

MINUTES



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RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH
MARCIA MEDNICK
RAY GRABINSKI
WALTER KING

STAFF PRESENT

ED McSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
AL SCALA, MANAGER, CONTRACTS
MANIT CHURANAKOSES, MANAGER, RAIL FACILITIES ENGINEERING
ROBIN MCCARTHY, MANAGER, COMMUNITY RELATIONS
CLAUDETTE MOODY, MANAGER, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

OTHERS

BOB NEWLAND, TRANSCAL II
MANUEL PADRON, MANUEL PADRON ASSOCIATES
DIANE KRAVIF, TRANSCAL II
DEEPAK SHAH, TRANSCAL II
VIRGIL PIERCE, COMMUNITY YOUTH GANG SERVICE (CYGS)

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the October 13, 1988, meeting with the following corrections:

Page 3, paragraph 5, third sentence should read
....."Payments to utility companies (e.g., SCE, GTE, etc.)
for facilities that are prerequisites for services (e.g.,
electrical, phones, etc) may be taxable...."

Page 4, paragraph 3,"the State wants to reflect a June
30, 1989, ending date, which in that case....."

REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report (outline attached). The Committee raised concerns on who would maintain a pedestrian crossing at 52nd St. Should one be constructed, Mr. McSpedon responded that LACTC's position would be for the City to maintain, but if not, the rail operator would maintain and bill the City.

The Committee asked that staff resubmit the letter dated May 13, 1988, to Mr. Edward Cano of Supervisor Hahn's office regarding Florence Station area revised roles/responsibilities split and cost sharing. Mr. King requested that he receive a copy of the letter.

✓ Mr. McSpedon presented a change notice on contract C325 - Willow to Ninth Street Line Segment in the amount of \$199,000. This is in accordance with the procedure approved by the Committee on April 17, 1987, wherein staff will obtain Committee's consent to commence limited changes in work when the cost of the total change is expected to exceed staff's delegated approval authority.

Bryan Allen, citizen, addressed the Committee on maintenance and graffiti.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 005, CONTRACT H840 - FARE COLLECTION

Al Scala presented staff's report on change order No. 005 which exercises Option No. 1 of the existing contract. This option provides for the production, installation and testing of fare collection equipment to be used on the Metro Rail MOS-1 segment. The Committee asked that the Metro Rail cost and Light Rail cost be clarified, and the difference in program revenue and the final cost due to the additional RTD work be clarified and noted in the budget.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve an increase in the Authorization for Expenditure for Contract No. R01-T07-H840 in the amount of \$1,769,000 (which provides a 10% contingency of \$161,170.00 for future changes). This will provide a total authorization amount of \$6,378,200 which will enable staff to process Change Order #005 and future anticipated changes to either the base or option orders.

COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS: SPECIAL TRACKWORK, TRACTION POWER SUBSTATION

Al Scala presented staff's report. He stated that the unique nature of Special Trackwork and Substation equipment has created a highly competitive and unsettled marketplace. Contrary to sealed bidding where price is the sole consideration in the selection process, competitive negotiations enables the Commission to consider other factors besides price, such as contractor's technical capabilities, experience and support logistics. This procedure also affords us the opportunity to see ahead of time what subcontractors are being used and whether they are qualified. LACTC has experienced difficulties in procuring these items via sealed bid on the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project.

The Committee recommended the Commission authorize procurement be conducted through competitive negotiations as allowed by LACTC's enabling legislation (Section 130238, Public Utilities Code). Approval will require a two-thirds vote of the Commission.

NORWALK/EL SEGUNDO RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT DESIGN FEATURES

Manit Churanakoses presented staff's report. Manuel Padron addressed the Committee on the Aviation Wye. (See attachment.) The results of a computer-based operational study of the "wye" indicate delay would occur there due to conflicting train movements. This would have the ironic effect of negating the primary benefit of automation (short headways). One solution would be to limit the "wye" to a 2-way operation thereby requiring transfers in the least travelled direction (North-South trip along the Coast). The Committee discussed the comparison of 2-way and 3-way operation through Aviation Wye.

The Committee heard testimony from Donald Camph representing the El Segundo Employers Association; Brent Barnes, City of El Segundo; and Bryan Allen, citizen.

No action was taken at this time. The Committee directed staff to continue design of the "full 3-way wye" and report back to the next RCC meeting with additional information.

Diane Kravif presented a report on the maintenance facility and storage yard (see attachment). She gave the Committee a report outlining the original layout from the EIR; preliminary layout with OCS; ultimate layout with 3rd rail, ATC; and the recommended layout with 3rd rail, ATC. Each layout detailed the building size; storage, parking, land needed; and method of operations in the yard. Staff has concluded that it will be possible to construct an automated, third rail powered yard without any additional property acquisition beyond those currently consummated and/or planned. Ultimately, additional overnight rail car storage capacity will be required on the north or south end of the Coast Line in addition to that available in the yard and at Norwalk.

Bob Newland addressed the Committee on the Compton Boulevard Station. He gave the Committee an outline on the cost comparison of two station sites being considered and a location analysis of the two alternates (see attachment). After further discussion and comments from Don Camph and Bryan Allen, the Committee directed staff to obtain all the factors involved in Alternate 2 (station at Compton Blvd.) and return to the Committee for consideration as an addendum to the EIR.

Deepak Shah addressed the Committee on the Rosecrans/Aviation rail transit bridge and recommended a single use bridge, steel option be considered instead of a joint use structure. Staff will proceed along this line.

GRAFFITI PREVENTION

Robin McCarthy presented staff's report and introduced Virgil Pierce. Mr. Pierce gave the Committee a status report on the graffiti prevention being done. While the efforts to date have been effective in reducing recurrence of graffiti; at problem locations, the rapid construction of new facilities along the line have outstripped CYGS ability to keep up with the problem on a one-day-a-week schedule. The Committee recommended that the Commission increase the services of the Community Youth Gang Services (CYGS) from once a week to twice a week. This recommendation has no immediate budget impact, but will require staff to return in February for a new budget allocation.

DRAFT 1989 LACTC LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Claudette Moody presented the Committee with a revised staff report. The Committee discussed the draft 1989 LACTC legislative agenda.

CLOSED SESSION: REVIEW OF PENDING CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS

The Committee asked for a closed session to review pending construction claims.

ADJOURNMENT

Attachments

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