



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

MINUTES

November 8, 1978

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

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn  
Supervisor Baxter Ward  
Mayor Ed Russ  
Councilman Russell Rubley  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Councilman John Ferraro  
Wendell Cox  
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Rey Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley  
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Ed Cano, alternate for Supervisor Hahn  
Robert Datel, Ex-Officio, representing State of California

Staff members present:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of October 25, 1978 were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Committee

John Zimmerman reported on the committee's meeting as follows:

Draft Administrative Procedure Manual - Draft copy was included in the agenda packet for review and comments by Commissioners.

Chairman Hahn asked the Administrative Committee to look into and develop recommendations dealing with possible federal legislation allowing the use of Federal highway funds for development of rail rapid transit system. After discussion, this matter was referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for action.

## Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported on the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978. Report of the bill was distributed to the members (EXHIBIT A).

Report by Shirley Irwin, Chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Committee:

Shirley Irwin reported on the workshop of the Citizens Advisory Committee which was held on Saturday, October 28, at the Los Angeles County Hall of Records. Subject of the workshop was the proposals on the Freeway Transit Plan and Sunset, Ltd. Plan. The report on the workshop will be mailed to the Commission members.

Chairman Hahn commended Shirley Irwin for her report and for serving as Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Chairman Hahn also asked the Executive Director to encourage the Citizens Advisory Committee to develop input to the Commission.

Administrative Committee (continued)

Contract to review and contrast Sunset, Ltd. and Freeway Transit proposals -

Supervisor Baxter Ward indicated that 60% of those who voted on Proposition I expressed a choice for the option of rail from Union Station to the Airport.

He criticized the four-part program for being disjointed and not providing for fast, through transit travel. He called for a re-examination of the four-part program including its tie-in with Los Angeles International Airport.

Chairman Hahn stated that he will work with the Executive Director, calling upon representatives from the Cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach, representatives from smaller cities and from the County, to report back to the Commission on the four-part program.

Supervisor Ward indicated that if the City of Los Angeles would commit its Proposition 5 money to the Wilshire rail line and if it were to be constructed simultaneously from Union Station ad

the San Fernando Valley, he would vote for the use of County of Los Angeles Prop. 5 funds for the project also.

At 3:50 p.m., meeting was turned over to Vice-Chairman Russ by Chairman Hahn.

Motion by Supervisor Ward to proceed with the bus and rail study through the interviews of three or more potential consultants, depending on the judgment of the members of the special committee (two from Finance Review Committee and three from the Administrative Committee) on Wednesday, November 15, with the goal of reporting to the full Commission with a recommendation at the Commission meeting on November 22 for award of a contract.

Vice-Chairman Russ indicated that it would be advisable to get a reading from Washington on whether the interstate funds could feasibly be expected to be available for rail.

Motion by Commissioner Peter Tweedt to table the previous motion by Supervisor Ward until the Commission can get further information on the financial feasibility of the rail alternative to insure that the study would be useful to this County.

There was lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of proceeding with the study at this point.

Voice vote on motion to table: No - 6, Yes - 4.

Voice vote on original motion by Supervisor Ward: Yes - 6, No - 4.

The special committee will proceed with interviews on November 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the LACTC Conference Room.

#### Finance Review Committee:

John Ferraro reported on the committee's meetings of November 6 and 8 and the committee's recommendations are as follows:

Santa Monica request for 1978/79 TIP amendment to include \$1.435 million - Committee approved request.

Periodic financial reporting by transit operators - Committee approved financial reporting to the Commission.

Mailing of FY 79/80 TIP form - Committee approved mailing forms to project sponsors.

Extension of El Monte Busway to Union Station - Committee endorsed the extension of busway.

FY 78/79 allocation of funds for bicycle and pedestrian facilities under SB 821 - Committee deferred action as requested by Commissioner Russ.

Caltrans proposed demonstration project of 60/605 ramp metering - Committee referred project to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

M/S/C - Approved the Finance Review Committee's recommendations except for the AB 3020 matter.

AB 3020

Memo dated November 8, 1978, from the Executive Director was handed out to the members. The memo listed highway projects totaling \$50.6 million for consideration along with other projects from Orange and Ventura counties as potential projects to be funded by AB 3020.

The Executive Director indicated that he had received a memo from Caltrans that they want to go on record indicating that certain of these projects are more "ready" than others and that there may be some problems with some of the projects meetinthe time period envisioned in AB 3020.

Specific reference was made by the Executive Director to the Route 7 (Long Beach Freeway) project. The City of Pasadena had requested that this project receive consideration for inclusion in the list of AB 3020 projects. The Executive Director acknowledging the importance of this project, as well as the long standing issues in the Route 7 alignment dispute among the cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena and Los Angeles, suggested that the Commission might consider formally taking cognizance of this problem. Mr. Premo observed that if the Commission should consider this course of action, it would be a major undertaking which should be approached cautiously and deliberately.

After much discussion, the Commission decided to convene a meeting of all involved parties in the alignment dispute and requested a report on such a meeting no later than December 27.

The Commission approved the recommendation of the Executive Director to give priority consideration for funding of Route 7 gap closure under AB 3020 if, (a) local agreement on alignment is reached; and, (b) funding under AB 3020 becomes available because of delays or other problems with projects included on the initial list.

M/S/C - Approved the recommendation of the Executive Director.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities - Vice-Chairman Russ asked staff to give the Commission an independent report on staff's analysis and recommendation on the use of bicycle funds before this matter is voted on at a future meeting.

## Executive Director's Report:

## Appointment to APTA Task Force on DOT Consolidation

Jerry Premo reported that he has been appointed by the APTA Board of Directors to serve on a special task force to examine DOT's proposed consolidation of the Federal Highway Administration and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration into a Surface Transportation Administration. The task force is planning to meet on November 14 with Secretary Adams and the Federal Highway and Urban Mass Transportation Administrators.

## Upcoming Items:

1. Jerry Premo reported that staff will continue working on comprehensive report of all the various projects-- rail transit line, Downtown People Mover, Freeway Transit--and aim to report back to the Commission on December 13 with a comprehensive report.
2. Staff will be presenting to the Administrative Committee the salary pay plan recommendations. A meeting of the Administrative Committee to review the plan and the Employee Manual will be scheduled soon.

## Notice of Meetings:

Notice was received and noted by members.

New Business:

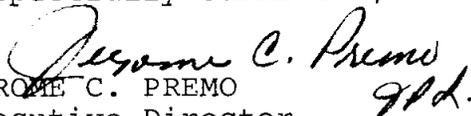
John Zimmerman invited the Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee and anyone else she would like to bring, to meet with the special committee on the selection of the consultants on the study.

Special Committee - Vice-Chairman Russ asked staff to set a date for meeting of the Special Committee to discuss accomplishments which the Commission has done this year and goals for next year.

TV Appearance - Commissioner Zimmerman mentioned the TV appearance by Bob Datel, Jerry Leonard and himself on KCET, Channel 28 at 7:30 p.m., that evening (Wednesday), November 8.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 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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November 22, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hahn at 3:08 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn  
Supervisor Baxter Ward  
Mayor Ed Russ  
Councilman Russell Rubley  
Councilman John Zimmerman  
Councilman John Ferraro  
Wendell Cox  
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley  
Peter Tweedt, alternate for Supervisor Schabarum  
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes  
Bob Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman

Staff members present:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of November 8, 1978, were approved as submitted.

AB 3020 Implementation:

The Executive Director reported that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) heard the arguments from the Commission staff and Caltrans regarding whether or not the \$66 million would be available for new projects at its meeting on November 17 in Sacramento.

Staff will be working with both Ventura and Orange Counties in transmitting a formal list of projects from the three counties to the California Transportation Commission. A (CTC) decision will be made in mid-December.

## Committee Reports:

Administration Committee

John Zimmerman reported on the following:

Contract to review Sunset, Ltd. and Caltrans Freeway Transit proposal: recommendation for consultant selection

The Administrative Committee members, plus Peter Tweedt and Wendell Cox, interviewed seven candidates for the proposed study of bus and rail alternatives in Los Angeles travel corridors on November 15. The committee's recommendation is the firm of Alan M. Voorhees and Associates, Inc.

M/S/C - Approved Administrative Committee's selection of Alan M. Voorhees and Associates, Inc. as consultant for the study.

Administrative Procedure Manual

The committee has received suggested changes to the manual which will be taken into consideration, but the committee has not developed the changes into the manual as yet.

M/S/C - This matter will be referred back to the Administrative Committee.

## Staff Classification and Salary Plan

The Administrative Committee concurred in the recommendations contained in the Executive Director's November 7 memorandum. The recommendations are as follows:

1. Approve performance/merit approach to Commission personnel management.
2. Approve 7-step pay plan and employee assignment.
3. Approve revision to existing Commission budget, transferring \$30,000 from unbudgeted funds to the permanent salaries and wages line entry.
4. Authorize Executive Director to make salary adjustments based on performance in amounts not to exceed 10% of current salaries. Any salary increases in excess of 10% will be subject to advance approval by the Administrative Committee.
5. Recommend approval of these proposals by the full Commission.

M/S/C - Approved the committee's recommendations for staff classification and salary plan.

Commissioner John Zimmerman indicated that the Procedure Manual is still open and any suggestions from the members are welcome.

#### Finance Review Committee

Peter Tweedt reported on the recommendations of the committee's meeting of November 20.

1. Approval of request from Long Beach Public Transit Company for 1978/79 TIP amendments to reprogram existing Section 5 funds.
2. Approval of inclusion in the FAU system certain arterial highways within the City of La Mirada:
  - a) Artesia Boulevard from Valley View to Knott Avenue.
  - b) Knott Avenue from Artesia Boulevard to Alondra Boulevard.

M/S/C - Approved the committee's recommendations.

Future meetings of the Finance Review Committee will be held on December 8 at 2:30 p.m. and December 11 at 12:00 noon. At both of these meetings, the allocation of funds by bicycle and pedestrian facilities and Air Quality Management Plan will be discussed. The committee invites any other members of the Commission who have a particular interest in those subjects to attend.

#### Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported the committee's meeting of November 21 and the recommendations are as follows:

##### AB 3020

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

##### Legislative Hearings

- . Staff monitor Senate Transportation Committee hearings on November 28 and December 11.
- . Coordinate testimony with SCRTD, Caltrans and CRA before Senate Public Utilities, Transit and Energy hearing on the 4-part program on November 30. (Hearing was subsequently canceled.)
- . Prepare testimony for Assembly Transportation hearing on the Transportation Development Act on December 8, in cooperation with the TAC Bus Operations Subcommittee.

- . Review Auditor General's report (pursuant to HR 68) on gas tax reserves and work with the TAC Highway and Freeways Subcommittee to prepare testimony on that report for the Assembly Transportation Committee hearing on December 13. Also review with the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission.

#### State Legislation

Reaffirm Commission position on AB 2435 and work with the TAC Bus Operations Subcommittee to develop specific legislative language.

#### Federal Legislation

Committee asked the staff to continue to monitor the proposal for the creation of the Surface Transportation Administration. Committee feels this matter should come before the Commission for review and input as the federal government moves towards reorganization.

#### Memorandum of Understanding

The final draft of the MOU between SCAG and the LACTC was presented with the request for comments from the Commission. The Executive Director briefly outlined the purpose of the MOU with SCAG. After discussion, staff was requested to prepare a synopsis of the content of the document for presentation to the Commission.

M/S/C - Postpone the action on MOU until more clarification can be made and a summary be prepared by staff.

#### Meeting between SCAG/CTC's/Caltrans

Chairman appoint a Commissioner to attend and represent the Commission at the meeting in Riverside scheduled for December 1.

Chairman indicated he will try to attend and that other Commissioners are welcome to attend. (Commissioner Zimmerman represented the Commission at December 1 meeting, with staff support from Executive Director.)

#### Air Quality Management Plan

The Finance Review and Intergovernmental Relations Committees have reviewed this matter and it will be brought up at the next Commission meeting in December. The committee recommends that members review the report, in particular those areas where the staff has questioned some of the elements of the air quality management plan.

Commissioner Remy reported that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee will be working on series of goals and objectives for next year.

M/S/C - Approved committee's report except for those items which were deferred.

#### Executive Director's Report

Executive Director reported that staff is working closely with SCRTD on proposals which SCRTD has to reinstitute some service on lines they had previously cut because of lack of money, as well as to introduce new service on overcrowded lines. This matter will be discussed at the Finance Review Committee meeting in December.

Commissioner Remy reported on the transportation legislation passed by Congress, but the appropriations to fully fund the bill will be before Congress at its next session. The Intergovernmental Relations Committee suggests that Commission and staff work closely to see that the second tier for the transit subsidies be fully funded.

Commissioner Peter Tweedt reported that at our last Commission meeting, the election results of Proposition I were presented. There was another election result which should have been brought to the Commission's attention. In the east end of the County, there was an advisory vote on the ballot as to whether to extend the Foothill Freeway. That vote, according to the Los Angeles Times, was 76% in favor of extending the Foothill Freeway. The other significant factor was that 92.6% of the people in the affected areas who participated on the election voted on that issue.

Mayor Russ indicated that this matter may be something that the Commission can follow up on next year, and asked the staff to give more details on this project, what the costs are, and what this Commission's responsibilities are.

#### Notice of Meetings

Notice was received and noted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 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  
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