work Program Committee and the Commission's position on Federal Pothole Legislation.

Amendments to AB 1246: Proposed amendments will be discussed at the TAC meeting on March 29. Mr. Remy introduced the request from Commissioner Zimmerman that this item be continued to the next meeting.

Federal Legislation - 2nd tier: Staff is working with three other Commissions on key issues of the bill and will be reported to the Commission at the April 12 meeting. Testimonies presented by Vice-Chairwoman Simon and Commissioner Hayes on the bill were distributed to the members.

Special Committee on Arbitration: (Exhibit D)

Wendell Cox reported that, because of the high priority of coordinating service on Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica, our consultants, ATE Management and Service Co., Inc. have consented to look at this situation very early in their project and the committee would hope this approach will identify alternatives for a quick resolution of the problem.

The procedure for resolution of disputes between operators has been referred to the Administrative Committee.

Automobile Club of Southern California: (Exhibit E)

Mr. Harry Cheshire, President of the Automobile Club, gave a presentation on the position statement of the Club's Board of Directors regarding the LACTC.

He stated three significant transportation issues facing Los Angeles County:

1. Completion of the area's freeway network.
2. Improving the area's arterial highways and their operating efficiency.
3. Establishing an appropriate level of public transit service.

The Board of Directors also encouraged the Commission to continue and perhaps expand on efforts on analyzing transportation efforts.

The Auto Club has offered their services to work with the Commission.

California Transportation Commission: (Exhibit F)

A copy of Chairman Hahn's letters to the California Transportation Commission members was distributed to the members. The Executive Director reported that a meeting is scheduled for April 21, 1978, and he is meeting with the Acting Executive Director. Staff is gathering a set of materials for the meeting.

Chairman Hahn invited members of our Commission to attend the meeting on April 21, 1978 in the Founders Room at the Music Center.


Proposed Amendments to TDA Legislation:

Mayor Ed Russ stated there was some confusion of the TDA legislation under the Finance Review Committee, Intergovernmental Relations Committee and TAC. Executive Director will look into this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 1978, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



JEROME C. PREMO  
Executive Director and   
Secretary of the Commission

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Attachments

cc: Commissioners, Alternates,  
Deputies, SCAG, SCRTD,  
Caltrans, TAC Members





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M I N U T E S

April 12, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hahn at 3:08 p.m.

Members present:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn  
Councilwoman Renee Simon  
Supervisor Baxter Ward  
Mayor Edmond Russ  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate for John Ferraro  
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes  
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Wendell Cox  
Robert Datel, Ex Officio, representing State of California

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director  
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel

Minutes of March 22, 1978 were approved, as submitted.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION VISIT TO LOS ANGELES

Chairman Hahn asked Executive Director about April 21 meeting of the California Transportation Commission. Executive Director responded that they did not think they would be able to meet with LACTC. Chairman Hahn stressed the importance of meeting with them when they visit Los Angeles on April 21.

PRESENTATION BY COMMISSIONER WARD ON MASS TRANSIT

Chairman Hahn stated he felt there should be two priorities:  
(1) the completion of the Century and Artesia Freeways, and  
(2) agreement on a segment or plan to implement a system of mass transportation somewhere in the County this year. Chairman Hahn turned the meeting over to Supervisor Ward, who presented his plan for mass transit.

Supervisor Ward went over various alternatives for mass transit and stated the most economical would be to build something along the freeways. He further stated we must keep in mind the possibility of enforced gas rationing in the next ten years, and the need to keep our working force mobile.

Supervisor Ward also pointed out the need to connect the San Fernando Valley to the Los Angeles area, especially in view of the possible upcoming Olympic Games.

Copies of Supervisor Ward's plan were distributed for review; additional copies will be available after next Wednesday.

Supervisor Ward emphasized the need to build as expeditiously as possible, and that the transit vehicle used should be attractive. Supervisor Ward added that his plan includes major bus improvements as well as rail, to be financed through a 1/2¢ sales tax increase.

Chairman Hahn commended Supervisor Ward for presenting such a thorough plan for the Commission. Chairman Hahn asked about the possibility of getting a demonstration grant for the Red Car line from downtown Los Angeles to Long Beach and San Pedro and suggested letters be written to the congressional delegation and Secretary Brock Adams for support.

Chairman Hahn asked the Commissioners for comments on Supervisor Ward's plan.

Commissioner Russ said he hopes the public can be convinced this is a beginning and we can expand from here, and added he felt this appeared to be a most feasible and economical place to begin. Commissioner Zimmerman concurred.

Commissioner Simon pointed out that though public opinion polls show we lack adequate public transportation, each time a measure is put on the ballot, it is defeated.

Barna Szabo stated it is important to let the public know that it is not only a matter of transit--we must deal with the energy crisis and the economic well-being of the area.

Commissioner Cox complimented Supervisor Ward for his work but was concerned that we look carefully at the work already being done on the Regional Transit Development Program and felt that perhaps the two could be incorporated. He suggested the TAC get together with Supervisor Ward's committee for further review.

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Simon, TAC was directed to review the plan and report their findings back to the Commission as early as possible.

Chairman Hahn directed the Executive Director to convene the TAC meeting in a reasonable time, and report back to the Commission 2 weeks after reviewing the plan.

It was added that the Citizens Advisory Committee will also review the plan and report back to the Commission its findings.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Administrative Committee:

Commissioner Zimmerman presented the recommendations of the Administration Committee's April 12 meeting:

1. FY 77-78 Budget Status Report:

Received and accepted as submitted.

2. Citizen Attitude Survey: Proposed Questionnaire:

A final draft will be submitted to the Committee at its 4/18/78 meeting.

3. Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws - Final Recommendation:

Dave Tonkin, member of Citizen Advisory Committee, raised two concerns: (1) He felt that one-third of the members of the Committee required for a quorum should be lowered, and (2) he questioned the accomodation of inactive members, and the lack of any provision to remove inactive members from the committee.

Commissioner Zimmerman said these things could be looked into and changed later, but that the Commission needed to approve the bylaws today so the CAC would have something to work with.

Bylaws were approved as submitted. Bylaws will be mailed under separate cover to all LACTC members and alternates and all CAC members.

4. Fringe Benefits: Dental and Life Insurance Provisions:

Joint package approved as submitted.



## 5. Proposed Changes to Administrative Code:

Ordinances 9 and 10 approved as amended by Committee.

## 6. Caltrans Appointee to TAC

Vince Paul was accepted as Caltran's appointee to the Technical Advisory Committee.

7. Ad Hoc Task Force:

The Administrative Committee recommended that the Commission establish an Ad Hoc Task Force to establish a county-level monitoring system to report on the collection and expenditure of California and federal highway user tax dollars to the taxpayers of Los Angeles County. It was proposed that this task force consist of five members from business, labor, industry, and six members from the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Chairman of the Task Force would be appointed by the Chairman of the Commission.

Committee recommendation was approved.

Finance Review Committee:

Pat Russell briefly went over the reports of the Finance Review Committee.

## 1. FY 78-79 Overall Work Program:

Approved for submittal to SCAG.

## 2. Soundwall Attenuation Criteria:

Approved.

## 3. FY 78-79 SRTP, TSM, TIP Schedule:

Approved as presented by staff.

4. Unmet transit needs in Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys:

It was moved and seconded to release the funds for the current fiscal year, with funds to be used for road purposes. Further, hearings in Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys, as required by law, will be held before formally allocating FY 78/79 funds for that area.

Pat Farhaar, Paraclete Patrons Club felt the letter Supervisor Ward submitted is incomplete and that something could be done to have service by September--perhaps having a five-day service. Chairman Hahn assured her the Commission would do all it could to help.

Supervisor Ward's letter was referred to the Finance Review Committee. (Exhibit A)

(At this time, Chairman Hahn had to leave and turned the chair over to Vice Chairwoman Renee Simon. 4:30 p.m.)

5. Southern Pacific-Baldwin Park Right-of-Way:

Pat Russell said the FRC asked the staff to explore the availability of getting 100% funding from the state for the right-of-way, and whether LACTC funds could be used, and added that the committee feels the right-of-way should be released after 30 days.

Bob Datel said State law authorizes Caltrans to pay for half the cost if someone will pay for the other half.

The Executive Director reviewed issues involved: the County health facility is proposed in that right-of-way should the Commission want to protect the right-of-way, the health facility will then have to be redesigned.

Supervisor Ward asked about his voting at the Board of Supervisors on the health facility. It was his understanding the facility would not interfere with the right-of-way.

Renee Simon asked the Executive Director if 30 days is enough time for funds to be found. The Executive Director said they will do all they can to get 100% state funding but doubts that this can or will be done in 30 days.

Mike Lewis of Supervisor Schabarum's office reviewed the history of the health facility and the basis for costs, including costs of moving the building to accommodate a transit easement. He indicated that a decision is needed in the very near future.

Renee Simon suggested continuing this for two weeks to give staff time to make recommendations.

It was moved and seconded that staff will prepare a report on this matter and that the right-of-way be released in 45 days, instead of 30 days.

## 6. Highway and Freeway Priorities:

Commissioner Pat Russell presented the FRC recommendations on highway priorities for inclusion in SCAG's regional transportation plan.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the priorities so recommended. (First, I-105 Century; second, 91/11 Artesia; third, Route 47, Industrial; fourth, Route 30, Foothill; fifth, Route 7, Pasadena - South Pasadena portion of Long Beach Freeway; sixth, Route 90, Marina Freeway extension.)

## Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

Barna Szabo presented to the Commission the recommendations developed by the IRC at its April 5 meeting.

## Federal "Pothole" Legislation

As written the legislation would prohibit the expenditure of funds in areas (such as Los Angeles County) that are eligible for special disaster relief funding. Further, that the June 15 Federal deadline for obligation of funds is unrealistic.

Recommendation - Continue LACTC support of the pothole legislation provided California and Los Angeles County receive its fair share of the funding and that the June 15 deadline date be adjusted to allow adequate lead time for local governments in the obligation of the funds.

## TDA/1245 Legislation

IRC reviewed the proposed legislation developed by the TAC Legislative Committee. Representatives from SCRTD, Santa Monica, and Long Beach were present to discuss the committee's recommendations.

Recommendation - Approval by the LACTC of the following positions for submittal to Assemblyman Walt Ingalls for inclusion in the 1246 cleanup bill.

- a.) Additional transit operators meeting the criteria to be developed by the LACTC should be made eligible for TDA funding.
- b.) Amend AB 1246 to permit the LACTC to abandon the 15% guarantee of TDA funds to included municipal operators and to allocate TDA and Section 5 funds by formula provided that the LACTC shall have first adopted a formula for allocation of such funds.

- c.) Any formula for allocation of funds should be applied to Section 5 funds as well as TDA funds.
- d.) A percentage of the funds available should be retained by the LACTC for discretionary allocation. No agreement was reached, however, as to the appropriate percentage. Based on current funding approximately \$1.5 million would be available for each 1% set aside.
- e.) The allocation formula should be simple and based on measureable and verifiable factors such as mileage, patronage, number of buses, etc...
- f.) Amend AB 1246 to state that, if the LACTC decides to adopt a formula for the allocation of TDA and Section 5 funds, such formula shall be adopted after a public hearing and shall remain in effect for 3 years. The adopted formula may be amended prior to the end of the 3 year period by a 2/3 vote of the Commission and only after a public hearing.
- g.) The Committee recommends that the Commission assure the municipal operators that the 15% guarantee will not be abandoned by the Commission until an acceptable formula is derived.

Mr. Szabo presented the proposed amendments submitted by Wendell Cox:

1. "That a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission shall be required to establish and/or change the funding formula".
2. "That a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission shall be required to provide Article 4 TDA (SB 325) funds to any applicant which has not previously received Article 4 funds".
3. Repeal Public Utilities Code sections which presently protect the territorial rights of SCRTD and the included municipal operator, and replace such sections with the following:

"That no recipient of funds allocated by the Commission shall establish any service which will or may at some time in the future compete with or divert patronage or revenues from another such recipient without the prior approval of the Commission."

Chairman Simon asked if the Commission wanted further time for review of the proposed amendments presented by IRC and Commissioner Cox. Mr. Szabo said there is a problem of time, in that any amendments to be considered by the Legislature must be included in a bill by May 2.

Commissioner Zimmerman expressed some concerns with the 2/3 vote proposed by Mr. Cox.

Tom Narrigan, Santa Monica, indicated on Item #3 of Commissioner Cox's amendments that the TAC has not discussed this item -- and recommended that the Commission refer this to TAC and staff for review prior to taking any action.

It was felt that the 2/3's majority vote should be changed to require a vote of 8 members of the LACTC.

It was moved and seconded that items A through G be approved and Commissioner Cox's items 1 and 2 with the change to require a vote of 8 members of the LACTC be approved. Item #3 of Commissioner Cox's amendments be referred back to TAC for review and recommendation. Further that staff transmit to Assemblyman Ingalls the proposed amendments.

#### Federal Legislation

Mr. Szabo briefly reviewed the proposed federal transportation legislation and positions previously developed on key issues on the pending bills.

It was moved and seconded to approve the issues as presented by Mr. Szabo for transmittal to appropriate Congressional committees and staff.

#### Proposed Legislation re: 1/2¢ Sales Tax (AB 3328)

On March 28 Assemblyman Howard Berman introduced on behalf of the Commission AB 3328. The bill which is currently being amended, would increase the potential options available to the LACTC for use of the 1/2¢ sales tax should the Commission decide to seek voter approval.

The bill is set for hearing on May 2 in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Wendell Cox presented two resolutions.

The first resolution concerned bus fares for senior citizens and the handicapped. It was moved and seconded that this be referred to the Finance Review Committee for review.

The second resolution concerned the \$60 million shortfall. It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution and direct staff to contact Ventura and Orange on development of the required report.

At the suggestion of Councilwoman Russell, the Legislative Analyst's letter to Senator Presley regarding the current status of the people mover project and of the Regional Transit Development Plan was referred to the Technical Advisory Committee.

GERMAN VISIT:

The Executive Director summarized the proposed schedule for the German visit and said the final agenda would be mailed out to the Commissioners and alternates. At the motion of Commissioner Zimmerman, it was moved and seconded that the Executive Director be authorized to expend sufficient and adequate funds to cover expenses incurred during this visit, as outlined on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 1978, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

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