

MINUTES



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RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 13, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH
MARCIA MEDNICK
WALTER KING
RAY GRABINSKI

STAFF PRESENT

PAUL TAYLOR, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ED McSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
AL SCALA, MANAGER, CONTRACTS

OTHERS

DAROLD PIEPER, LEGAL COUNSEL

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of December 2, 1988 and December 12, 1988, as submitted.

Jacki Bacharach introduced Richard Baker of Caltrans and presented him with a Resolution in appreciation for his help and cooperation with the Norwalk/El Segundo rail transit project and other efforts in the early stages of the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project. Mr. Baker has retired from Caltrans.

Walter King asked that items No. 6 & 7 be heard first. The Committee concurred.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT - FLORENCE/GRAHAM
STATION AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report. Jacki Bacharach stated she felt that the County should split any cost overruns 50/50 and that we should not sign an open-ended agreement that doesn't have a timetable at this time. Walter King stated that the Commission should be the one responsible for the park-and-ride and not the County.

The Committee raised concerns about paying for jurisdictional permits and asked that this be clarified with the County and that a waiver of permit fees for this project be included in the agreement. Mr. Taylor stated every agency charges for permits.

Walter King clarified that this request to consider the design and construction of certain project facilities and local street improvements in the vicinity of Florence and Graham Avenues was first suggested by the professional and technical staff of the County and was not initiated by Supervisor Hahn's office.

The Committee reaffirmed its previous concurrence the proposed 90/10 funding split on the estimated \$4 million cost, but directed that any cost overruns should be split 50/50 and this should be reflected in the agreement along with provisions to require the County to issue necessary project permits to the LACTC at no cost. The Committee directed staff to include the necessary \$3.6 million project budget increase in the recommendation. The Committee also directed staff to continue to make efforts to identify savings in the project budget to off-set new and additional increases such as this.

After further discussion, the Committee directed staff to return to the County with the added changes; after obtaining concurrence from the County, staff is directed to return to the Committee and Commission with its recommendation.

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

Paul Taylor presented a report on the Detailed Organization Staffing for the Rail Construction Corporation. The Committee discussed the report and directed staff to table the staffing proposal pending designation of an Executive Director by the Commission. They also directed staff to pursue the Program Control portion of the staffing plan through the mid-year budget report going to the Government Relations and Finance Committee.

The Committee asked staff to return to the Rail Construction Committee at their February 13 meeting with a) a detailed report of the Program Control portion of the mid-year report; the "current" staff organization versus the "proposed staff" for the Rail Construction Corporation; and the dollar amount on salary bands.

REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS

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

AWARD CONTRACT C335 - LONG BEACH STATIONS

Al Scala presented staff's report. Ed McSpedon explained the alternatives presented by the City and proposed to the contractors. The Committee heard comments from Everett W. Maguire, Attorney for Montgomery Ross Fisher, Inc. and H.A. Lewis, Inc., a joint venture. Mr. Maguire stated that the proposal of Continental Heller Corp. should be disqualified and the award given to Montgomery Ross Fisher, Inc., in that Continental's proposal had clerical errors which made it non-responsive. Mr. Scala explained the errors to the Committee and stated they didn't have any effect on the final amount of the bid. He also stated that Montgomery Ross Fisher also had clerical errors. Therefore, if Continental's bid was rejected because of clerical errors, so would Montgomery's have to be rejected thereby shifting the award recommendation to the third lowest bidder. Darold Pieper, legal counsel for LACTC, concurred with Mr. Scala.

The Committee heard comments from Mr. Todd Andrews of Continental Heller, thanking them for their consideration.

The Committee questioned the cost of the stations and how many stations were being considered being that the contract on the Long Beach loop has not been decided. The Committee directed staff to table this contract and meet with Long Beach on the cost of the stations and loop and return to the the January 25 Rail Construction Committee meeting with more information

COMPTON STATION DESIGN UPDATE

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report and updated the Committee on what has transpired to date. He stated we received letters from City of Redondo Beach and TRW in support of shifting the station south. The City of Hawthorne sent in a letter stating that they do not concur with shifting the station south, as they are currently involved in negotiations with a developer for the property adjacent to the original site of the station. They feel that the shift would negatively impact that development plan. Mr. McSpedon stated that the developer and staff agreed to meet within two weeks to review options on what improvements could be made by both parties to better tie in his proposed development with the station at the original location and at the southerly location. The Committee heard comments from Beth Garrow, City of Hawthorne-Redevelopment Agency. After further discussion on the station site, staff stated that after the developer comes back with additional information, staff will return to the Committee with a recommendation.

SYSTEMWIDE CONCRETE TIES OPTION

Al Scala presented staff's report. He stated that in lieu of resoliciting for additional ties in the future, staff believes substantial cost savings can be accomplished by requiring the contractor to furnish these ties under the current contract at existing 1987 unit prices. Savings would result from elimination of additional costs due to mobilization, administration, engineering, inflation factors, and order quantity. Adequate storage is available to warehouse the ties at no cost to LACTC for an extended period of time. In the event that no further lines are authorized, ties could be sold to other properties.

As these ties are anticipated for future lines which have not been budgeted, funding will be allocated to the (R-90) Systemwide account.

The Committee directed staff to give the Commission more information on what we're paying for the ties; how the value of the ties will go up; where they will be stored for free; and also information on the subject of vandalism. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve Change Order #008 in the amount of \$1,287,834.00. This Change Order will ensure timely delivery of the required ties.

TRANSPORTATION OCCUPATIONS PROGRAM MARKETING PLAN

This item was postponed to the February 13 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jacki Bacharach asked that the Committee meet on January 30 at noon to discuss the Norwalk/El Segundo rail transit project progress reports.

CLOSED SESSION: REVIEW OF PENDING CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS; QUARTERLY STATUS OF LEGAL ISSUES

The Committee asked for a closed session to review pending construction claims and quarterly status of legal issues.

ADJOURNMENT

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