



MINUTES

May 24, 1978

Meeting was called to order by John Ferraro, Past Chairman, due to the absence of Chairman Hahn and Vice Chairwoman Simon.

Members present:

Councilman John Ferraro  
Supervisor Baxter Ward  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Wendell Cox  
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley  
Ed Cano, alternate for Supervisor Hahn  
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Christine Reed, alternate for Mayor Russ

Staff members present:

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

1. Minutes of May 10, 1978 were approved, as submitted.

2. Committee Reports:

A) Administrative Committee

Next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 1978.

B) Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported on the following items:

Federal Legislation - Update on the Brooke amendment.  
At the last meeting, Commission members expressed concern about this bill on the Senate side. The Executive Director has received some additional information. The

Mayor's office has sent communication to our Senators expressing strong opposition to the Brooke amendment. Based on the information which the Executive Director has received, a letter is being prepared for Chairman Hahn's signature to register our strong concerns about the impact of the Brooke amendment.

The two Houses will be considering final approval on the federal legislation some time during the next 2 to 3 months and then the bill would go to the Conference Committee which will probably convene in August at the earliest.

The Executive Director reported that the Brooke amendment was approved by an 8-to-7 vote in the Senate Banking and Currency Committee and had the effect of reducing the initially proposed bill by \$1.1 billion, a fair portion of which we would have received and instead, substituted \$900 million which would be directed to cities with the largest operating losses.

#### State Legislation -

AB 1246 Amendments - Selection of alternates on the Commission for members of the Board of Supervisors; alternates on the Commission could also serve on the SCRTD Board.

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee voted 1-to-1 on this issue. After discussion and expression of both support and opposition, Supervisor Ward withdrew the request, citing his desire to pursue the amendment only if the Commission supported it unanimously.

AB 3328 - Passed Assembly by 47-to-17 vote.

Executive Director reported that President Pro-Tem Mills of the Senate asked for an opportunity to discuss this bill. He noted that we have emphasized in communications with members of the Assembly and Senate that it is not by any means mandatory legislation, but rather would expand the choices available to the Commission if and when it decides on a ballot measure.

Senator Mills expressed his great concern about the idea of sales tax monies being used in any way to support road or highway improvements. He prefers to see flexibility available to the Commission in the form of additional gas tax money.

In a related matter, Assemblyman Chimbole has expressed considerable interest to the bill's author, Mr. Berman,

about specifically excluding those portions of the county not served by SCRTD from any sales tax which might occur. Supervisor Ward expressed deep concern about the basic concept of AB 3328, indicating his belief that all potential sales tax revenues were needed exclusively for public transit.

Motion by Commissioner Remy: Continue to support the bill (AB 3328) in its present form, seek an urgency clause in the bill and also be willing to accept, if so authored, an amendment which would exclude the North County and Avalon from the provisions of the ballot measure. Seconded. Roll call vote: Cano-aye, Tweedt-aye, Ward-nay, Geoghegan-aye, Remy-aye, Reed-aye, Zimmerman-aye, Ferraro-aye, Cox-aye. Passed.

TDA Amendment - Chairman Hahn wrote to both Assemblyman Ingalls and Senator Mills on Commission's support for AB 1246 modifications, under which additional operators would be eligible to receive 325 or TDA funds.

C) Finance Review Committee

John Ferraro announced that the Finance Review Committee will be meeting on June 1 at the Los Angeles City Hall, 11th floor Executive Dining Room.

3. \$60 Million Shortfall:

May 2 reply from Secretary Stein to Chairman Hahn's letter of April 5. Letter was received by Commission office on May 16.

Commissioner Tweedt indicated that the letter is totally unresponsive to the Commission's request. Staff will continue to work on this matter.

4. Letter from Supervisor Ward on retention of consultant:

Supervisor Ward asked that the Commission consider retaining a consultant to compare the Caltrans Bus-on-Freeway Program and the Sunset, Ltd. proposal. The costs, advantages and disadvantages and opportunities of both need to be carefully analyzed from a technical and financial standpoint.

M/S/C - When Caltrans completes its bus-on-freeway report in mid-June, the Commission consider calling for such a study of both proposals by hiring a technical firm as consultant.

## 5. Preliminary FY 78/79 Budget:

Chairman Ferraro asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to be heard on the budget submitted to the Commission. Since no one wanted to be heard, the Chairman closed the public hearing on the budget. Copies of the budget were distributed to the members at the April 12 Commission meeting.

M/S/C - Approve budget at the next Commission meeting.

## 6. Executive Director's Report:

- A) Visit by Secretary Adams and Administrator Page - Secretary Brock Adams and UMTA Administrator Richard Page visited Los Angeles and announced a \$23 million grant to the Southern California Rapid Transit District which will be used by the District to purchase new buses. Remarks by Secretary Adams were included in the agenda. The Commission staff, SCAG, Caltrans, and SCRTD had an opportunity to brief Administrator Page.

Executive Director noted that Secretary Adams and Administrator Page continue to emphasize that they are looking forward to receiving a comprehensive plan and program for from us.

- B) FY 78/79 Transit Subsidies - Background analysis on options and identification on how much money is available in the next fiscal year was noted.
- C) Personnel Management Analysis - Administrative Committee asked staff to examine who could assist the staff of the Commission in completing personnel management work. Los Angeles County has indicated that they are unable to assist us. Private firms have indicated that they can do it for about the same figure as the County's estimated work would cost.

M/S/C - Approved unanimously that staff retain a private firm for work at the maximum rate of \$3,000.

- D) California Transportation Commission - Executive Director briefed Commission members on fund estimate methodology, which involves allocation of highway funds. Executive Director recently sent to Commission members an analysis on this matter. Staff is continuing to work with Caltrans and other agencies around the state, emphasizing the principle that local agencies should be allowed to spell

out local needs in developing a program, rather than to be told in advance exactly how much money is going to be available.

The next meeting of the California Transportation Commission will be here in Los Angeles on June 22, 1978.

7. Notice of Meetings:

Note and File.

8. New Business:

- A) Emergency Allocation to SCRTD (Attachment #1) - Executive Director handed out attached memorandum dated May 24 regarding emergency allocation to SCRTD and summarizing issue. Mr. Mike Lewis, Finance Chairman of SCRTD, was asked to comment on a proposal to reprogram approximately \$7.6 million in the short term to assist SCRTD in its cash flow problem in the months of July, August, and September, 1978. After consideration discussion, Commission acted in support of staff's recommendation.

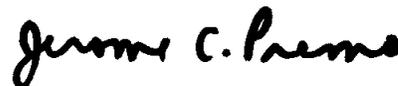
Motion by Commissioner Cox - Approve the staff's recommendation, with expectation that staff develop within the next few months a more detailed report on what happened to transition quarter money and what options are available for solving this problem in years to come. Seconded.

Roll call vote: Cano-aye, Tweedt-aye, Geoghegan-aye, Remy-aye, Reed-nay, Zimmerman-aye, Cox-aye, Ferraro-aye. Passed.

- B) Chairman Ferraro announced that this meeting is the last meeting for Renee Simon and a resolution to her would be appropriate. Executive Director was asked to prepare a resolution for signature by each Commission member.

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 14, 1978, at the Department of Water and Power Building, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



JEROME C. PREMO  
Executive Director