

# MINUTES



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## RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 13, 1988

### MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH  
MARCIA MEDNICK  
RAY GRABINSKI

### STAFF PRESENT

PAUL TAYLOR, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ED McSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
JERRY GIVENS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
MANIT CHURANAKOSES, MANAGER, RAIL FACILITIES ENGINEERING  
SHARON ROBINSON, MANAGER, CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

### OTHERS

FRANK SCOTT, COUNTY COUNSEL  
DEEPAK SHAH, TRANSCAL II  
JEFF WOLFE, TRANSCAL II  
RICK LANDELL, LTK ENGINEERING  
PHIL STEAD, LTK ENGINEERING

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the September 15, 1988, meeting with the following correction and addition:

Page 4, first sentence, change to read: "The Committee approved the minutes of the August 15, 1988 meeting....."

Page 7, second paragraph, add after 1st sentence: "This change order involves an increase in certain contingency items in LB/LA Contract C-2125 - Railroad Relocations."

Also, regarding the vehicle design services report, page 7, paragraph 3 of the minutes, Jacki Bacharach asked that staff submit a report to the Commission on the disposition of the 23 light rail vehicles originally earmarked for the Century Line.

Mr. McSpedon addressed the Committee on the scheduling of the November and December RCC meetings; upcoming workshop on traffic & signalling; and construction site tours. He stated we would be polling the Committee to confirm dates. He also stated the the LB/LA vehicle mock-up will be delivered in November and will be unveiled in the L.A. downtown area around November 14. The Committee stated that if possible, 8th and Flower would be a good place to display the mock-up.

Marcia Mednick stated that the yard site in Long Beach is at a point where it is attracting attention from the freeway and if there is any possibility of putting some kind of sign or billboard with information regarding the upcoming rail transit line. Staff informed the Committee that a billboard advertising the Long Beach/Los Angeles Lines' 1990 opening will be installed in November. Staff will explore the possibility of some type of signage for the buildings themselves which would be visible from the Long Beach Freeway.

Mr. McSpedon informed the Committee that the Request for Proposals (RFP's) on construction management services and the design of automated vehicles on Norwalk/El Segundo would be available by the end of October.

#### REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report (outline attached).

Mr. McSpedon addressed the Committee regarding the delay on 7th and Flower by SCRTD's station contractor. He stated that staff recommended SCRTD not accelerate their contractor as the potential benefits are outweighed by the risks. Staff does recommend that SCRTD examine putting an incentive provision in the A-165 contract and also any other contracts impacted by the delay.

The Committee stated that RTD's Rapid Transit Committee should be made aware as to what the delay is costing and suggested a letter from the LACTC Rail Construction Committee to SCRTD's Rapid Transit Committee stating that we are experiencing a 6-month delay and invite them to work with us to hold it to only 6-months.

Mr. McSpedon addressed the Committee on Rail Activation. The Committee asked for clarification on the hiring process. Mr. McSpedon stated that RTD has not sent us a hiring plan for concurrence and they cannot receive funding from us until we have approved the hiring plan. He also stated that RTD cannot commit to an exact list of positions and timeframes until the labor agreements have been finalized, but they can commit to a not-to-exceed budget and can authorize and hire on the initial contingent of people for the rest of this fiscal year.

Jerry Givens gave the Committee a detailed update on CPUC and IRS rulings on contributions paid to utilities by government entities for facility rearrangements. He stated that the majority of our project utility rearrangements will not be taxable. (Payments to utilities for facilities that are prerequisites for services will be taxable.) However, we will continue to work with government agencies and utility companies to seek further legislative relief from these taxes.

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#### CLAIMS OF ALLAN SIMMONS AND MICHAEL W. SCHWAR

The Committee recommended that the Commission reject the claims of Allan Simmons and Michael W. Schwa.

#### CHANGE ORDER NO. 10 FOR CONTRACT R01-T01-C435 - AERIAL STRUCTURES

Al Scala presented staff's report on Contract C-435 - Aerial Structures regarding decrease of contract amount due to reduction of concrete piles not utilized and flaggers or watchmen not

utilized. The Committee recommended the Commission approve Change Order #10 in the credit amount of \$212,014 to decrease the current contract amount from \$25,030,184 to \$24,818,170. The surplus funds will be returned to the Contract Reserve Fund.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

Sharon Robinson presented staff's report to the Committee. The Committee asked that staff's report be revised to show that the Affirmative Action/Labor compliance manual reflect compliance with state and federal regulations concerning EEO. Also, the Committee directed staff to add a listing of hourly rates to the cost breakdown. Staff explained that an itemized invoice based on time-sheets would be submitted monthly. This procedure is followed by all Commission consultants.

The Committee also requested that under the terms of the Agreement, the date should reflect the period ending October 31, 1989, unless the State wants to reflect a June 30, 1989, ending date, which is that case, the Agreement should be prorated.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the proposed interagency agreement at a cost not-to-exceed \$225,000 for the first year. This item will be budgeted from the Transit Development budget.

ARTICLES AND BYLAWS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION (LACTC SUBSIDIARY)

Paul Taylor presented staff's report to the Committee. The Committee reviewed the proposed Articles and By-Laws and made the following points:

Articles of Incorporation, Article VII: Dissolution - this article should reflect that upon dissolution of this corporation, remaining assets of this corporation shall go back to the LACTC or successor agency.

By-Laws, Article IX: Annual Report and Settlement - 1) Should state that the annual report be sent to directors and the Commission within 120 days after the end of the Corporation's fiscal year; 2) correct 7th paragraph to read .....As part of the annual report to all directors,.....

Paul Taylor reviewed with the Committee steps to consolidate rail design/construction.

The Committee scheduled a workshop for October 31 on the subsidiary corporation. It also asked staff to summarize the Ordinance, Articles and By-Laws in staff's report to the Commission.

The Committee recommends the Commission approve the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the Los Angeles County Rail Construction Corporation; said Articles and By-Laws are to be filed by County Counsel with the appropriate authorities to enable the Corporation to become fully operative on the scheduled presented in Ordinance No. 24.

NORWALK/EL SEGUNDO RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT AERIAL GUIDEWAY DESIGN CONCEPTS

Manit Churanakoses, Deepak Shah and Jeff Wolfe gave a presentation to the Committee on the aerial structures. They showed sketches of different concepts used on projects around the world and submitted 3 schemes that could be developed further. The Committee felt that the local jurisdictions should be able to comment on the "coastal line look" being developed. Marcia Mednick raised concerns about the dimensions of the structures and if they would be less obtrusive than on the LB/LA rail line. Mr. McSpedon explained that the weight of the vehicle would be a factor and that the automated vehicle could be lighter than the LB/LA vehicle, but at this time we are still working on the system description effort. The Committee asked to be kept updated on the vehicle.

LONG BEACH-LOS ANGELES RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT BUDGET REVIEW

Ed McSpedon presented an update on the LB/LA project budget. He informed the Committee that construction is now 40% complete with less than two years left for completing the project. Mr. McSpedon stated that after a detailed review of all items in the budget, i.e., construction and professional services contracts, real estate, staff salaries, etc., we are on-budget including adding over \$40 million in enhancements (i.e. Long Beach loop, pedestrian crossings, etc.). As construction get closer to the end, we have to take a good look at the remaining contracts to be awarded as there is less room for error at this point. He also stated that any request from others for added features at this point need to have the accompany funds. Actions needed to stay on track are: 1) keep project on schedule; 2) get remaining contracts bid and awarded; 3) amend professional services contracts to a firm-fixed price to reduce risk to LACTC and more equitably share risk with our consultants who form the bulk of our resources; 4) Freeze

project design and not accept any further changes; 5) any ancillary project features requested by others must be accompanied by necessary funds and not impact schedule; 6) keep operating staff to minimum size possible through efficient organizational approach and prudent use of contract services.

The Committee asked if figures today include the delay on 7th and Flower. Mr. McSpedon responded that it did and also explained to the Committee all the options we are looking at to complete the project on schedule and within budget.

The Committee asked for a list of the \$40 million in enhancements and suggested the Commission receive this list.

#### UPDATE ON CONTRACT P-865 - LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES

Rick Landell and Phil Stead gave an update and slide presentation to the Committee on contract P-865 - Light Rail Vehicles. They discussed the schedule, contract cost, change order status, progress and design review meeting in Japan, current concerns and solutions and the summary of major milestones accomplished and others coming up.

The slide presentation consisted of the how the cars are constructed, assembled and tested for quality and performance in the manufacturing plant. Mr. Landell stated the first car will arrive at the Transportation Test Center in Pueblo, Colorado in late February for testing. The first car is scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles in May, 1989 and will be turned over to LACTC on June 1, 1989, the last car will arrive in July, 1990.

**CLOSED SESSION: REVIEW OF PENDING CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS AND REAL ESTATE MATTERS: AS-115-2, AS-115-3 - HAMMERSON PROPERTY CORPORATION; AS-102 - CARPET WORLD**

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Attachment

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