



MINUTES

June 28, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Edmond Russ at 3:10 p.m.

Members present:

Mayor Edmond Russ
Councilman Russell Rubley
Wendell Cox
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Ed Cano, alternate for Supervisor Hahn
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate for Councilman Ferraro

Staff members present:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Executive Director stated that Supervisor Ward is unable to attend Commission meeting today because of budget deliberations but he did express concern about an action of the Commission at its last meeting, specifically the approval as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of funds specifically for the Freeway Transit Element of the Regional Transit Development Program (RTDP). Supervisor Ward indicated to the Executive Director, as he did at the last meeting, a concern about the fact that the report on Freeway Transit is not available at this time. He felt that inclusion in next

year's TIP of some \$1.7 million in funds to carry further word on the Freeway Transit Element would not seem to be in the spirit of his proposal to comparatively review Supervisor Ward's proposal and the Caltrans Freeway Transit Proposal. Supervisor Ward further indicated that all aspects of the RTDP needed to be reviewed individually by the Commission in advance of decisions to be made about their implementation. Supervisor Ward requested the Executive Director to bring this matter to the Commission's attention, with the specific request that the Commission members would defer action on the Freeway Transit portion of the TIP pending review of the Caltrans report. This request would be a modification of the action taken at the last Commission meeting.

The Executive Director discussed a number of options open to the Commission on this matter.

The minutes of the June 12, 1978 meeting were adopted, as submitted.

Moved and seconded, Commissioner Robert Geoghegan moved, for purposes of discussion, Supervisor Ward's request to amend the TIP programming to delete the Freeway Transit portion of the RTDP.

In response to a request from Commissioner Geoghegan, the Executive Director stated that the Finance Review Committee discussed in some detail the impact of programming the RTDP at this point and concluded that the terms of the programming provided for adequate Commission review and approval of any and all aspects of the RTDP. The terms are that the programming is reflection of ongoing planning in the County but that Commission's approval of the RTDP would be subject to review of individual project reports.

Commissioner Peter Tweedt stated that this is in essence a verification of the action of the Commission at its last meeting and questioned the need for further consideration of the Commission's TIP action.

Commissioner Ray Remy stated non-endorsement of a particular element at this time is not consistent with the comprehensive concept of the Four-Part Program. He indicated that the Commission has not approved the RTDP or any element of it, only further planning and that to single out any portion of it for support or opposition at this time would be inappropriate.

Commissioner Geoghegan amended his motion to indicate that the Commission's programming of the RTDP in the TIP does not imply an endorsement of the program as a whole or any of its individual elements. Commissioner Cano, as seconder to the original motion, accepted the amended motion.

Voice vote: 5 ayes and 2 nays.

Testimony by the Sierra Club and Automobile Club of Southern California:

Mary Ferguson spoke on behalf of the Sierra Club on the Century Freeway. She read a prepared statement which states in part, that the Sierra Club believes that Los Angeles needs a transit to use the one billion dollars allotted for the Century Freeway to begin an area-wide transit system. She left with the Commission copies of A Case Study of Westway and Its Transit Alternatives (by Michael Gerrard, November 1977) for perusal by members at a later time.

Vince Desimone spoke on behalf of the Automobile Club of Southern California in favor of the Century Freeway.

Committee Reports:

Finance Review Committee

Peter Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of June 27. The committee's recommendations for Commission's approval are as follows:

1. Approval of \$2 million for acquisition of 190 vans.
2. Approval of TIP amendments (Types I transit projects totaling \$467,000 and Type III projects totaling \$852,000).
3. Recommends that the Chairman send a formal request to the Chairman of the California Transportation Commission regarding the Foothill Freeway-Route 30. (EXHIBIT A)

The letter request information on the report prepared by Caltrans regarding Route 30 and reminds the CTC that Route 30 is among the priority projects of this Commission.

4. Approved submitting a letter to the Secretary of Transportation a Transportation Action Program for Los Angeles County consisting of:
 - a) Section 3 of the TIP
 - b) Interstate designation of the Harbor Freeway
 - c) Approval of the Century Freeway (I-105) EIS
5. Recommendation to defer Baldwin Park's request for 4.5 funds pending receipt of additional TDA funds - to be considered along with Sylmar-San Fernando 4.5 request.

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

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported on the committee's June 26 meeting.

State Legislation - There is no significant change and there is no action needed to be taken.

Federal Legislation - Committee received a report from the Executive Director. It appears there may be some attempts consistent with the budget constraints and positions of the Carter Administration to reduce the size of the funding contained in the House transportation legislation follow the legislation carefully and assure that funds designated for the support of the highway program under the primary and urban systems would not be deleted from the bill.

LACTC's Role in implementing the Transportation Control Measures under the Federal Clean Air Act - There is a Memorandum of Understanding that has been developed between the Caltrans and the Air Resources Board. The Memorandum of Understanding does have some areas in it that have raised concern particularly on the part of local officials in terms of the more dominant state role in the implementation of the Transportation Control Measures under the Federal Clean Air Act. There is to be a public hearing by the Air Resources Board/Caltrans to review the provisions of the MOU. Recommendation of the IRC is that staff be instructed to prepare testimony for the upcoming hearing and work in concert with SCAG and the other transportation commissions within the

region to see if we can have one consistent statement relative to the MOU. (EXHIBIT B is testimony offered by Commissioner Remy at the July 10 hearing called by ARB and Caltrans.)

California Transportation Commission - The Executive Director attended the CTC's meetings on June 22 and 23 in Los Angeles.

There are a number of items related to statewide transportation policy that the CTC has under its advisement. The CTC postponed for a period of one month the decision Funding Methodology. The action of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee was to authorize the staff to continue to work closely with the committees of the Commission on the Funding Methodology questions and to prepare material that can be made available to the Transportation Commission.

M/S/C - Approved the report of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

M/S/C - That staff, in concert with SCAG and other interested agencies, review the proposed regulations recently developed by the Department of Energy regarding the Contingency Gasoline Rationing Plan. That staff report back in a couple of months on the plan and its impact on the Commission's program.

Administrative Committee

Executive Director reported on the committee's meeting of June 16. Recommendations of the committee are as follows:

1. Approval of a contract not to exceed \$15,000 and 6 months to continue work with the California Transportation Commission on Fund Methodology which relates the the allocation of highway funds.
2. Approval of Administrative Code changes
3. Clarification and ratification of Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members
4. ATE Contract modification based on authority made by the Commission.
5. Approval of the printing of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the 91/11 project. The Commission will expend funds not to exceed \$5,000 of this item.

M/S/C - Approved Administrative Committee's report.

Former Commissioner Simon had made appointments to the CAC. Vice Chairman Russ asked Commissioner Rubley about continuation of appointments. Mr. Rubley stated that staff has contacted the appointees involved and they all will be re-appointed.

ATE Report and the South Bay Consolidation Movement

M/S/ C - That staff look into extending the contract with ATE Management and Service Company to consider a further report on service coordination and possible consolidation of transit operations in the South Bay area and countywide and that a report on such extension be submitted to the Administrative Committee, and then to this Commission as a whole. (EXHIBIT C is the motion introduced by Commissioner Cox.)

Arbitration Committee

Wendell Cox reported on the committee's meeting of June 28 and the items discussed were:

1. SCRTD-Torrance Dispute - matter has not been completed resolved but is moving toward resolution at the staff level.
2. Change in Administrative Code - directed staff, with Commission's concurrence, to prepare the wording for an Administrative Code amendment that would require operators in Los Angeles County during the planning process to notify any other operators that are likely to be impacted by actions possible as a result of planning. Staff will submit the wording to the Arbitration Committee and to the Commission for approval.
3. Staff Contact - Asked Commission agreement that local operators who are presently involved in planning, which could impact other operators, to contact Ray Maekawa, Transit Operations Analyst, of Commission staff.
4. ATE Report - At the last Commission meeting, Chairman Hahn and the Commission members agreed that the Arbitration Committee should oversee the effort to try to implement the service coordination plan which ATE has given the Commission.

Significant progress has been made in bringing involved operators together to evaluate service coordination plans. The Arbitration Committee will continue to closely supervise the activities of the staff and the negotiations that will be going on among the consultant, staff, and the operators.

M/S/C - Approved Arbitration Committee's report.

Letter from Caltrans Director Gianturco to Chairman Hahn on \$60 million Shortfall:

Executive Director reported on two particular points in the Director's letter of May 24, 1978:

1. Caltrans is indicating their intent through their 6-Year Planning Program to make up the \$66 million (formerly \$60 million) in the next four-year cycle.
2. Reference is made to Caltrans' willingness to support legislation which would result in \$66 million or an equal amount being available in the next four-year period.

Executive Director stated that recent developments in the Legislature have occurred. AB 2190 (Budget Act of 1978), which was passed out to the members, is moving towards adoption in Sacramento. Of the \$15.2 billion budget, the \$66 million shortfall is to be expended in District 7. Executive Director suggested that the Chairman call the Governor indicating appreciation to the legislative people who have been working on this bill and that the Commission is looking forward to seeing this budget signed in its current form.

SCAG Regional Transportation Plan:

Executive Director reported that he testified at the SCAG Hearing on June 22.

Report to the Legislature

The Table of Contents, Introduction and Summary were distributed to the members. The report to the Legislature summarizes major issues of the Commission in the last 18 months and to identify several additional issues which are important as we look forward from here. Executive Director summarized these issues.

The full report will be available and delivered to each member by Friday. The Assembly and Senate want copies of the report by mid-July. The Executive Director asked for comments from Commission members by July 10.

Executive Director's Report:

A. Ad-Hoc Task Force on highway expenditures

At an earlier meeting of the Commission, Chairman Hahn was authorized to appoint an ad-hoc group. This group will be meeting in Chairman Hahn's conference room on Friday, June 30 to discuss what work they might be able accomplish, within the 90-day period, in examining highway funding situation.

B. Councilman Rubley's assignments

He will fill the assignments which were filled by his predecessor, Renee Simon.

Notice of Meetings:

Notice was distributed to the members. It was announced that the Commission meetings for July and August will only be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

July 26 and August 23

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. for Executive Session.

Meeting reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting formally adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 26, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water of Power, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



JEROME C. PREMO
Executive Director

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Attachments



M I N U T E S

July 26, 1978

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at 3:05 p.m.

Members present:

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

Staff members present:

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

1. Approval of Minutes:

Wendell Cox asked that the minutes indicate that he introduced the resolution to examine transit consolidation in the South Bay on behalf of Mayor Edmond Russ. The minutes of the June 28, 1978 meeting were approved, as corrected.

2. Committee Reports

A. Matters considered by more than one LACTC Committee:

Finance Review Committee and Intergovernmental
Relations Committee:

1. Intercounty Allocation Formula-Recommendation
for Allocation of UMTA Section 5 Funds

The Executive Director said it is recommended that the Chairman and Mayor Bradley represent or select representatives to serve on a special

committee to meet at the request of SCAG. Two representatives of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties would try to develop an acceptable formula for allocating subsidy funds.

M/S/C - Chairman Hahn and Mayor Bradley to get together to see if they could serve as the representatives, and if not, Chairman Hahn will select representatives.

2. Federal Maintenance of Effort: Options in Light of Pending Federal Legislation

M/S/C - to support an approach where Federal operating costs would not be allowed to exceed one-third of operating costs, and the concurrent elimination of the existing "maintenance of effort" and "50-50 match" limitations on Federal transit operating assistance.

3. Veto of \$175.2 Million from State Budget

The Executive Director stated that discussions were going on among the counties in District 7 relative to obtaining legislation which would reinstate the \$66 million loss in highway funds vetoed by the Governor. Two suggestions came out of the FRC and IGR Committees: One, to enact legislation to augment the budget to include \$66 million for District 7 in 1978-79; attempt to have the veto overridden

Bob Datel added there is one more approach for consideration: writing into law that the shortfall will be taken off the top of the Caltrans budget and go into the following four year District minimum.

The Finance Review Committee felt the Commission should move to override the veto; the Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not agree. The Executive Director said it was up to the Commission on how they want to proceed. He summarized AB3020 (Lancaster) which provides for an augmentation in the District 7 budget of at least \$66 million, for highway construction purposes.

Commissioner Peter Tweedt felt the Commission should strongly let Sacramento know that the governor has made a mistake with a veto of these funds, and added that the override was certainly more important than the augmentation.

Commissioner John Ferraro felt the Chairman should be given the authority to decide which way we should go.

M/S/C - the Chairman should examine the possibility of an override and decide on whether to pursue it, as well as to support AB3020.

AYES

Ed Cano
John Ferraro
Baxter Ward
Barna Szabo
Bob Geoghegan
Ray Remy
Wendell Cox
Edmond Russ

NAYES

Russell Rubley
John Zimmerman
Peter Tweedt

B. Administrative Committee:

1. Sunset, Ltd and Caltrans Consultant analysis

Commissioner John Zimmerman went over the status of the contract to review and contrast Sunset, Ltd. and Caltrans and the plans/schedule for the Request for Proposal. (RFP)

Vice Chairman Russ asked about the cost. Commissioner Zimmerman said they are asking that it not exceed \$50,000. Commissioner Tweedt was concerned about the Commission's expenditure of monies for consultant services. Commissioner Zimmerman said there have been plans done before by Caltrans and SCRTD but we have nothing to compare them with. Bob Geoghegan concurred, adding that the Commission needs more information to be able to make comparisons so that the Commission can make the best decision on future transit improvements.

Commissioner Wendell Cox said it will be necessary to compare the Sunset, Ltd. and the Caltrans Freeway Transit proposal, but since the RFP might be ready before the Caltrans report is, maybe the Commission should not take action at this time.

Barna Szabo said the RFP should be further clarified and felt the question of the use of the study was valid.

Bob Datel said the Caltrans Freeway Transit report will be ready in a few days.

Commissioner Baxter Ward said the reason for the study is to determine which system is desirable and stressed the need for such a study.

Ray Remy said he would like to know what the study is going to do, the time frame involved, and the process to be used. The Executive Director went over the schedule for distributing the RFP.

Bob Datel felt the question of which system to implement was a social, political and financial matter and that enough technical details were already available to the Commission to make a decision. Rather than hire a consultant, the Commission should find out what's happened in the past few years--perhaps a workshop.

M/S - Staff directed to prepare the Request for Proposal, distribute it to Commissioners, receive input from Commissioners, bring the RFP back at the next Commission meeting. It was also included in the motion that the cost and duration not be in the RFP.

Barna Szabo suggested that Bob Datel's earlier suggestion of a workshop might be something that should be considered.

Commissioner Wendell Cox said he would like to see the Commission not take any action at this point until after reviewing Caltrans' report.

A roll call vote was taken on the preceeding motion, directing staff to prepare and distribute to the Commission immediately the Request for Proposal, which would address the scope of services and not include a dollar figure or time frame, receive comments from the Commission by August 14th, and bring the RFP back to the Commission at the August 23 meeting decision and action:

AYES

Ed Cano
John Ferraro
Russell Rubley
Baxter Ward
Bob Geoghegan
Barna Szabo
John Zimmerman
Edmond Russ

NAYES

Peter Tweedt
Ray Remy
Wendell Cox

2. Contract Regarding Transit Consolidation in L. A. County - continued until next Administrative Committee meeting.

3. APTA Annual Meeting September 24-28 in Toronto

Commissioner John Zimmerman said the Committee recommends that the Executive Director and at least two Commissioners attend the meeting. Commission accepted this recommendation. Chairman will designate Commissioners to attend.

4. Opinion Poll Report - Presentation by Don Weddle and John Storms

Executive Director introduced Don Weddle and John Storms, who presented findings of their poll of 700 people.

Commissioner Peter Tweedt asked for the summary and analysis. Staff distributed the summary and Opinion Research is in the process of typing the final report.

After a question and answer period, the Commission referred the poll to the Administrative Committee for review and analysis, and for a report back to the Commission.

C. Finance Review Committee:1. Request by SCRTD and City of L.A. for Additional Planning Funds

Commissioner John Ferraro reported the Finance Review Committee recommends approval of a request from SCRTD and the City of Los Angeles for additional planning funds for: a) Regional Core Rapid Transit Element, and b) Downtown People Mover.

M/S/C - Approve Finance Review Committee's recommendation.

2. Unmet Transit Needs in Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys

Finance Review Committee recommended approval of needs finding, with the exception of Avalon (which will be held in abeyance until the next Commission meeting), and Santa Clarita, which will be discussed separately.

M/S/C - Approve Finance Review Committee's recommendation.

3. Unmet Transit Needs - Santa Clarita Valley

Commissioner John Ferraro called on Commissioner Baxter Ward to comment on Santa Clarita Valley unmet transit needs. Commissioner Ward went over several

transit programs set up in the Santa Clarita Valley area and said there just wasn't enough patronage to justify the costs involved. Mr. Ward felt that additional studies of unmet transit needs which could reasonably be met was unjustified.

Commissioner Cox referring to his minority report, said the \$50,000 requested to be set aside is for operating funds and that it would only be set aside until October 1, before which time staff would examine data offered in support of testimony given at the hearing. The staff analysis would explore whether a transit need was sufficient justify service.

Michael S. Ball, Golden State Transit in Santa Clarita Valley, was recognized from the audience by Chairman Russ. He said, that when SCRTD provided bus service, it was not provided at the peak hours and therefore patronage was low. Mr. Ball added he felt there should be more public hearings on this subject.

The Executive Director stated that by law, SCAG and LACTC must make a determination that in areas within Los Angeles County, not in the SCRTD service area, either have unmet transit needs which can reasonably be met or not. If they find no unmet needs, then the funds can be used for road improvements in that area.

After much discussion, there was a roll call vote to accept the Finance Committee's report to defer release of \$50,000 until October 1 pending staff analysis:

AYES

Russell Rubley
Peter Tweedt
Wendell Cox
Edmond Russ

NAYES

Ed Cano
John Ferraro
Baxter Ward
Barna Szabo
Bob Geoghegan
Ray Remy
John Zimmerman

M/S/C - No unmet needs were found that could be reasonably met in Santa Clarita Valley. The Avalon matter was continued until the next Commission meeting.

4. TIP Amendment Procedures

The Executive Director said TAC has recommended that the Commission preclude the need to go through several committees on what are minor project amendments to the TIP. TAC recommended approval procedures to expedite processing of TIP amendments in accordance with TAC and staff recommendations.

M/S/C - Approve recommendation of the Finance Review Committee.

5. Route 126 in Santa Clarita Valley

Finance Review Committee recommended to Caltrans and CTC retention of Route 126 on the State Highway system, in the Santa Clarita Valley.

M/S/C - Approve recommendation of the Finance Review Committee. Staff will communicate position to State and local elected officials, interested media, etc.

6. Caltrans' Invitation to On-Site Briefing Demonstration on 60-605 Branch Connector Metering

No action taken -- informational item.

D. Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

1. State Legislation

Commissioner Ray Remy said there is a potential change in position of reaffirmation on AB 3260 by Senator Ingalls, and that there are a number of items in the bill that could have potential costs to local governments. The IRC recommends opposing the bill unless amended so as not to obligate local agencies.

M/S/C - Approve recommendation of the IRC.

2. Federal Legislation

Commissioner Ray Remy said the IRC recommends that the Commission send a letter to Secretary Adams encouraging support of inclusion of the Harbor Freeway in the Interstate System for more favorable funding purposes.

The Executive Director went over the July 11, 1978 letter the Commission sent to Secretary Adams and the three main items of the letter: Los Angeles has been short-changed in past transit aid and now is seeking a commitment of \$185 million for transit capital; second, the question of whether DOT has adequate mileage available for the Harbor designation, third, approval on the EIS on the Century Freeway so progress can be made. (Letter attached as EXHIBIT A).

After much discussion, no position or action was taken.

3. Executive Director's Report:

A. Letter to Administrator Page:

The Executive Director went over the letter he and SCRTD General Manager Jack Gilstrap sent to Administrator Page of UMTA, giving corridor densities for Los Angeles' Wilshire Corridor in comparison to other cities which have received UMTA rail construction grants.

B. Testimony before Department of Energy

Executive Director reported on his testimony before the Federal Energy Department on the draft standby gas rationing plan.

C. Fund Estimate Methodology

The Executive Director said the Commission was working with the California Transportation Commission in an effort to insure that they adopt an approach to funding which is supported by our Commission.

D. Report to the Legislature

The Executive Director reported that the report has been sent to the Legislature in compliance with AB 1246.

4. Notice of future meetings was distributed.

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 23, 1978, at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, Room 1555-H, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted


JEROME C. PREMO
Executive Director

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Attachments

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