



# Minutes

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 4, 1992

The Special Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Grabinski at 1:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Mr. Peterson was in receipt of letters from Supervisor Edelman appointing Phillip Hess as his alternate and Supervisor Dana appointing Sara Hirsch as his alternate for today's meeting.

Members present were:

Supervisor Mike Antonovich  
Supervisor Ed Edelman  
Councilman Ray Grabinski  
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach  
Councilmember Judy Hathaway-Francis  
Councilman Richard Alatorre  
Gerry Hertzberg, Alternate for Supervisor Molina  
Ray Remy, Alternate for Mayor Bradley  
Mas Fukai, Alternate for Supervisor Hahn  
Marvin Holen, Alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Philip Hess, Alternate for Supervisor Edelman  
Sara Hirsch, Alternate for Supervisor Dana  
Nick Patsaouras, Alternate for Supervisor Antonovich  
Jerry Baxter, Ex-Officio for State of California

Staff members present:

Neil Peterson, Executive Director  
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel  
Kathy Torigoe, Executive Secretary



2. Metro Red Line: Consolidated Tunnel Project

The RCC Board recommended to the LACTC Commission that it:

- a. Approve the Mitigation Monitoring Program
- b. Adopt the Statement of Findings
- c. Adopt the Negative Declaration
- d. Issue the "Notice of Determination"

Ed McSpedon explained the reasons for consolidating activities off-street for the Metro Red Line Segment 2.

Jim Sowell gave a report on the mitigation measures proposed for the project and how we addressed the concerns that have been raised by the community during the process.

James Okazaki, City of Los Angeles, explained coordination of the traffic issues for the project.

Mike Delucca, Deputy Director, Real Estate LAUSD, on behalf of the L.A. Board of Education, gave an overview of the concerns of relocation of the Los Feliz School and the other issues of concern to LAUSD.

Public comments were received from:

Michael DeLuca, Deputy Director of Real Estate, LAUSD  
on behalf of the Board of Education

Dr. Earl Sherburn, Community Arts Division Barnsdall  
Art Park Director, Cultural Affairs Department, City of  
L.A. supported item 2.

Patrick Michele, Assistant Chief Deputy, Councilman  
Mike Woo's office - CD-13 supported item 2.

Kenneth Lewis, Los Feliz Improvement Association

Marilyn Bush, Los Feliz Improvement Association,  
Community Liason for LAUSD-Senior High School Div.

Alonzo Carmichael, Dept. of Recreation & Parks Planning  
Officer, L.A.

Nelson McIntire

Denise Rockwell, VP United Teachers, L.A.

Ken Fleming, Tunnel Worker

Jena Summer, PTA Treasurer Los Feliz-Parent and  
Community Member

Varuzhan Kostandyan, Chairman of Advisory Council, Los  
Feliz School

Angel Adogio, Secretary, Los Feliz School  
Advisory Council

Ray Robinson, United Teachers, L.A.

Paul Rovner, Owner, Daves Flowerland

Doris Rowe, Teacher, Los Feliz School

Bobette Fowler, Teacher

Pat Chiodo, Senior Safety Consultant, Metro-rail

Bob D'Amato

John Walsh

Mr. Hess moved approval of the staff recommendations.  
Motion was seconded by Ms. Bacharach.

An amendment was made to the motion to receive monthly  
reports with recommendations of additional mitigations and  
that a committee be formed by members of the Rail  
Construction Corporation with the contractor to ensure that  
a surety bond and insurance are required on this project.  
The amendment to the motion was seconded and approved.

Roll call vote to call the question:

Yes: Hertzberg, Fukai, Hess, Hirsch, Remy, Alatorre,  
Grabinski, Bacharach.

No: Hathaway-Francis, Patsaouras.

Abstain: Tolbert

Motion was carried.

Roll call vote to approve the main motion with amendments:

Yes: Hertzberg, Fukai, Hess, Hirsch, Remy, Alatorre,  
Grabinski, Bacharach.

No: Hathaway-Francis, Tolbert, Patsaouras

Motion was carried.

### 3. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM

Mr. Grabinski summarized the special meeting of the Finance & Programming Committee on March 4, regarding ongoing discussions between LACTC and SCRTD staffs in trying to come up with suggestions to alleviate SCRTD's budget shortfall. It was decided at the FPC meeting that the two staffs (LACTC & SCRTD) would each pick one outside person and those two outside people would pick one person, so that three people from outside both agencies will give their input on how some of these cost reductions can be made. They will be attending the meeting on March 16, 1992 with suggestions, and will be working in an ongoing fashion. It was also discussed at the previous meeting that there might be some opportunities for savings via farebox trades, or the "contested" STA funds. One of the other areas that was brought up were some ways the individual operator could make some effective changes that might have some difference in their budget. All of the meetings have been very productive. On March 16, the FPC will come back with a recommendation to at least bridge most of this gap. The goal of this was to come up with a short-term solution to this year's problem, being mindful of the fact that something needs to be done in an ongoing fashion so the results that will come back on March 16 will be situations we can also implement in an ongoing fashion to save money towards next year's potential deficit.

Public comment received from: Jim Seal, California Bus Association

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following are the hearings for the determination of the public necessity to acquire the real property interests described as the L&R Investment Property, the Benjamin Morley Property, the Korean Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

Property. After the evidence had been received, the Commission was asked to approve the Resolutions of Necessity. These required eight votes.

- a. B2-125 & B2-126 - L&R Investment - located at 3201 W. 6th Street, City of Los Angeles

Mr. Kelsey: Mr. Wiley would you state your full name and your position?

Mr. Wiley: My name is James D. Wiley, Manager of Real Estate for the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

Mr. Kelsey: Did you prepare the staff reports which are attached?

Mr. Wiley: Yes, I did.

Mr. Kelsey: Are the matters contained in the reports true and correct?

Mr. Wiley: To the best of my knowledge they are true and correct?

Mr. Kelsey: Does the public interest and necessity require the subject project?

Mr. Wiley: Yes. These takings are all on the Red line. The project will result in significant savings of reducing parking needs in the downtown area and will reduce energy requirements for the Los Angeles area, and will make contributions to the 150 mile network.

Mr. Kelsey: Is the project planned or located in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.

Mr. Wiley: Yes. To ensure that a number of engineering studies were undertaken and public hearings were held throughout the community and based on those hearings and the engineering studies the alignment was determined to be the most

appropriate one and that the project was in the best place it could be.

Mr. Kelsey Is the property that I referred to as the L&R Investment Property necessary to the project?

Mr. Wiley: Yes. It's on the board up here. It shows the location. It's a sub-surface easement for the tunnel and is necessary in order to construct the Red line tunnel.

Mr. Kelsey: Was an offer to acquire this property based on approved just compensation made to the owners.

Mr. Wiley: Yes. A statutory offer was made to the owners.

Mr. Kelsey requested that the staff report as to the L&R Investment Property be received into evidence.

Mr. Antonovich indicated that without objection, report is received.

Mr. Kelsey asked if there were any additional witnesses to testify? Seeing none, he indicated that it would be appropriate to approve the staff recommendation and adopt the resolution of necessity for the L&R Property.

A motion was made by Mr. Alatorre, seconded by Ms. Bacharach. Hearing no objection, motion was carried with at least eight votes present.

Mr. Antonovich, we have a motion by Mr. Alatorre, seconded by Ms. Bacharach. Is there any objection? So ordered.

- b. B2-127 - Benjamin Morley, et al. - located at 3213 to 3223 W. 6th Street (northeasterly corner of 6th Street and New Hampshire Avenue) in the City of Los Angeles.

Questions asked by Mr. Kelsey were answered by Mr. Wiley.

Mr. Kelsey asked, as to the Benjamin Morley property,

if Mr. Wiley's answers to his first-three questions were the same as for the previous parcel.

Mr. Wiley answered "yes" for the first-three questions;

but as to the need for the property, there is an additional need for a temporary construction easement because the tunnel runs underneath a parking structure. The step footings for the parking structure enters into where the tunnel easement; so that in addition to the taking of the sub-surface easement, we need a temporary construction easement to enter in and replace the building foundations and then close it back up.

Mr. Wiley stated that an offer to acquire the Morley Property, based upon approved just compensation, was made to the owners.

Mr. Kelsey requested the staff report be received into evidence. Mr. Kelsey requested that the Commission approve the staff recommendation and resolution by eight votes.

Motion was made by Mr. Alatorre and seconded by Mr. Edelman. Without objection, motion was carried with at least eight votes.

- c. B2-167 - Korean Philadelphia Presbyterian Church -  
Located at southeast corner of 4th Street and New Hampshire Avenue, City of Los Angeles

Mr. Wiley responded affirmative to a series of questions asked by Mr. Kelsey.

Mr. Kelsey then requested that the staff report be received into evidence. Staff report was received without objection.

Mr. Antonovich opposed condemning the church property.

Mr. Edelman moved to accept staff recommendation, seconded by Ms. Bacharach.

Motion was carried with Supervisor Antonovich voting "no". The next three properties for the Metro Blue Line are permanent fee-takings for a park-&-ride on Florence and

Graham in the L.A. County area. This is a hearing for the determination for the public necessity to acquire properties described as 1) the Lorenzo Property 2) Evangelic Fellowship Center Church 3) the Leopold Property. After evidence is received, the Commission will be asked to approve the resolutions and necessities for these properties. The resolution will require eight votes.

- d.1. AS580 & AS582 - Lorenzo & Tomasa Flores - Located on Florence and Graham Avenues, in the Florence District, County of Los Angeles

Mr. Wiley responded to a series of questions asked by Mr. Kelsey. Mr. Kelsey requested the staff report be received into evidence.

Staff report was received with no objection.

Mr. Fukai moved to approve the staff report, seconded by Ms. Bacharach. Without objection, motion was carried with at least eight votes.

- d.2. AS581, AS583, AS584 - Evangelistic Fellowship Center Church Located on Florence & Graham Avenues, in the Florence District, County of Los Angeles

Mr. Wiley responded affirmative to a series of questions asked by Mr. Kelsey. Mr. Kelsey requested the staff report be received into evidence.

Staff report received with no objection.

Mr. Fukai moved approval of staff report, seconded by Ms. Bacharach.

Motion was carried with Mr. Antonovich voting "no".

- e. AS592 - Laddie C. & Delores A. Leopold Property - Graham Avenue in the Florence District, County of Los Angeles

Mr. Wiley responded affirmative to a series of questions asked by Mr. Kelsey. Mr. Kelsey requested the staff report be received into evidence.

Mr. Antonovich moved to approve the staff recommendations, seconded by Ms. Bacharach. Without objection, motion was carried.

Mr. Kelsey stated for the record that all of these hearings were opened and continued from the last meeting.

5. Metro Red Line, Segment 1: Contract A136 - Union Station Handicapped Accessibility Revision - Change Order No. 60 (Tabled from 2/26/92 LACTC meeting)

Mr. Alatorre moved that the issue be continued to March 16, 1992 which Ms. Bacharach seconded. Hearing no objection, motion was carried.

- 5A. AB 152 Reorganization

Mr. Edelman raised some concerns of a memo, which was distributed to the Commissioners, stating support from the Commission of the AB152 Reorganization Bill since the Commission hasn't taken a position on the bill.

Mr. Peterson reported that the Joint Policy Boards Statement of Principles was sent to Sacramento to incorporate into the bill and it was distributed immediately. That day or the next morning there was a meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Commission. Mr. Remy was chairing that meeting and the bill was reviewed with the committee. At that time it was found that the changes in the bill were different from what we had recommended.

The Legislative Committee gave staff direction to indicate concerns in a number of areas to the author and this was done. There was a pre-meeting with the author which Judy Hathaway-Francis and Mr. Grabinski attended, Assemblyman Katz responded positively to some issues but, in some cases he did not agree with the Joint Board. Staff then attended the Senate Transportation Committee Hearing. The Committee had a long discussion of the items and took under advisement certain issues. The Senate Transportation Committee made certain amendments and then AB 152 was forwarded on to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The Joint Board Meeting was apparently postponed until March 16. Staff asked that the bill be held over in the Senate

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Appropriations Committee for at least another week so that the Committee can get the benefit of the Joint Board's deliberations.

Mr. Tolbert moved that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to notify the appropriate individuals that LACTC is not in support or opposition of the legislation until the Commission has an analysis and the body takes a position. Motion was seconded. Without objection, motion was carried.

Mr. Edelman moved to have a letter written to ask for more time to review the bill after the Joint Board Meeting of March 16, transmit LACTC's comments and position to the Legislature.

Motion was carried without objections.

During recess, Jerry Givens of staff gave a presentation on Internal Savings. This report will be placed on the agenda for the March 25 meeting.

6. Public Comment

Sheldon Walter, Retired Commanding General, LA Rail  
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ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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