



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

MINUTES

September 13, 1978

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

Members present were:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn  
Mayor Edmond Russ  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Supervisor Baxter Ward  
Wendell Cox  
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes  
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley  
Councilwoman Pat Russell, alternate for Councilman Ferraro  
Councilwoman Chris Reed, alternate for Mayor Russ  
Robert Datel, Ex-Officio

Staff members present:

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

Minutes of August 23, 1978 were approved, as submitted.

Committee Reports

Administrative Committee

John Zimmerman reported the contract to review and contrast Sunset, Ltd. and Caltrans Freeway Transit proposal was referred back to the Administrative Committee for reconsideration. The committee has not met and so the committee has no recommendation on this matter. (Continued later in meeting.)

Finance Review Committee

Peter Tweedt reported on the FRC's meeting of September 11, 1978. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

- . Approval of request from Caltrans to temporarily transfer \$3.3 million in unobligated FAU funds to Federal-Aid Primary (FAP) Programs on a loan basis.
- . Approval of second round TIP Type I amendments for inclusion in 78/79 TIP:
  - \$9 million additional for transit
  - \$1.7 million addition for highways

Wendell Cox reported that the committee agreed to approve the placing of the new administration building in the TIP in fiscal year '79, with the condition that RTD would return to the Commission at grant application time for final approval.

- . The LACTC support all four (2 L.A. City and 2 SCRTD) intermodal facilities applications for SB 1879 funding in the amount of \$4.9 million.
- . Recommends that the Commission send a letter to the Governor urging him to sign AB 2591 which deals with the rescission of various routes and would protect the Foothill Freeway; and AB 2991 which designates Azusa Avenue as a State Highway.

M/S/C - Approved FRC's recommendations.

Ray Remy asked questions about the TIP approval of the 60/605 ramp metering demonstration project, specifically how long this item will be tabled, when will it be before matter is reported back and how does it impact the process at Caltrans in terms of the project?

The committee asked that this project be taken out of the TIP and asked Caltrans to report back as to whether or not a lane widening would meet the same requirements as the ramp metering. Peter Tweedt didn't think the delay was a long term matter.

Executive Director reported that Caltrans has already done some analysis and staff will have to work with them over the next couple of weeks to see if the questions that have been asked can be answered in that time period. Caltrans was concerned that some positive action could occur by SCAG's Transportation Utilities Committee meeting in late October.

Presuming the information can be laid out to the satisfaction of the Commission, it is possible that the Commission could act on this matter either at the last meeting in September or the first meeting in October.

#### Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported on the following:

Federal Legislation - Commission has opposed the Brooke amendment, which adds substantial sums of money for operating assistance to northeastern rail cities. Mr. Remy noted that Senator Muskie was considering introducing an amendment to on the Senate side that would be consistent with this Commission's position. Mayor Bradley is in Washington now and is going to call Senator Muskie to indicate that the Commission's support for removing the Brooke amendment from the Senate's side. It makes the funding on the Senate side closer to what the Administration has said it would accept.

In addition, Senator Morgan is introducing an amendment to very substantially reduce Senate funding for transportation.

Executive Director stated that the effect of this amendment is to limit expenditures in any one year to the exact amount in that single year that came into the highway fund. It doesn't allow flexibility in carryovers of funds from year to year, based on delays, and it could conceivably really hurt the management of our highway program.

The staff was directed to follow this bill closely.

On the House side, the joint highway-transit bill will be heard in the next week.

#### State Legislation

AB 3020 (Lanterman) - Relates to the \$66 million State highway District 7 shortfall. Commission was instrumental in pursuing passage of this bill. Chairman Hahn has written a letter to the Governor on September 6, 1978, urging him to sign AB 3020.

AB 3328 (Berman) - LACTC's 1/2¢ sales tax flexibility bill. This bill died on the Senate floor.

AB 2435 (Ingalls) - Cleanup legislation to the County Transportation Commission's Act - AB 1246. This bill never was heard by the Senate.

SB 1735 (Mills) - Relating to the allocation of Prop. 5 funds to San Diego for transit construction. Governor has signed this bill on August 31, 1978. Recommended that staff monitor carefully the application that San Diego will have to submit to the State Transportation Commission for these funds to assure that this Commission will not lose any monies that will be needed for projects in District 7.

Chairman urged Ray Remy to meet with John Zimmerman to clarify this position's follow-up on this bill.

#### 91/11 Status Report

Mayor Russ reported that the Committee has received cooperation from Caltrans and meetings have been held bi-weekly or monthly on moving this project forward. The time schedule for getting final approval from the State is about mid-October. A negative declaration has been awarded by the Federal Highway Administration for this project.

#### Presentation of Highway User Ad-Hoc Task Force

Jerry Premo briefed the Commission on the Ad-Hoc Task Force's findings and staff's analysis.

Chairman Hahn suggested that Councilwoman Pat Russell should visit Secretary Brock Adams and meet with him personally.

Chairman Hahn invited Commissioners to dinner at Patriotic Hall tonight at 7:00 p.m., (reception at 6:00 p.m.) to meet the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

#### Executive Director's Report

##### Information items -

1. Caltrans Freeway Transit Report
2. Letter from Assemblyman Walter Ingalls commenting on the Commission's report to the Legislature.
3. California Transportation Commission: The Commission will be meeting in Los Angeles on September 21 and 22 at the Department of Water and Power Building, Room 1555-H. Chairman Simon has invited both gubernatorial candidates to the meeting to speak on transportation concerns and issues.

Executive Director indicated that the Fund Estimate Methodology was adopted at the last meeting of the California Transportation Commission. The current Caltrans program will be the program for the next two years; however, the last three years of the 5-year program will be subject to review by the California Transportation Commission

4. Additional Section 5 funds: Staff is working with Orange and San Bernardino Transportation Commissions on arrangements for allocating money.

Case for Rail Transit by American Public Transit Association was handed out to the members.

Chairman Hahn thanked Robert Datel for a job well done for the cooperation between Caltrans and the Commission and the personal interest in handling various matters.

Sunset, Ltd. Proposal

Supervisor Baxter Ward handed out a supplemental report on the Sunset, Ltd. and requested that the Commission proceed with the comparative bus and rail consultant study.

Bob Geoghegan indicated that Supervisor Edelman supported the study.

Ray Remy questioned the Executive Director as to whether sufficient technical capability existed in local agencies to do the kind of work envisioned in the study.

The Executive Director indicated that he believed the technical capability existed in the County, but that current differences of opinion on technical matters between staffs in the County pointed to the need for outside assistance.

Ray Remy questioned whether there would be endorsement of the findings of an outside study.

The Executive Director responded that the close involvement of Commissioners during the progress of the study would minimize disagreements over it. He could not guarantee, however, that there would not be any disagreement over the study conclusions.

Ray Remy asked whether this study would put the bus and rail alternatives on the context of all transportation planning activities going on.

The Executive Director agreed that the corridor-level alternatives being examined would have to be related to the other projects being proposed in the County.

Ray Remy asked what process would be used in the selection of a consultant.

Chairman Hahn indicated that the Administrative Committee should come to the full Commission with any recommendation for hiring a consultant.

Peter Tweedt asked whether the RFP would include consideration of all financing sources and what the time frame of the study would be.

The Executive Director indicated the study would last up to 120 days and that the Commission itself could draw conclusions of funding sources as well as a consultant.

Peter Tweedt questioned whether conclusions could be drawn in the study without financing being within its scope.

Chairman Hahn requested that the Finance Review and Administrative Committees, under John Zimmerman's direction, jointly monitor the study.

#### Trip to Washington

Chairman Hahn asked the members and alternates to check their calendars to see if a trip can be arranged some time in October for 4 or 5 days. He suggested that the delegation review the Atlanta and Boston systems or other different systems and report back to the full Commission at the November Commission meeting. He asked the Executive Director to contact each Commissioner and alternate to find out their schedule and arrange a meeting with Secretary Brock Adams.

#### Sacramento Trip by Commissioner John Zimmerman

He reported on his visit to the State Legislature and applauded John Ferraro for getting this Commission organized and ready to go and applauded Kenneth Hahn for his efforts during this past year for the accomplishments that the Commission has made. He indicated that, if this Commission is going to get legislation through, we have to have the cooperation of both the Senate and the Assembly and must get the leaders together.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 27, 1978 at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power Building, 111 North Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

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