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M I N U T E S

JOINT LACTC/SCRTD BOARD MEETING

September 30, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Antonovich at 9:40 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration.

Members present were:

Supervisor Mike Antonovich
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Edmund Edelman
Supervisor Deane Dana
Councilman Richard Alatorre
Councilman Ray Grabinski
Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach
Councilwoman Judy Hathaway-Francis
Jim Tolbert
Councilman Carl Raggio Jr.
Councilwoman Gordana Swanson
Councilman Charles Storing Jr.
Councilman Evan Anderson Braude

Others present:

Ray Remy, Alternate for Mayor Tom Bradley
Antonio Villaraigosa, RTD Board Member appointed by Gloria
Molina

Staff members present:

Neil Peterson, Executive Director, LACTC
Alan Pegg, General Manager SCRTD
David Kelsey, Assistant County Counsel, LACTC
Suzanne Gifford, General Counsel, SCRTD

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Antonovich moved approval of the June 10, 1992 meeting minutes, which was seconded.

Ms. Bacharach asked that the minutes be corrected on page 2 regarding the term limit of existing League of Cities members. The minutes read February 1, 1993 which should be amended to read March 31, 1993. The legislation states that League of Cities members serve until March 31, 1993, which is when the LACTC and SCRTD go out of existence.

Mr. Alatorre called for the question on the amendment. Without objection, motion to amend the minutes was carried.

DISCUSSION OF HOW THE MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ORGANIZE ITSELF

Mr. Alatorre gave a summary report on the authority of the MTA Board and its options for decision-making. Members of the Merger Steering Committee discussed the need for increased accountability on key policy issues, actions, number of board committees, and meeting dates that will be required.

The members also discussed the subsidiary board concept and levels of authority. Mr. Alatorre said this matter required careful deliberation and requested that staff work with legal counsel and bring back a number of options consistent with AB152 (Katz) for review at the October meeting.

Chairman Antonovich asked if the MTA principals would exclusively establish the organizational structure, including how the board organizes policy committees.

Mr. Alatorre said that the Merger Steering Committee is to look at the issue and make recommendations for ultimate approval by the MTA.

Chairman Antonovich moved that the Merger Steering Committee return with a proposal at the next Joint Board meeting on December 9 on how the board will organize itself to improve accountability and provide for a single policy direction. Motion was seconded by Mr. Alatorre. Without objection, motion was carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FROM THE MERGER STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Alatorre gave a summary of the November 19 Merger Steering Committee meeting. He said that at the next Joint Board meeting, the committee would have a set of recommendations for the Board's review that would address: the implementation and legal requirements included in AB152 (Katz); proposed options on how the MTA would organize itself; delegate certain duties and authorities to the board, committees or subsidiary boards, CEO and the sub-organizational units as proposed options and impact analysis for dealing with personnel issues such as pension, compensation and benefits; and the proposed procedure for the MTA to conduct business, for example, the proposed meeting schedule, proposed rules and summary.

At the December meeting, the Joint Board will have a package of proposals for discussion by the MTA board at their first meeting in February, 1993.

The Commissioners were advised that the next Joint Board would be December 2, 1992.

Ms. Bacharach indicated that December 2 was the week the National League of Cities would be holding their meetings.

Mr. Alatorre moved that the next Joint Board meeting be changed from December 2 to December 9, 1992, which was seconded. Without objection, motion was carried.

STATUS REPORT ON METRO RED LINE, SEGMENT 3 FULL FUNDING AGREEMENT

Mr. Peterson gave a status report on the full funding grant agreement discussions with the federal government on MOS-3, the third segment of the Metro Red Line.

He reported that the total cost of the three portions of the MOS-3 is \$2.4 billion, half of which is expected from the federal government. The bill calls for a full funding grant agreement which is a contractual obligation with the federal government. The bill calls for \$695 million to be appropriated during the five-year period of the authorization (1993-1997), and introduces a concept called Advance Construction Authority, something that has never been done before and was done strictly for the project in Los Angeles. It allows the Commission to borrow from future years to get the total project authorized another \$535 million. The LACTC is asking that the total budget be put into the full funding grant agreement.

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Mr. Alatorre expressed his concerns regarding eastern connection of the Metro Red Line. He said that the Commission had to reaffirm the policy that had been adopted, the same policy that required continued support and FTA support. He stated that the language the FTA is proposing is totally unacceptable and the LACTC must work with the administrator and continue to reaffirm our position.

Mr. Alatorre moved that we reaffirm the statutory language as it relates to the eastern connection of the Metro Red Line which was seconded.

Mr. Edelman asked Mr. Peterson to comment on what consequences might arise in taking this position; for example, would it impair the funding of other areas?

Mr. Peterson indicated that it would not impair funding and it will not affect the decision by the House and Senate on the conference report.

Further discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from John Walsh, United Riders of L.A.

Mr. Villaraigosa called for the question on Mr. Alatorre's motion.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Edelman, Dana, Alatorre, Grabinski, Bacharach,
Hathaway-Francis, Tolbert, Antonovich, Storing,
Braude, Raggio, Swanson,

No: (None)

Abstained: (None)

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment received from:

Bob D'Amato, American Safety & Risk Mgmt. Services
John Walsh, United Riders of LA

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Mr. Antonovich asked that staff report on the fire that John Walsh was referring to and forward a copy to his office and to the Commission members as well.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Kathy Torigoe
KATHY TORIGOE
Executive Secretary
to the Commission

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