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MINUTES

December 13, 1978

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hahn at 3:10 p.m.

Chairman Hahn announced that Councilman John Zimmerman has been honored by the City of Norwalk and commended the Councilman as one of our fine Commissioners and former Mayor of Norwalk.

Members in attendance were:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn
Mayor Ed Russ
Councilman Russell Rubley
Councilman John Zimmerman
Councilman John Ferraro
Wendell Cox
Ray Remy, alternate for Mayor Bradley
Barna Szabo, alternate for Supervisor Hayes
Robert Geoghegan, alternate for Supervisor Edelman
Robert Datel, Ex-Officio, representing State of California

Staff members present:

Jerome C. Premo, Executive Director
Gerald Crump, representing Ronald Schneider, County Counsel
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of November 22, 1978, were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

Finance Review Committee

Presentation of Ad-Hoc Highway Task Force

Chairman Hahn indicated that this presentation was made before the joint meeting of the Finance Review and Intergovernmental Relations Committees on Monday at the Hall of Administration,

which was chaired by John Ferraro, and the committees unanimously approved the report of the Ad-Hoc Task Force. The Task Force was asked to make this presentation before the full Commission.

Chairman Hahn introduced Messrs. Martin Samuelson, Chairman, Edward Martin and David Grayson and indicated that this presentation is the second report from the Ad-Hoc Task Force to the Commission.

The presentation made by Messrs. Samuelson and Grayson was on a proposal to strengthen the role of the County Commission in meeting the highway needs of the citizens of the County. The report is divided into three areas: 1) State of California, 2) Federal Government, and 3) Monitoring system which the Task Force would like to establish to make sure that we don't have this pitfall in the future. The Ad-Hoc Task Force's report and recommendations are attached as EXHIBIT A.

M/S/C - Commission accepted the Ad-Hoc Task Force's report and requested that each member of the Ad-Hoc Task Force receive a letter of commendation for an excellent report.

Chairman Hahn indicated that, upon adoption of the Ad-Hoc Task Force's recommendations, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee will recommend to the full Commission, the early part of next year, the legislation needed to implement these recommendations.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Ray Remy reported that the committee's guidelines for staff participation and representation on behalf of the Commission in Sacramento and Washington, D.c. and committee's statement of goals and objectives were included in the agenda packet. Since no questions were asked, Commissioner Remy moved for approval.

M/S/C - Approved committee's guidelines and statement of goals and objectives.

AB 2435-type bill: Bill has been introduced by Assemblyman Ingalls as AB 103. The IRC Committee had a meeting with representatives of the municipal operators and SCRTD, but there still remains some differences between the Commission and the SCRTD with regard to the language in the legislation. Recommendation of the committee is for the Commission to move forward with the legislation and the IRC meet with the Governmental Relations Committee of SCRTD to see if they can resolve the differences in the language.

M/S/C - Approved the IRC's recommendation.

Bus/Rail Funding Possibilities: A letter has been sent to Secretary Adams concerning interstate funding for rail construction on the Harbor Freeway. The committee will share the response with the Commission.

SCAG/CTC's Memorandum of Understanding: At the last meeting, it was requested that staff prepare a simplified summary. Staff has summarized the MOU and has met with staffs of the other commissions. The recommendation of the IRC is to proceed with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.

M/S/C - That the Memorandum of Understanding with SCAG be executed.

"2nd Tier" UMTA Appropriation for Operating Funds: The committee has been advised that there is some possibility that the President's budget marks could jeopardize full funding for the second tier of Federal operating assistance funds. It is very important for our transit operators. The committee has a policy of pursuing full funding for the second tier.

M/S/C - That the committee pursue full funding for the second tier.

Chairman Hahn complimented all the committee chairmen for this past year for assuming full responsibility in their respective assignments.

Arbitration Committee:

Wendell Cox reported that the committee did not have a meeting but had two items to report on.

1. Dispute on service coordination between the Torrance Transit System and SCRTD: Both parties have asked the Commission to look at it and the committee will begin the arbitration process with the staff process.
2. Disagreement between the Gardena Transit System and SCRTD on a bus stop that was in an inconvenient location for the residents in the city of Gardena: Happy to report that through the efforts of a great number of people, an interim solution has been achieved with a final solution to be identified by ATE as they do their South Bay Study. Commended the SCRTD, City of Gardena, and staffs of both agencies, plus Commission staff, for the hard work that they did to bring about this temporary agreement.

Commissioner Cox moved to change the name of the committee to "Service Coordination Committee." The committee concurs.

M/S/C/ - Approved committee name change to "Service Coordination Committee."

Special Committee on Commission Goals and Objectives:

Mayor Russ reported that committee is still working on the policies for next year and has scheduled a meeting for January 5, at 12 noon, at the Commission Offices, to finalize the policies and goals for next year. He hopes to have the policies and goals ready for the Commission's first meeting in January.

Executive Director's Report:

- A. AB 3020 Letter: Letter signed by SCAG, Orange County Transportation Commission, Ventura County Association of Governments and LACTC to Chairman Norton Simon of the California Transportation Commission regarding the \$66 million for highway projects in District 7. Also, a letter to Chairman Hahn from B. T. Collins of the Governor's staff, laying out different points of view on this matter. Mayor Russ will be making a presentation to the California Transportation Commission tomorrow in Fresno, arguing this Commission's point.
- B. Route 7: It had been proposed that a meeting be set up for next Monday with the various involved cities and staff. That meeting has been postponed to January 12 due to schedule difficulties.
- C. Regional Transit Development Program: Presentation that was to be made today has been delayed until a later date.

Chairman Hahn asked Commission members to remain, after the regular meeting is adjourned, for an Executive Session concerning a special report from Councilman Rubley on a personnel matter.

Finance Review Committee:

Chairman Hahn stated that Councilman Ferraro was involved in a City Council session and would be a little late. He asked the Executive Director to present the FRC matters. The Executive Director indicated that the committee has four proposed consent items that were recommended by the committee for Commission's approval. These items are from the committee's two meetings.

- A. Proposed Consent Items:
 - 1. 3rd round of FY 78/79 TIP amendments
 - 2. FY 79/80 Overall Work Program tentative funding levels

3. Highway priorities for TIP and relationship to Regional Transportation Plan
4. Restate the Commission's opposition to the deaddoption of the Foothill Freeway (Route 30)

M/S/C - Approved the committee's proposed consent items.

B. FY 78/79 Allocation of TDA funds to SCRTD:

The Committee recommended that \$3.5 million be allocated to SCRTD and that approval of the full \$4.2 million recommended by staff be deferred until more information is received for \$700,000 for restoration of service on selected routes.

Mike Lewis, Board Director for SCRTD, briefly presented two pressing problems which SCRTD wants to talk to the Commission. They are:

1. Financing of the transit system
2. Condition of SCRTD's bus fleet

Mike Lewis indicated that the SCRTD Board concurs with the staff's recommendation, which is the allocation of \$4.2 million. SCRTD's original request was for funds totaled approximately \$7 million. He stated these funds are urgently needed to relieve overcrowding on the buses. He pointed out that ridership on SCRTD buses is currently at an all-time high and that the top 25 lines were running at 140% of seating capacity.

Presentation by Arthur Horkay, City of Torrance. He stated that the City of Torrance feels that SCRTD's request for the \$7 million is untimely. His remarks were on three points:

1. Procedures
2. Cooperative planning
3. South Bay Study

Mr. Horkay stated that the Commission has adopted a procedure for this type of request. The City of Torrance doesn't know what SCRTD staff plans to do with this money and asked the Commission for fairness. He stated that if the municipal operators have to follow an established procedure, then SCRTD should also follow this procedure.

He further stated that, concerning cooperative planning, the prime responsibility of the Commission is to insure cooperative transportation implementation for regionally integrated transit system. There has been no cooperative planning for the \$7 million request as far as Torrance knows. This point was brought up at TAC meeting; no one knows what SCRTD will do with the money. No city or transit operator had any input into their expansion plan.

Chairman Hahn stated that SCRTD does not have good public relations with the other municipal operators.

Chairman Hahn stated that SCRTD needs the money to relieve overcrowding on their buses. He would like SCRTD to work with Arthur Horkey and other officials of Torrance, and asked the Service Coordination Committee to look into this matter.

Mayor Russ stated that he wanted to clarify the motion by stating that he had no problem with the overcrowding on buses. However, relating to his recent trip to Atlanta, he indicated he learned about Atlanta and Houston's transit successes. The reason they got their 1¢ sales tax through was because they got everybody together.

Mr. Russ further stated that before the Commission approves additional funds for service restoration, he would like some evidence of the need for expansion and would like to see the request go through regular channels, i.e., TAC and any other committees.

M/S/C - Approved motion to give SCRTD \$4.2 million, \$2 million for 1978 fiscal year operations, which this Commission had promised them before, and \$2.2 million for relief of overcrowding on buses.

Mike Lewis introduced Sam Black, Manager of Operations for SCRTD. Mr. Black gave a status report and details on the purchase of 1000 buses to replace the aging fleet, and showed view graphs illustrating the impact of this new bus purchase. Mr. Black indicated that SCRTD would like the Commission's concurrence and assistance in a procurement of 500 buses per year as soon as possible for fiscal year 1980 through 1983.

This matter was referred to the Finance Review Committee.

C. Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP):

Councilman John Ferraro reported that the Finance Review Committee endorsed certain transportation measures and policies and opposed or took no position on others, in accordance with attached summary (EXHIBIT B).

The Executive Director summarized in more detail the committee's endorsements and opposition.

M/S/C - Approved committee's report on AQMP.

D. TDA Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds:

John Ferraro reported that there will be \$2,500 minimum for each jurisdiction constituting 75% (\$1,350,000) of the 78/79 funds available to go for local projects; and 25% (\$450,000) plus \$329,000 in unallocated funds for regional projects. For fiscal year 1979/80 (\$1.8 million available), 60% (\$1,080,000) for local projects with \$2,500 minimum to each jurisdiction and 40% (\$720,000) for regional projects.

Commissioner Bob Geoghegan asked that the scheduling be changed so that the applications can be requested and approved right away without waiting for the February 1, 1979 deadline.

The Executive Director indicated he couldn't foresee any problem with expediting the schedule if the claims were submitted in proper form.

Mayor Russ introduced Mr. Schuman from the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Schuman reported on the 605 Bikeway project which is from Long Beach to the Angeles National Forest. The Corps of Engineers is ready to match the funding for the project.

Commissioner Remy felt that other cities should have a chance to submit their proposals for these funds.

Commissioner Cox requested that staff prepare a proposed criteria for judgment of the regional projects and present it to the FRC for review before the next meeting.

M/S/C - To approve allocations of FY 78/79 and FY 79/80 funds as recommended.

The Executive Director indicated that he would be happy to meet with the Corps of Engineers to explain what this Commission is doing.

This matter will be continued to the first or second Commission meeting in January.

Commissioner Remy moved to request the Finance Review Committee to report in about 3 months on (1) on criteria distinguishing recreation vs. transportation usage for bikes, how that should relate in the criteria, and (2) a method by which we can get some handle on how effective has been the expenditure of the bikeway money up to now; what it was spent for, who has benefitted. He further stated that if report is presented in 3 months, this Commission will be in a better position to make some of these choices next year.

M/S/C - Approved Commissioner Remy's motion.

E. FAU Process and Policies:

- a) The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission should be the policy decision-making body for the FAU program; its Highways and Freeways Subcommittee should serve in a technical advisory capacity.
- b) The Commission should initiate actions with SCAG, the State and Federal governments, and the existing policy committee to accomplish this.
- c) The Commission should select projects to be funded by the 20% regional transit and transit-related portion of the FAU funds in the County.
- d) In addition, the Commission should decide on projects to be funded by "20% money" unspent from past years.
- e) The Commission should meet with local jurisdictions in seeking an approach to allocation of the remaining 80% of FAU funds to comply with State guidelines.

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

Commissioner Remy requested that staff correspond with those agencies who will be working with the Commission in implementing this FAU process, i.e. the engineering people, citizens committees, and the League of California Cities and SCAG. Get their comments as we absorb this FAU process.

M/S/C - That the Commission intends to carry out the above recommendations and would like the comments of interested parties in 30 days.

Notice of meetings was included in the agenda packet.

Chairman Hahn wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. to go into Executive Session. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 1979, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power Building, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1555-H, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,



JEROME C. PREMO
Executive Director

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Attachments