

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

MINUTES

October 11, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hahn at 3:09 p.m.

Members present were:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn
Mayor Ed Russ
Councilman John Zimmerman
Councilman Russell Rubley
Wendell Cox
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum
Ed Cano, alternate for Supervisor Hahn

Staff members present:

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

Minutes of September 27, 1978 were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Finance Review Committee

Peter Tweedt reported on the committee's meeting of October 10, 1978, and the committee's recommendations to the Commission are as follows:

- Approval of amendments to the 1978-79 Overall Work Program to include carryover FHWA and UMTA funds in the amount of \$266,588 to SCRTD and the City and County of Los Angeles; and \$50,400 in FHWA Section 28 funds to the County of Los Angeles.
- Approval of request from CRA for a 1978-79 TIP Amendment in the amount of \$950,000 for completion of DPM Planning and Environmental Assessment activities.
- . Authorization for staff to submit comments to DPM Environmental Impact Report and to include additional comments on the EIR from Commission members.

. Approval of LACTC submitting to UMTA on behalf of the municipal operators the SCRTD study covering compliance with certain portions of Title VI Civil Rights requirements.

M/S/C - Commission approved the Finance Review Committee's recommendations.

Peter Tweedt reported that the committee did not take any action on the implementation of AB 3020, which is the \$66 million allocation to Caltrans District 7, but did discuss this matter in some detail. Caltrans is presently interpreting the bill to determine just how it is to be implemented. SCAG has scheduled a meeting on October 19 or 20 to meet with District 7's three counties (Orange, Ventura, and Los Angeles) and representatives from Caltrans to hear Caltrans' interpretation of the law. The committee recommends the Executive Director attend the meeting at SCAG.

Jerry Premo and Councilman Russell Rubley were designated to represent the Commission.

Executive Director stated that Walt Quinn from Assemblyman Ingalls' office is here and will be joining this Commission along with Assemblyman Lanterman, who authored AB 3020. Mr. Quinn worked closely with our Commission in drafting the bill in its current form. It was the staff's assumption that the \$66 million would be available for allocation to the three counties, and the counties would present their program of projects to the California Transportation Commission and Caltrans.

Chairman Hahn reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, Georgia.

Chairman Hahn indicated that he had sent a memo to the Executive Director requesting a written report on ways of improving this Transportation Commission to make it more effective in improving the transportation problems in Los Angeles County. Also, the Chairman asked the Executive Director to submit a written report on how we can develop a MARTA system for Los Angeles County. A copy of Chairman Hahn's memo was handed out to the Commission members. (EXHIBIT A).

Chairman Hahn asked Commission members to suspend the business session to honor as a Transportation Commission, the first award the Commission has given to a distinguished citizen, Assemblyman Frank Lanterman. Chairman Hahn presented Assemblyman Lanterman with a scroll of appreciation from the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

Assemblyman Lanterman accepted the resolution and addressed the Commission. He urged the Commission to work on unifying our County's delegation in the State Legislature behind the Commission's programs for transportation development. He noted that in a county as big as Los Angeles that it would be difficult but we should try our best. He also pointed out that we should be aware of transportation problems, not only in our County, but also those of the region - that we cannot ignore the problems of the areas around us. Assemblyman Lanterman also discussed problems surrounding the completion of Route 7, loss of "home rule" by local jurisdictions as a result of Proposition 13 and completion of freeway gaps.

Chairman Hahn asked Commission members to offer any comments to Assemblyman Lanterman that they might wish.

Several Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Assemblyman Lanterman's help in AB 3020 and wished him many years of good health. They also asked him to lend his expertise to the Commission from time-to-time.

Chairman Hahn thanked the Executive Director for writing the resolution.

Councilman Zimmerman made a presentation to the Commission. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the Commission to date, based on its failure to define its authority relative to Caltrans, SCAG, SCRTD, and the municipal operators and its inability to come up with an acceptable transit system for the County. He suggested soliciting the help of industry to develop an innovative transit proposal for Los Angeles County. He also suggested that a film of describing a cable suspended transit system be shown to the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Zimmerman's remarks, Commissioner Remy commended the Commission and Chairman Hahn's efforts, along with Assemblyman Lanterman, to get the \$66 million returned to this County. He also mentioned a letter from Assemblyman Ingalls that, for the first time, there is a presence of transportation in this County and this region influencing what happens in Sacramento. He also cited other positive transportation developments, such as the impending I-105 decision and Federal legislation, which have occurred since the establishment of the Commission.

Mayor Russ also added his comments and concurred in Mr. Remy's comments.

Chairman Hahn asked Mayor Russ to submit his ideas and suggestions on what the Commission's accomplishments and goals should be.

Councilman Rubley mentioned the reception for Secretary Adams which is scheduled for Monday (October 16), from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Long Beach and hope that Commission members would attend the reception.

Chairman Hahn asked the Executive Director to send a memo to the members giving information on the time and place of the reception for Secretary Brock Adams.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported on the Federal Surface Transportation legislation. This bill is in the conference committee today. He also received two messages--one, that the full 20 miles is in both reports and the second, that it is sure that the 7 miles for the designation is in as a non-debatable item.

The Executive Director indicated that about \$450 million of transit money would be guaranteed for our area in the pending bill.

Administrative Committee

John Zimmerman reported that the study of the Freeway Transit and Sunset, Ltd. proposals was presented at the last Commission meeting and the committee was given some suggested changes. The changes were incorporated into the RFP.

Peter Tweedt asked that the report on the action/recommendations of the Administrative Committee be corrected to show that report was made by the Administrative and Finance Revie Committees under John Zimmerman's direction.

Mr. Zimmerman indicated that it was the Administrative Committee's recommendation to have one Commission meeting a month.

Chairman Hahn suggested that the Executive Director ask each Commissioner about having a Commission meeting once a month, with committee chairmen to meet at the call of the Chairman of the Commission.

It was decided that Commission will meet on October 25.

All other items on the agenda will be continued at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting will be at 3:00 p.m., on October 25, at the Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

JEROME C. PREMO Executive Director

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