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M I N U T E S

April 26, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hahn at 3:15 p.m.

Members present:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn
Councilwoman Renee Simon
Mayor Edmond Russ
Councilman John Zimmerman
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes
Bob Geoghegan, alterante for Supervisor Edelman
Wendell Cox
Robert Datel, Ex Officio, representing State of California

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Norm Emerson, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bradley

Minutes of the April 12, 1978 meeting were corrected as follows:

Wendell Cox indicated that, on Page 2, his motion calls for an analysis of Supervisor Ward's proposal to see how it coordinates with the four-part program planning that's already going on, as well as to get comments on it from TAC, as opposed to proposing tht it be incorporated within the four-part program.

Wendell Cox also noted that his motion regarding the \$60 million shortfall did pass, and the wording in the minutes should be clearer on this point.

John Zimmerman noted that I-105 was being placed ahead of the 91/11 in the priority highway listing and that we should push for the completion of the 91/11 project as top priority, followed by I-105. The Commission accepted this priority ranking.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative Committee:

Commissioner Zimmerman presented the following reports and recommendations:

1. Transmittal of Preliminary FY 78-79 Budget:

Copies of the preliminary budget were distributed and it was moved and seconded to set the public hearing date to review the budget for May 24, 1978, at the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting. Appropriate public notices of the hearing will be issued.

2. Citizen Attitude Survey: Proposed Questionnaire:

As previously authorized by Commission, the Administrative Committee approved a final questionnaire.

Commissioner Cox asked that all commissioners receive copies of the questionnaire as soon as possible.

3. Commission Newsletter: Award of Printing Contract:

This item was continued until the next committee meeting.

4. FY 77-78 Third Quarter Report on Commission Travel:

Received and accepted by committee.

5. Citizen Advisory Committee: Status Report:

Committee recommended the duties of the CAC be distributed among the members and that the chairperson of CAC should not serve as chairperson of any of the sub-committees.

It was moved and seconded to instruct the attorney to include such a requirement as a part of the LACTC Administrative Code.

Finance Review Committee:

The Executive Director said the next meeting of the Finance Review Committee is tentatively set for May 4, 1978.

A question arose as to the status of the Baldwin Park right-of-way. The Executive Director reported the conclusions of the staff analysis: we should support RTD's desire to acquire right-of-way and support actions that will preserve this right-of-way, with the understanding that the Commission itself does not have at this point a source of funds to pay the redesign costs which might be necessary to provide for an RTD-County Health facilities design at this location.

Chairman Hahn asked Jerry Leonard of Supervisor Ward's office what he felt the solution would be. Mr. Leonard said one possible solution would be to redesign the facility. Commissioner Russ said that there doesn't look like there is any reasonable possibility of LACTC receiving the money for redesign and that if the money was not received in the 45-day limit, they shouldn't try to retain the easement.

Chairman Hahn suggested waiting until the end of the 45-day limit. The Executive Director said RTD doesn't have the money, the County would seem to be the source to pay for the redesign and soundwalls, but the County's position has been not to pay for it either.

It was decided to carry this item over until the end of the 45-day limit.

(At 3:35 p.m., Chairman Hahn was excused from the meeting and turned the chair over to Vice Chairwoman Simon.)

Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

Barna Szabo presented the following state and federal legislation:

State Legislation

AB 3260 - Barna Szabo suggested asking the legislature to define this bill more clearly and that the Commission take no position on this bill at this time. M/S/C.

SB 1728 - M/S/C - no position.

AB 2591 - M/S/C - strong support.

AB 2617 - The committee recommended taking no position on this bill at this time and to direct staff to analyze the impact of the development of the full freeway interchange.

Commissioner Russ asked that we hold off any action on this and asked that someone from the staff to contact Assemblyman Bannai and get more information on this and also that this be continued until getting staff's report. M/S/C.

AB 3040 - The committee recommends no position on this bill.

Bob Geoghegan said the \$60 million shortfall was created in part because the Beverly Hills Freeway was dropped. All of the local elected officials of the area supported dropping

the Beverly Hills Freeway--Mr. Geoghegan said that since the freeway has been dropped, land is available for development and we stand in the position of losing it. He felt that the Commission should adopt a position of support of the bill.

Barna Szabo said the bill for all practical purposes is no longer in existence--it has been amended into another bill calling for Caltrans to study the whole issue of right-of-way purchases.

M/S/C to continue this item for further analysis.

AB 3227 - The committee recommended taking no position.

Norm Emerson said the committee did support the intent of the bill, which is really to support the ridesharing program. This bill was introduced on behalf of the Administration and it seems well worth the investment of staff time to try and put this bill in a form which would address the problem, particularly dealing with the insurance issue.

M/S/C to support this bill, if it addresses the insurance issues.

AB 3437 - M/S/C to support this bill.

AB 2435 - This was an informational item.

ACR 113 - M/S/C to support this bill.

(Chairman Hahn returned at 3:50 p.m.)

AB 1246 - Alternates to Supervisors - Chairman Hahn said the City of Los Angeles (Ray Remy) has raised a question about conflict of interest, and requested time to think this over. Barna Szabo said that representatives often serve on two or three boards and in each case, they try to make independent judgements based on the merits of the issue.

Chairman Hahn said there are enough people that like to be on commissions and boards and maybe we should try to get more citizen participation on them.

M/S/C to continue this item to the next meeting.

(At 4:05 p.m., Chairman Hahn left the meeting and turned the chair over to Vice Chairwoman Simon.)

SB 1290 - M/S/C to support this bill.

SB 1337 - M/S/C to take no position.

SB 1634 - M/S/C to support, provided the requirement for reimbursement by the City to PUC for its services is dropped.

SB 1899 - M/S/C to support this bill.

Vice Chairwoman Simon requested staff to keep the Commission up to date on this bill.

SB 1906 - M/S/C to oppose this bill.

SB 1909 - The Committee recommended opposing this bill.

Bob Geoghegan said this matter has been referred to TAC previously and that the Commission should wait on taking any position until receiving TAC's report.

Commissioner Cox said we are not a party to this bill--it is between SCRTD and Caltrans. Mr. Cox moved that the Commission support the committee recommendation.

Bob Geoghegan stressed the Commission should wait until receiving TAC's report since the Commission referred it there.

M/S/C to continue this item until the next meeting.

Designating member to attend Assembly Transportation Committee on AB 3328 - The Executive Director was directed to contact Chairman Hahn to appoint someone to present testimony on behalf of the LACTC on AB 3328 on May 2.

Regarding AB 3040, Bob Geoghegan said he was not aware that this bill would be up for consideration before the next Commission meeting and also was not aware of the recommendations of the committee with respect to AB 1290, which seeks to secure right-of-ways between Culver Boulevard and Venice Boulevard, which this Commission had just supported. He pointed out that there is a great deal of similarity between preserving the right-of-ways between Culver and Venice Boulevards and preserving the right-of-ways on Santa Monica Boulevard. He urged the Commission to seek support of AB 3040, recognizing that it may have been amended in terms of its initial language that is to acquire that abandoned SP right-of-way on Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega and Alta Drive.

Mr. Geoghegan requested that our recommendation would be specifically to the principle of acquiring the abandoned right-of-way beyond Santa Monica between La Cienega and Alta. M/S/C.

Bob Geoghegan asked for a second motion supporting the acquisition of the SP right-of-way on Santa Monica Boulevard, Route 2, between La Cienega and Alta Drive, which would give the guidance to the state to reconstitute the bill as initially considered. M/S/C.

TDA Amendments: This was an informational item.

Federal Legislation

The Executive Director said the House Public Works Committee will be marking up a \$16 billion per year transportation bill on May 2 and 3; the Environment and Public Works Committee will be marking up a highway bill of about \$8½ billion on May 2; Senate Banking and Currency will be marking up a \$4.2 billion public transit bill on May 1; and the House Appropriations Committee will be acting on May 1 on transit appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1 in the range of \$3½-\$4 billion program. We have sought to actively communicate the position of the Commission as adopted in past meetings with the various committees in Congress.

91-11 Interchange - Artesia/Harbor Freeway Task Force

Commissioner Russ reported that the 91-11 Task Force met on April 20. The EIS public hearing is scheduled for April 27. Commissioner Russ stated the necessity of the Commission to follow this project as it proceeds through Sacramento and the federal agencies. He said that he is hopeful of moving the schedule on 91-11 ahead by one year.

California Transportation Commission

Report on April 21, 1978 meeting of the California Transportation Commission - The Executive Director reported the Commission attended to routine business and to discussing the economic relationship between rail service, airlines, and intercity buses. He added that the important action that occurred was a change in attitude on accessibility of the California Transportation Commission. There is a proposed workshop for May 5 on highway fund methodology in which staff will participate.

Letter from Assemblyman Ingalls to Chairman Simon

Commissioner Zimmerman went over Assemblyman Ingall's letter to Chairman Norton Simon.

Norm Emerson suggested sending letters to Mr. Ingalls on behalf of the Commission indicating our agreement with the points raised, with a copy to Chairman Simon and to members of the Commission. It was so directed that staff send a letter to Assemblyman Ingalls.

Norm Emerson also suggested getting together some briefing materials with which the LACTC has been involved to send to the California Transportation Commission. It was so directed.

Harbor Freeway

Bob Datel said Caltrans has recommended that a 7½ mile portion of the Harbor Freeway from Santa Monica to Century Freeway be added to the Interstate Highway system. It would provide a funding option for this portion of the regional transit program, should it become a part of the regional transit program.

Wendell Cox moved for approval of this recommendation; if the four-part program should go forward, it will provide the capability of getting the money required to build the guideway down the Harbor Freeway in the subject corridor.

In response to the question of terminating interstate designation, the Executive Director said that the additional 7½ miles represents a substantial part of the total mileage remaining to be designated as interstate in both California and the nation.

M/S/C to request the addition of the 7½ miles stretch to the Interstate system and to direct staff to contact Congressman Anderson's office to facilitate this designation.

Letter from Alan Stein Regarding Century Freeway

The Executive Director, referring Alan Stein's letter, stated that we have had no further official contact from anyone as of today, on the status of the Century Freeway Environmental Impact Report.

Mr. Datel said the action point has been moved to Secretary Brock Adams' office and the decision now rests with him.

The Executive Director said in a previous letter from Secretary Stein, he indicated that there are no deliberations currently under way at the federal level.

Norm Emerson referenced correspondence he received from EPA's regional office: the exchange of letters and staff comments between EPA and FHWA clearly would have been an appropriate place for the Commission staff to be involved. Events may somewhat contradict Secretary Stein's comment, and felt it should be brought to his attention. He added that some of these issues should be raised at the May 5 workshop.

Mr. Cano asked legal counsel about the appropriateness of LACTC becoming directly involved in these EIS discussions. Mr. Schneider responded that the EIS at this point is at a different level. He added that the Commission should have been involved at earlier stages of the environmental process if they desired.

Norm Emerson said we should acknowledge that this one project and these types of interactions among both federal and state agencies are going to occur over and over again and it is important that we stake out our role very quickly.

The Executive Director said staff will communicate with Caltrans and the Air Resources Board on this.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked about the possibility of the Commission appealing to the courts. Mr. Schneider responded that the Judge probably wouldn't consider it at this late date.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Review of Sunset, Ltd. Plan

The Executive Director said that a special meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee had occurred in April and that copies of the report were distributed. Further review sessions are scheduled; by May 5, TAC will attempt to develop a recommendation on this proposal.

Vice Chairwoman Simon called attention to the relationship between the Sunset, Ltd. plan, the Regional Transit Development Plan, and the proposal to designate the Harbor Freeway as part of the Interstate. The staff-TAC report should relate all of these.

Board of Supervisor's motion on accessible buses

To be discussed with TAC, with a recommendation as part of our Transportation Improvement Program.

Commissioner Russ asked that TAC consider not requiring every bus to have the lifts on it, and perhaps integrate with existing handicapped systems, and have central points of pick-up instead of having every bus with a lift.

Barna Szabo was concerned about the severe sanctions that are suggested in the Board of Supervisor's motion, such as withholding funds from operators.

Bob Geoghegan replied that such a severe sanction has applied to RTD for approximately the last three years, in part because Supervisor Edelman indicated to the RTD Board that he would never support another subsidy to them if they didn't exercise that policy.

Regarding Commissioner Russ' comments, Commissioner Cox said: (1) in December, this Commission passed a motion asking staff to arrange for a study which would look at the possibility of coordinating the services which Mayor Russ talked about, with RTD's accessible bus program, and (2) to address further the concerns of Commissioner Russ, TAC, in reviewing this situation, should consider that St. Louis has a fleet of about 130 accessible buses, but daily handicapped boardings are less than 10 a day; TAC should also address what potential operational problems there might be.

M/S/C to refer to TAC.

Letter from Secretary Adams on the Fare-Free Transit Program

The Executive Director said copies of the Secretary's letter dated March 27, 1978 will be forwarded to the Commissioners later this week. Effectively, our request has been turned down.

Notification from SCAG: A 95 review for Palmdale Airport

The Executive Director said SCAG has requested comments by May 3.

The Executive Director said the Commission has discussed earlier whether they should become involved in airport matters at this

time; although the Commission said no, the matter of ground access is critical and an area in which we should become involved.

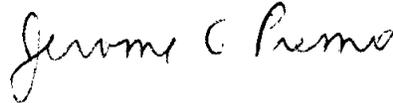
The Executive Director was directed to send a letter to SCAG requesting they delay taking any action at this time, for one month.

Vice Chairwoman Simon requested that the matter of rail policy analysis be addressed as part of the comprehensive RTDP-Sunset, Ltd. report.

Commissioner Zimmerman said at the last meeting, we voted to recommend changes in AB 1246, to abandon the 15% guarantee provided that a new formula had been adopted by the Commission. An update was requested at the May 10 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 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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Executive Director and
Secretary

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