

MINUTES



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RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 10, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH
MARCIA MEDNICK
WALTER KING

STAFF PRESENT

NEIL PETERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ED McSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
NORM JESTER, MANAGER OF RAIL SYSTEMS
MANIT CHURANAKOSES, MANAGER OF RAIL FACILITIES ENGINEERING
ROBIN McCARTHY, MANAGER OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

OTHERS

BOB NEWLAND, TRANSCAL II
HANS KORVE, KORVE ENGINEERING, INC.
MYRA FRANK, MYRA FRANKS & ASSOCIATES
BARBARA HANSON, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
LARRY NEAL, TRANSCAL II

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1989

The Committee approved the minutes of the February 13, 1989 meeting as submitted.

REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES

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

Mr. McSpedon updated the Committee on the meeting with SCRTD regarding the light rail vehicle seats. He stated the concerns SCRTD raised regarding the padded seats. The Committee directed staff to get more information on the facts and figures of the seats (i. e., the cost of plastic vs. cloth; how many seats are in the contract; what the loss, if any, would be in changing the seats from cloth to plastic, etc.) and bring this issue to the next joint RTD/LACTC meeting.

Mr. McSpedon noted that on page 2, paragraph 4 of the third-party actions, BOS refers to the Board of Supervisors.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - KAISER ENGINEERS

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report. The Committee asked that there be some overlapping of Mr. Trnka's services with the permanent staff member. Mr. McSpedon stated that we are in the recruitment process now and that there will be some overlapping.

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize an extension for Mr. George Trnka's services to Kaiser Engineers of California in the amount of \$56,177 covering the period from April 1, 1989 to July 28, 1989, at which time a permanent rail vehicle engineer will be on staff.

CHANGE ORDER #002, CONTRACT C325 - WILLOW STATION TO 9TH STREET

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report. In November, 1988, staff asked that the Committee authorize a request for a multiple-part change order in the amount of \$199,000 involving work that needed to be started immediately. (This procedure was approved at the RCC meeting of April 17, 1987.) The Committee approved this request. At that time the contractor had a request of \$1.6 million for this change order, LACTC's estimate was \$600,000. The change order has been negotiated and the total negotiated amount is \$565,151, the scope of the change order (attached) shows the design changes brought forth by City of Long Beach and Long Beach Transit after

bid. Jacki Bacharach raised concerns over paying for all changes that are made by the City and stated that they should contribute some of the cost for the changes they initiate. After considerable discussion Marcia Mednick made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to approve Change Order #002 in the amount of \$565,151, with the proviso that we discuss our philosophy with the City of Long Beach and indicate to them that their share of the responsibility of the \$565,151 should be \$100,000. Also, that we indicate to the City that in the future LACTC staff will have to get Board authorization for any City initiated changes that involve additional costs. The Committee approved the motion 2-1 with Walter King voting no. Sufficient contingency remains in Contract C325 to cover the cost of this additional work.

NORWALK/EL SEGUNDO RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT: COMPTON BOULEVARD STATION DESIGN UPDATE

Manit Churanakoses briefed the Committee on them status of the Compton Boulevard Station location. Hans Korve addressed the Committee on the results of the traffic impact analysis that has been completed on both locations. This analysis covered traffic circulation, convenience, parking, transit service, and proximately to employment centers, etc.

Mr. Swanson representing Cloverleaf Development Company, a potential developer for the northern location, addressed the Committee. Mr. Swanson thanked the Committee for extending the time for consideration of this matter. He stated that potential financial investors didn't like the uncertainty of looking at two alternate plans and that Cloverleaf's assessment of the situation was that the station would move south. As a result, Cloverleaf decided to rearrange their site plan and isolate the development from the rail. He stated that the site would still have 3 hotels and 600 condominiums. He urged the Commission to consider shuttle service to the hotels.

Myra Frank updated the Committee on the environmental impacts on the two locations and stated that both sites were described in the original draft environmental document. The northern site was the recommended site on the final document. The difference in impacts is traffic and traffic is better on the southern side. Ms. Frank suggested that if the Commission decides to move the location to the south, a "Notice of Exclusion" should be adopted and filed. Bob Newland briefed the Committee on the cost and schedule for the design and construction.

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize changing the location of the Compton Station to the southern site, design and construction begin and that a "Notice of Exclusion" be filed.

PREPARATION FOR RAIL START-UP

Barbara Hanson addressed the Committee on the recruitment and hiring process that has begun in order to support LRT start up and testing. She stated that the Rail Operations Superintendent and Maintenance Superintendent have been hired. Ms. Hanson gave the Committee an overview and outlined the steps RTD and LACTC are taking to prepare for successful start-up of the LB/LA project.

STATION NAME AND CAR NAMES

Robin McCarthy addressed the Committee on the station and railcar names. She stated that staff has been soliciting input from the communities, cities, city and elected officials and have reached a basic agreement that the station names will primarily be geographical location with subtitles underneath which would incorporate local landmarks and acknowledge local locations, i.e., L.A. Convention Center, L.A. Trade Tech, Watts Towers, etc. Ms. McCarthy stated that staff has been asked to name the stations after individuals that have been active on the project, staff recommends instead that plaques be installed in the stations acknowledging these people.

Ms. McCarthy stated that staff recommends a small plaque be installed in each of the 54 vehicles naming them for cities in L.A. County with information about the particular city. The Committee asked that a timely joint LACTC/RTD meeting be scheduled to discuss these issues as the Signs & Graphics contract is going out for bid next week and exact specifications will be needed at the time of award.

LONG BEACH-LOS ANGELES RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT BRIEFING

Larry Neal presented an overview to the Committee on the monthly management briefing that TransCal presents to staff covering the big issues on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. Ed McSpedon stated that if the Committee agreed this was informative it could supplement the monthly progress reports presented to the Committee on the Long Beach-Los Angeles and Norwalk-El Segundo projects.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON JANUARY 1989 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Ed McSpedon addressed the Committee and answered questions on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project monthly progress report.

CLOSED SESSION: REVIEW OF PENDING CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS; REAL ESTATE MATTERS: AS340 - ROBERT LEE; AS097 - DR. WILLIAM AND THELMA ROGERS; AS089 - SERGIO A. BANUELOS; AS100 - JOSE AND HERMINIA SILVA; AS354 - MANFREDO C. AND DORA C. PENTZKE

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

ADJOURNMENT

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Attachments