

# MINUTES



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APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS  
SEE MEETING OF 7/17/89

## RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 2, 1989

### MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH  
MARCIA MEDNICK  
RAY GRABINSKI  
WALTER KING  
MIKE LEWIS

### STAFF PRESENT

NEIL PETERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ED McSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION  
AL SCALA, MANAGER OF CONTRACTS  
MANIT CHURANAKOSES, MANAGER OF RAIL FACILITIES ENGINEERING  
NORM JESTER, MANAGER OF RAIL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
JERRY GIVENS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION  
SUSAN BROWN, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
ROBIN McCARTHY, MANAGER OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
JOHN HIGGINS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER II

### OTHERS

BOB NOVICK AND GEORGE-ANN ROSENBERG, MANNING, SELVAGE & LEE  
TED BRANTON, O'BRIEN-KREITZBERG & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
LES MILLER, O'BRIEN-KREITZBERG & ASSOCIATES, INC.

**CAT. TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF MAY 15, 1989**

The minutes of the meeting of May 15, 1989 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 2, 4th paragraph, 2nd sentence - corrected to read  
. ....approve Change Order #018.....

Page 6, 5th paragraph, 1st sentence - corrected to read  
....one of the items dicussed at this meeting was, instead  
of building a track that may not be used in the future.....

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

The Committee viewed a video on an "Eye on L.A" presentation of light rail in L.A. and the construction on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project.

**RAIL CAR ARRIVAL UPDATE/CEREMONY PLANNING**

The Committee also viewed a video of the arrival of the first railcar at the Port of Los Angeles on Monday, May 29.

Norm Jester briefed the Committee on the upcoming activities of the railcar. Monday will begin static testing (i.e., doors working, air-condition, lights, etc.) On June 12 operator training will begin. Qualification testing will begin June 25, this is the high-speed testing. The second railcar is scheduled to arrive on June 22.

The Committee asked about safety and what steps are being taken to notify the public that the tracks will soon be in use for testing. Mr. McSpedon stated that the crossings will be flagged. Mr. Higgins stated that flyers are being distributed in the schools and passed out to the residents informing them that the testing will soon be starting.

Robin McCarthy reported on the Opening Ceremony being planned for June 22. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. until about 11:00 a.m. The Railcar will be on display until 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, June 24, an Open House will be held for SCRTD employees, LACTC employees, Consultant and Contractor employees and families from 9-11:00 a.m., and open the rest of the day to the public.

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

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

Mr. McSpedon stated that the Washington Boulevard final traffic study report will be ready to report at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee asked what steps were being taken to interface with SCRTD on the Rail Activation. Neil Peterson stated that LACTC and SCRTD staffs meet on a weekly basis to discuss a range of issues involving Rail Activation. The results of the discussions will be brought before the Joint Committee which Mr. Peterson is planning to schedule for the last week in June.

The Committee requested that staff report back to the Committee on the fare machine being tested at the El Monte Station.

Walter King expressed his concerns on the safety of the intersections when building a railway and stated that in the future he would like a general policy on the safety of grade-separations when designing a railway. He would like the engineers to state the safety of affected intersections during the design process with and without grade separation.

Ms. Bacharach stated that we have a policy right now that states each line is evaluated on its merits as it is planned and designed.

Mr. Peterson stated that we have been doing an analyses of traffic operations on Washington Blvd. Mr. McSpedon stated that this will be brought before the Committee at its next meeting.

Regarding the \$20,000 contribution by Kilroy Industries for the proposed additional station site, Jerry Givens explained that: the contribution is intended to begin only conceptual design of the station, while basic issues over its future development are being resolved. In the event that they are resolved and a decision is made to advance station development, Kilroy would like the contribution to be credited toward the cost of final design.

The contribution is neither refundable nor obligates the Commission with regard to the station's proposed development. It is understood that Kilroy and parties other than the Commission will be responsible for the cost of property acquisition, final design and construction for the station. The conceptual design work is needed by Kilroy in support of its negotiations on property acquisition and construction financing.

The Committee directed staff to respond to Kilroy regarding the terms and conditions under which the Commission will accept the \$20,000 and proceed with conceptual design.

#### **FLORENCE GRAHAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Jerry Givens presented staff's report. Mike Lewis questioned the 90/10 agreement and felt it should be more equitable. With Mike Lewis voting no, the Committee recommended the Commission:

1. Approve the Supplemental Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to design and construct the improvements set forth therein as part of the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project, and that the Executive Director be instructed to execute same on behalf of the Commission; and
2. Amend the current Project budget in the amount of \$3.6 million to finance LACTC's share of the cost of said design and construction, provided that the County prepare a schedule of work which results in timely project implementation, including fulfillment of all environmental requirements as may be called for in order to proceed with construction.

#### **ART PROGRAM PLAN**

Susan Brown presented staff's report on the Art Program Plan. Jessica Cussick gave the Committee a brief overview on the components of the program.

The Committee expressed support for the program, but expressed concern regarding the following issues:

- percentage of funding allowed for the program
- participation by cities, communities in the program
- whether the program should remain local (California) only

- whether the LACTC retains control
- composition of the art committee
- who determines the artwork (artist or committee)

After a lengthy discussion on the program, the Committee recommended approval of funding for the Art Program with a 3-2 vote and directed staff to report back to the next Rail Construction Committee with clarification on the concerns raised by the Committee.

**METRO BLUE LINE - CLAIMS OF: FREDDY VERDUZCO, PIERRE AYALA, TAMMY SCHUYLER, MARVIN KENT AND BREN IVAN JOHNSON**

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report. The Committee recommended that the Commission formally reject the claims of Freddy Verduzco, Pierre Ayala, Tammy Schuyler, Marvin Kent and Bren I. Johnson.

**THE GREEN LINE - ROSECRANS BRIDGE VALUE ENGINEERING**

Manit Churanakoses addressed the Committee on the options to identify cost savings for the Rosecrans Bridge design being reviewed by staff and consultants.

Ted Branton and Les Miller reported on the objectives and findings of the value engineering study.

After much discussion on steel vs. concrete, the Committee directed staff to return to the next meeting, with additional information after staff has had a chance to meet with representatives from the steel and concrete industry as well as to meet with ESEA regarding feasibility of a joint LRT/freight bridge.

**MARKETING RAIL LINE, PHASE I AND II**

Susan Brown presented staff's report and introduced Bob Novick and George-Ann Rosenberg, Manning, Selvage & Lee, who briefed the Committee on the findings and recommendations of the market research survey.

The Committee directed staff to work with SCRTD staff to determine how marketing responsibilities can be shared and report back to the Commission.

The Committee authorized staff to proceed with Phase II of the two-phased marketing program, to be coordinated with SCRTD, the operator of the rail system. For Phase II, the LACTC will issue a Request for Proposals, seeking a marketing/public relations firm to develop and implement a plan for educating the public and building ridership for the Blue Line prior to operations. The first milestone of the consultant's scope of work will be to develop an overall plan and budget for approximately \$30,000. Upon receipt of this plan and budget, the Commission will decide what tasks the consultant shall perform, and which ones staff will implement. At that time, the Commission will be requested to authorize the necessary resources for implementing the plan.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: TRANSPORTATION OCCUPATIONS PROGRAM;  
TRAVIS**

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize staff to prepare two Request for Proposals for film production firms to produce one film for TOP and one film for the Travis program, at the approximate cost of \$50,000 - \$60,000 each.

**CONTRACT H832, CABLE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM COMPATIBILITY WITH SAFE**

This item was held over to the next meeting.

**DESIGN/COORDINATION WITH CITIES, JURISDICTIONS**

This item was held over to the next meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION: REVIEW OF PENDING CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS**

This item was held over to the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Attachments