



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

MINUTES

September 27, 1978

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

Members present were:

Mayor Ed Russ
Councilman John Zimmerman
Councilman Russell Rubley
Councilman John Ferraro
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Robert J. Datel, Ex-Officio

Staff members present:

Joe Leach, acting for Jerome C. Premo
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel

Minutes of September 13, 1978, were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Administrative Committee

John Zimmerman reported on the RFP for Sunset, Ltd./Freeway Transit analysis. He asked the members to review the proposal and submit suggestions to the Administrative Committee. in a week for consideration.

Ray Remy asked if the time frame could be shortened to 90 days or less instead of 90 to 120 days.

Staff was requested to review the possibility of incorporating the shorter time period and have it considered by the Administrative Committee.

The next meeting of the Administrative Committee is October 4, 1978.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported on the following:

1. Federal legislation is being discussed and debated this week for the surface transportation legislation on the House side.
2. State legislation -

SB 1735: Mayor Russ asked if there is any advantage to our area having a similar bill to seek legislation as San Diego did. This matter will be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for a report back to the Commission.

There will be a SCAG/CTC meeting on November 17. Joe Leach explained that this is a semi-annual meeting between SCAG and the county transportation commissions, as required in AB 1246. An agenda is being prepared and notice of the meeting will be sent out soon.

Arbitration Committee

Joe Leach reported on the Arbitration Committee for Commissioner Cox. He referred to a memo from Wendell Cox to the Commission members and alternates concerning the negotiations between the City of Norwalk and SCRTD for extensions of various routes which have been integrated.

The memo points out the efforts of SCRTD and City of Norwalk's staff and particularly the efforts of Commissioner Zimmerman in bringing these questions to a satisfactory conclusion. Joe Leach recommended that communication be received.

Chairman Russ indicated that communication will be received.

91/11 Status Report

Chairman Russ indicated that the task force on the 91/11 project is meeting again tomorrow to finalize the final signing of all documents. He has just received from Joe Leach the final printout of the Route 91/11 Environmental Impact Report. If everything goes well, all signatures, which are required, will be in Sacramento by approximately October 16.

Mayor Russ handed out copies of a newspaper article from the Daily Breeze (September 24, 1978) which headlines, "Artesia link: State has plan, no money." Chairman Russ indicated that this article is misleading and asked Bob Datel to explain what is going to be necessary to go ahead with the total intermediate project, as stated in the Environmental Impact Report.

Mr. Datel stated that the final project is defined as a \$30 to \$35 million project. The opportunity that this Commission would have to recommend funding for the higher level project would come about as the Commission gets into the first cycle of the new TIP process under AB 402 late this year or early next year. This Commission will be putting together a TIP process, based on the funding that the California Transportation Commission will be allocating to Los Angeles County and this Commission will have the opportunity to decide whether this higher level project is a high enough priority compared to the funds that are available to recommend to the California Transportation Commission.

Mayor Russ indicated that the second alternative would be the possibility of using some of the \$66 million in AB 3020 if the Governor signs the bill.

Mr. Datel stated that, if this bill becomes law, the California Transportation Commission has to decide by April how they are going to budget the \$66 million. If they are open to and would consider unprogrammed projects, which the 91/11 project is considered to be, there would be an opportunity to consider this project as part of that \$66 million.

To be certain that the 91/11 project is included, \$20 million, the additional amount for the intermediate project, should be included in the TIP. Staff will continue to pursue the funding for this project and will report to the Commission at the next meeting.

Clean Air Act

Jeanne Spinner briefed the Commission on the status report of the preliminary draft Air Quality Management Plan. She presented the preliminary ranking of 24 transportation control measures developed by the Technical Advisory Committee and indicated that SCAG wished the Commission to assume a position on these measures by October 6. Commission members requested greater clarification of the measures including funding availability, level and timing of implementation and LACTC authority. Commissioner Remy stressed the importance of the Air Quality Plan. Commissioners Tweedt and Remy requested that an in-depth discussion be scheduled for the October 11 Commission meeting, at which time the Commission would formally act on the measures.

M/S/C - Staff inform SCAG that Commission has no information until after the October 11 meeting. Staff will provide additional information to Commission members.

Regional Transportation Development Program (RTDP)

Rick Richmond of staff briefed the Commission on the status of the 4-Part Program. He indicated the Freeway Transit report was being reviewed by the staff and that Caltrans had requested that a portion of the proposed busway on the Santa Ana Freeway be included in the Interstate Highway cost to complete estimate in addition to their pending request that the Harbor Freeway be designated as part of the Interstate system. Second, comments on the Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown People Mover are due by mid-October and will be available for Commission's review at its next meeting. Third, the SCRTD Rapid Transit Committee has indicated its preliminary preference for one of the alternatives being studied, a rail line from Union Station to North Hollywood via Wilshire and Fairfax. A final Board decision will not be made until after further public comment. Finally, a composite report on the 4-Part Program is being prepared and will be distributed to the Commissioners when available.

Executive Director's Report

Joe Leach reported on the following items from the Executive Director.

A. California Transportation Commission:

Communication to Norton Simon, Chairman of the California Transportation Commission, regarding the highway user taxes for Los Angeles County.

B. Temporary FAU Loan to Caltrans:

Communication to Robert Datel acknowledging this Commission's action at the September 13 meeting on the temporary FAU loan for federal-aid primary projects to Caltrans.

C. DOT Section 504 regulations on transit for handicapped persons:

Executive Director Jerry Premo represented the Commission at the DOT Section 504 hearing on September 15 in Berkeley. His remarks are attached as EXHIBIT A.

D. Section 5 Intercounty allocation:

Allocation of Section 5 UMTA funds among the counties in the urbanized areas. Staff has been working with

the Executive Directors of the Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Transportation Commissions. Chairman Hahn and Mayor Bradley were appointed by this Commission to represent this Commission in the negotiations. A report will be made at the next Commission meeting.

E. Countywide satisfaction of UMTA Title VI requirements:

SCRTD has recently completed a countywide compliance report on the Title VI requirement through their consultant. At a recent Bus Operators Subcommittee meeting, an interest was indicated to find out whether or not the municipal operators would be interested in this Commission filing a compliance report with UMTA for each of the municipal bus operators, utilizing and piggy back on the SCRTD's Title VI study and report. Staff will report back to the Commission with a recommendation for action regarding the potential filing of the Title VI requirements.

New Business

1. Barna Szabo indicated that he had sent a letter to the Executive Director concerning the Airport Express Bus situation. This service is possibly in jeopardy because of constraints due to fare differentials, and subsidies among the private and public operators serving LAX.

Ray Remy suggested that this matter concerns the SCRTD and the Department of Airports and that those agencies might be the ones to resolve the problem.

Chairman Russ asked that the Executive Director have a preliminary report to the Commission by the next meeting.

2. Announcement was made by Chairman Russ that Secretary Brock Adams will be in Los Angeles on October 16 and/or 17.

Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and noted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be on October 11, 1978 at 3:00 p.m., at the Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,


JOSEPH P. LEACH, Acting for
Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director