



LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION • 311 SOUTH SPRING STREET—SUITE 1206, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013 • (213) 626-0370

MINUTES

June 14, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hahn at 3:10 p.m.

Members present:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn
Supervisor Baxter Ward
Councilman John Ferraro
Mayor Ed Russ
Councilman John Zimmerman
Wendell Cox
Councilman Russell Rubley
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes
Robert Datel (non-voting member)

Staff members present:

Jerome Premo, Executive Director
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Norm Emerson, representing Mayor Bradley
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

1. Supervisor Hahn welcomed Russell Rubley, Councilman for City of Long Beach, as a new member of the Commission.
2. Supervisor Hahn acknowledged Mayor Russell Blewett, Mayor of Baldwin Park, who requested a chance to address the Commission.
3. Election of Vice Chairman:
Mayor Ed Russ was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman for the Commission, replacing Renee Simon.
4. Minutes of May 24, 1978 were approved, as submitted.
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Barna Szabo reported on the progress of bills on which Commission had previously taken positions.

State Legislation

AB 3328: (Berman) LACTC's 1/2¢ flexibility bill - The bill is currently in the Senate Public Utilities, Transit and Energy Committee and will be heard in August.

SB 1900: (Mills) Relating to the Transportation Development Act (SB 325) - The bill is currently being amended by Senator Mills to, in essence, drop the Maintenance of Effort requirement under the TDA and guarantee the transportation planning and programming funds in the state. The bill is set for hearing before the Assembly Transportation Committee on June 27.

AB 2435: (Ingalls) Clean-up legislation to AB 1246 (LACTC enabling legislation) - The bill will be amended in the near future to incorporate LACTC's proposed amendments to AB 1246 and SB 325. The bill is in Senate Public Utilities, Transit, and Energy with a hearing expected in August.

SB 1899: (Mills) Relating to Proposition 5 Program - Hearing on this bill was held yesterday in Assembly Transportation Committee. The LACTC amendments were amended into the bill.

AB 3260: (Ingalls) Relating to Social Service Transportation - LACTC staff is continuing to work with Assemblyman Ingalls and his staff on further amendments to this bill. The bill is in the Assembly Ways and Means Suspense File.

AB 3297: (Ingalls) Clean-up legislation to AB 402 - The bill is in Senate Transportation Committee with a hearing expected in August.

SB 1906: (Mills) Relating to use of TDA funds for Housing - The bill was amended to make it permissive instead of mandatory to use unused TDA funds for housing. The IRC recommends continued LACTC opposition to this bill.

SB 1440: (Mills) Relating to the use of UMTA Section 5 funds for Commuter Rail Services - The IRC recommends LACTC oppose until amended to drop the provisions that Caltrans be the only public agency to receive Section 5 funds for Commuter Rail Services.

SB 1735: (Mills) Relating to the allocation of Proposition 5 funds - The IRC recommends LACTC oppose until amended the provisions that allows California Transportation Commission to advance Proposition 5 funds from Los Angeles County to San Diego County.

M/S/C - approved Committee's recommendations for those items for action.

Federal Legislation

HR 11733 and S.2441: These bills have been referred to TAC for suggested positions.

SCAG Aviation Work Program Committee

Letter from Commission Alternate Chris Reed dated May 24, 1978, asks that someone from the Commission serve as an alternate on this SCAG committee. It was recommended by IRC that a staff person or Commission member be an alternate and that the Chairman of the Commission select the person. Executive Director was designated as the alternate.

LAX Ground Access Environmental Impact Assessment

Executive Director reviewed status. Staff analysis was endorsed by Commission, with two points of emphasis:

- 1) exclusive bus and carpool lanes to be considered in detail.
- 2) link to I-105 to be clarified.

Staff follow-up letter is attached as Exhibit A)

M/S/C - approved Intergovernmental Relations Committee report.

Chairman Hahn stated that he is impressed with each chairman of the various committees.

B. Finance Review Committee

John Ferraro reported on the committee's meetings of June 1 and June 12. The committee's recommendations for Commission approval are included as Exhibit B. All recommendations were approved as recommended.

During consideration of FRC recommendations, the following specific points or issues were noted by Commission members.

1. Assurance to Long Beach: Councilman Rubley expressed support for the reallocation of TDA capital reserve funds currently being held by Long Beach for transit operating purpose, based on the condition included in the FRC recommendation. He also cited a letter from SCAG (included as Exhibit C) as clarifying concerns of the City of Long Beach about this action.

2. Mayor Russell Blewett of Baldwin Park reviewed that city's request for 4.5 funding and urged that the Commission give it favorable consideration. Chairman Hahn responded that we should give every consideration to the proposal and that the Mayor should meet with the Finance Review Committee.

In response to an inquiry from Barna Szabo, the Executive Director indicated that funding consideration for the Baldwin Park project would occur in the same manner as we will consider the 4.5 proposal from the City of Los Angeles/Sylmar/San Fernando Valley. In approving the FRC recommendation for allocating Section 5 and TDA funds, no money to fund these additional 4.5 projects is currently available. However, it is likely that TDA receipts will be higher than the projected level for the next fiscal year, because of a growth in sales tax receipts above the currently projected 6.6% increase over FY 77/78. Once we get a better estimate of anticipated FY 78/79 TDA revenues, we will then be in a better position to consider the Baldwin Park and Los Angeles/Sylmar/San Fernando Valley 4.5 proposals.

3. Norm Emerson asked for a reconciliation of recent actions of the FAU Policy Committee regarding funding of transfer centers and park-and-ride lots with projects of similar matter proposed for UMTA Section 3 funding in the TIP. Executive Director will analyze this situation and report back to the Commission.
4. Chairman Hahn emphasized the importance of early acquisition of buses, citing them as top priority above construction of new maintenance facilities.

C. Administrative Committee

John Zimmerman reported that the next meeting for the Administrative Committee is scheduled for June 16. Chairman Hahn appointed Councilman Russell Rubley to temporarily serve on the Administrative Committee during the absence of Robert Geoghegan.

ATE Presentation

Mr. Zimmerman introduced Phil Ringo of ATE Management Service, Inc. who was joined by Michael Ferrari of Simpson & Curtin Consultants in presenting recommendation. Exhibit D is the presentation made by the consultants.

Chairman Hahn complimented Messrs. Ringo and Ferrari for a clear and understandable presentation and urged each member of the Commission to give careful consideration to the recommendations. He noted that the Commission should serve in an intermediary role in bringing together transit operators who hopefully will jointly work together to implement service improvements and cost-saving actions. Lacking voluntary cooperation, the Chairman cited the authority of the Commission in allocating \$150 million in transit operating funds as a potential lever in generating improved transit coordination.

Mayor Russ expressed considerable interest in having the consultants further consider service coordination in the South Bay, including the possibility of consolidation of transit operations there. Consultants will make such a proposal to staff.

Wendell Cox pointed out the role of the Arbitration Committee in considering how best to get on with implementing the consultant's recommendations.

Chairman Hahn complimented Wendell Cox for noting the role of the Arbitration Committee and urged that committee to be active, along with the Administrative Committee, in following up on recommendations.

Chairman Hahn also appointed Councilman Rubley to the Arbitration Committee.

6. Harbor Freeway designation as a Federal Interstate Highway:

Executive Director reported the Harbor Freeway was not designated as an interstate freeway. However, future opportunities for such a designation were not ruled out.

7. Sunset, Ltd. Proposal and Regional Transit Development Program (RTDP):

Supervisor Ward raised a number of points about the Technical Advisory Committee report commenting on the Sunset, Ltd. proposal and its relation to the RTDP, including

- City of Los Angeles' position on rail line to the San Fernando Valley: Supervisor Ward expressed considerable concern that the City Planning Department had not been clear on whether service to the Valley or westward along Wilshire to Santa Monica was a first priority. Norm Emerson responded that the letters from the City Planning Department and the City Engineering Department had not received formal policy approval from the Office of the Mayor. Supervisor Ward indicated that a policy clarification was appropriate.

- Timing of Caltrans' Freeway Transit report: In response to a question from Supervisor Ward, Bob Datel of Caltrans indicated that the Freeway Transit report should be available within a month.

No decision on retaining a consultant to evaluate the comparative costs and operating feasibility, etc. of the Sunset, Ltd. and the Freeway Transit proposal was made at this time. Rather, following extensive discussion, Chairman Hahn asked that Supervisor Ward and the Mass Transit Committee confer with the Administrative Committee on the advisability of an advisory referendum on the November ballot regarding public transportation.

Citing time problems, Chairman Hahn directed Items 7, 9, and 10 of the agenda be deferred until the June 28 Commission meeting.

8. LACTC FY 78/79 Operating Budget:

M/S/C - Budget was unanimously approved, as submitted, with the exception of cost-of-living salary increases for Commission employees. This item was deferred for subsequent consideration and decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 28, 1978, at the Department of Water and Power Building, Room 1555-H, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director

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Attachments