

# MINUTES



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## RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 15, 1988

### MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH  
MARCIA MEDNICK  
MICHAEL WOO

### STAFF PRESENT

PAUL TAYLOR, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ED McSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
AL SCALA, MANAGER, CONTRACTS  
NORM JESTER, MANAGER RAIL SYSTEMS  
MANIT CHURANAKOSES, MANAGER, RAIL FACILITIES ENGINEERING  
BART KANE, PROJECT ENGINEER, SYSTEMS  
SUSAN BROWN, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
ROBIN MCCARTHY, MANGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
ERICA GOEBEL, MANAGER, COMMUNICATIONS/GRAPHICS

### OTHERS

JEFF WOLFE, TRANSCAL  
BARBARA HANSEN, DIRECTOR, RAIL ACTIVATION COMMITTEE, SCRTD  
JOHN BRUTON, CONSULTANT

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the July 18, 1988, as submitted.

Ed McSpedon gave a report on control of traffic signals in Downtown Long Beach and Downtown Los Angeles. He stated that the success of the operation depends on how the trains operate through signalized intersections in the downtown areas. He also stated that the ultimate control of the signals lies with the cities and that we need to have a mutual agreement with the cities that will best serve the needs of both the traffic in each city and the light rail vehicles. Mr. McSpedon proposed a workshop sometime in October so that staff can fully brief the Committee on this important issue.

Mr. McSpedon asked that the Committee come in earlier for the next meeting in order to tour the Flower St. tunnel.

Paul Taylor informed the Committee on the upcoming commencement exercises for the Transportation Occupations Program which will be August 25, 1988 at 11:30 a.m. in Carson.

REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report (outline attached). Mr. McSpedon explained that the total number of PUC applications shown in this month's report differed from last month due to inadvertent omission of driveways and pedestrian crossings on Flower Street needed to provide protection to motorists and pedestrians.

The Committee asked about the outboard walkways and if a date has been set with the CPUC to resolve this issue. Mr. McSpedon said the CPUC has sent letters to all local jurisdictions and the railroads and asked if they had any comments. We have received comments from these jurisdictions and have informed the CPUC that the issues are being resolved individually. We don't expect any more involvement by the PUC on the walkways issue.

The Committee asked about 55th Street. Mr. McSpedon stated that the CPUC is scheduling a hearing with the railroad and the city on whether to signalize or not. Resolution of this matter is required prior to light rail operation but is not an immediate priority.

Mr. McSpedon stated that there are still problems scheduling construction dates with DWP on contract C-140. Mr. Woo stated that someone from the Mayor's office would follow-up with the DWP on how important these time frames are to the project.

Mr. McSpedon stated that he would like to redirect grade separation on Imperial Highway to Caltrans as this is a Caltrans Century Freeway project. Caltrans would negotiate with the City and the County for their share. Mr. McSpedon also stated that staff would return to the Committee to request that the Commission authorize our share of funding for this project--this would be our only role for this project.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - KAISER ENGINEERS

Ed McSpedon presented staff's recommendation. The Committee raised concerns about having this person on board for just one year as other vehicle procurement will be needed for other projects. The Committee suggested having Mr. Trnka train someone during the one year. Mr. Jester explained that in order to do this, we would have to have someone on-board during the year. He stated that Mr. Trnka will probably be available at the end of the year if the need arises. The Committee discussed exploring the concept of combining SCRTD's expertise with LACTC. Norm Jester explained that their expertise was more in heavy rail, but that this is an option we can consider in looking ahead.

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize award of a contract to Kaiser Engineers of California in an amount of \$157,000 to provide the personal services of George Trnka as staff augmentation through acceptance of the first light rail vehicle (expected June, 1989). Mr. Trnka will provide for transition to staff management of this area.

#### AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - TRANSIT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS

Al Scala presented staff's recommendation. The Committee requested the status of the contract to date. Mr. Scala stated that we have spent \$1.7 million to date and the total amount forecasted through June 30, 1991 is \$3.6 million. The \$791,282 recommended for award is for FY 1988-89 and is part of the \$3.6 million.

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Acting Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 3 for contract R01-S14-MR01, Risk Management Services in the amount of \$791,282 with Transit Insurance Administrators.

**AWARD CONTRACT NO. R01-T01-C265 - STATIONS**

Al Scala presented staff's recommendation. The Committee raised concern over the Engineers Estimate which was substantially below the bids received. Staff felt that the bids received were appropriate as the bids were close in cost to each other. Mani Churanakoses stated that if we went out with bids again we wouldn't expect bids any lower than what they came in at now. The Committee asked if the stations came out grander than originally anticipated; Jeff Wolfe responded that the cuts that could be made are minimal as the stations are as bare-boned as possible.

The Committee raised concerns over TransCal's low Engineer's Estimate. Jacki Bacharach mentioned the letter sent to TransCal previously regarding an inaccurate Engineer's Estimate and stated that TransCal's cost controller is still not looking at the current impacts and the market to date. The Committee instructed staff to have TransCal go through all remaining contracts and give staff updated estimates.

Mr. McSpedon stated that he has been trying to get a look-ahead to the end of the project and get a reasonable, accurate, forecast of the complete project especially in terms of the project's professional services contracts. Mr. McSpedon stated that when we look at consolidation or even a subsidiary, he would like to recommend that the cost control be an area that will eventually be taken over by the Commission as a staff function and not contracted out to a consultant. The Committee asked why this wasn't being done on the Century. Mr. McSpedon stated that the original intent of the Commission was to maintain a small staff organization and use consultants. The Century project is using the cost control group which was already in place on Long Beach-Los Angeles.

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Acting Executive Director to award Contract R01-T01-C265 to Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The contract award will be for a total estimated contract price of \$14,283,466. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$1,428,334 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and extra work. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protest timely-filed.

#### SCRTD START-UP BUDGET

Ed McSpedon and Bart Kane presented staff's report and restated the need to move ahead with the recruitment of key people such as managers and supervisors for the start-up.

The Committee questioned the level of service (operating hours) suggested in staff's report. Mr. McSpedon explained that we would probably still have contractors finishing up on project and having the system close down during the evening would afford them the opportunity to complete their tasks. The Committee felt the the options in staff's report were too extreme and we should consider the 20 hr/day operation. They questioned the option of having the system open for a short part of the day or not at all on weekends. Staff responded that we looked at other new rail start cities and a great number of them had no weekend service in the beginning. Barbara Hansen stated Metro Rail has looked at many scenarios and is considering a 20 hr/day, no weekend service. She stated that this scenario would be used for the first year as the project is being completed.

Ms. Mednick stated that maybe some survey should be taken in order to see what time the people are coming into the stations. She also asked about how the buses coming into the stations were going to be tied into the rail lines. Ms. Hansen said this was another issue that would have to be looked into. Mr. Taylor stated that our Fiscal Analysis section is working with RTD and muni operators on the interfacing of the feeder buses at the stations.

Ms. Hansen gave the Committee an overview on the staffing of the four major functional areas.

The Committee recommended the Commission allocate a total of \$2,075,229 from the rail project budget to SCRTD to cover initial start-up costs for the period between October 1988 and June 1989. This initial start-up budget (\$502,000 of which was previously authorized for security positions) would provide for 53 Operations and Maintenance positions and 22 security positions. It is conditioned on LACTC approval of SCRTD's hiring plan.

#### MARKETING RAIL TRANSIT

Susan Brown and Erica Goebel presented staff's recommendation. The Committee asked what the turnover rate was in the area and if the same people would be there after Phase I. Staff responded that this is what Phase I would reveal and whether or not we would need Phase II. The Committee asked if this was only for the LB/LA line. Staff responded that the market research would also include other cities along the route, plus communities and business that could benefit from the rail line.

The Committee recommends the Commission authorize staff to proceed with Phase I of a two-phase marketing program for the start-up of rail transit to be coordinated with SCRTD. In Phase I, staff will contract with a marketing firm to conduct market research that would be route-specific to the LB-LA corridor, yet include information about the countywide system.

#### PUBLIC ART AT RAIL TRANSIT STATIONS

Erica Goebel presented staff's recommendation and gave a slide presentation of art work used in other properties. The Committee raised concerns about the cost and maintenance of the program and asked if this is included in the budget. Staff responded that although this includes the Norwalk/El Segundo project it is not identified in either budget. The Committee asked about coordinating with the other cities along the route to involve their art programs and give them a budget so that it becomes a community project. The Committee felt that getting the public arts expert should be the first step.

The Committee recommended the Commission authorize staff to develop and implement an art-at-the-stations program for 36 stations along the Long Beach-Los Angeles and Norwalk-El Segundo rail transit lines. Authorize staff to engage the services of a public arts administrator to plan, develop and begin implementation of the arts program for the first year. The complete program plan and budget will be presented for approval by the Rail Construction Committee in about three months.

#### SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Ed McSpedon presented staff's recommendation and introduced John Bruton to the Committee. Mr. Bruton addressed the Committee on the programs he is exploring and the cost of these programs. The Committee asked what the local share would be. Mr. Bruton stated that it would be approximately 25%, based upon a \$2-to-\$5 million grant from UMTA.

The Committee chose to make a recommendation for an application but raised concerns on several issues and asked that staff return at the next meeting with information on the cost of the program; operating cost; liability; SCRTD concerns and what kind of a commitment LACTC can obtain from the private sector.

The Committee recommended the Commission approve development of a Safety and Security Enhancement Program for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project to form the basis of an application for a \$2-to-\$5 million grant to be submitted by September 1 to Urban Mass Transportation Administration. Authorization to submit a grant application with local share of \$650,000 to \$1,750,000 is recommended, contingent on final approval by the Committee in September.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATE

Robin McCarthy presented staff's report to the Committee. Ms. McCarthy stated that the rolling bulletin billboard along 8th & Flower has been very effective in keeping people apprised of the progress being made in the tunnel below.

She stated that we are now taking the School Safety Program into 28 private schools along the alignment. Ms. McCarthy reminded the Committee about the TOP graduation. The Committee asked about how the funding with the private sector was coming along. Ms. McCarthy stated we were putting together a marketing program for the 88-89 year. Susan Brown informed the Committee on the brochure LACTC has developed that the private sector can use as a "menu" for identifying things they can do to assist with the program. The brochure will be used as an introduction to the program; staff will then follow-up with telephone calls.

CLOSED SESSION: REVIEW OF PENDING CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS

The Committee asked for a closed session to review pending construction claims and real estate matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Attachment