

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date: June 24, 1986
Time: 1:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Lynn Robie, Chair, Bill Smallman

Committee Members Absent: David Shore, Terry Kastanis

1. RT Monthly Status Report

DISCUSSION:

Mr. David Boggs, General Manager of RT, reported that 51% of overall projects were completed. Construction on the Northeast Corridor was 71% finished and the Folsom Corridor was 11% completed.

He also reported that the starter line audit had been approved by SACOG and the audit showed RT had plenty of time to complete projects based on the start up review.

Chair Robie stated that the audit clearly showed RT's improvements since the last two audits. She stated that RT has done an outstanding job and many of the management problems have been dealt with and resolved.

REPORT(S) BACK:

Chair Robie directed RT staff to send the audit report to the T&CD Committee for their review. She suggested that the summary portion of the report be sent because it was very thorough. Mr. Boggs stated that the report would be sent to all City Council members.

ACTION:

None.

2. City Involvement in EPA's Reasonable Extra Efforts Program

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Don Smith, from the Planning Department, stated that the staff report was informational and required no action. He also reported that EPA is requiring local agencies in non-attainment areas to develop new transportation control measures in order to reduce air pollution. The Sacramento region is expected to attain the federal standard for carbon monoxide by 1987, but Sacramento is not expected to meet the federal standard for ozone. He stated that these non-attainment areas were required to provide annual Reasonable Further Progress Reports on progress for meeting federal air quality standards. If these standards are not met, sanctions could include a ban on further construction, prohibition of federal funding for transportation, and sewer or pollution control projects.

Mr. Smith stated that the City of Sacramento needs to develop over the next two years a two year schedule for the adoption of new or strengthened control measures.

Examples of measures proposed for the City REEP Program were:

- (1). Adoption of the South Natomas TSM program requiring a 20 percent peak hour trip reduction.
- (2). Expansion of the 20 percent requirement in South Natomas to new developments in the rest of the City.
- (3). Adoption of a North Natomas TSM program through Ordinance and/or Development Agreements that will achieve a 35 percent reduction in trips in North Natomas.
- (4). Development of recommendations for intensifying land uses near light rail transit stations.

Councilman Smallman asked whether any studies, positive or negative, had been made on the feasibility of the electric car.

Gary Stonehouse, Principal Planner, replied that the most effective control measure was the automobile and that the electric car would definitely help the pollution problem. An in-depth study on this question was made a few years back and it would probably need to be updated.

Chair Robie asked whether the 1986 Annual Report was being published. Mr. Stonehouse replied that the 1984 Annual report had been completed and that RT was now working on the 1985 Annual Report.

Mr. Stonehouse stated that RT is recommending that SACOG be asked to develop a work program and schedule a financial proposal for the development of this new Air Quality Plan.

Mr. Mike Eaton, Environmental Council of Sacramento, stated his concern on the REEP's proposed program control measures because it was a known fact that Sacramento is one of the third largest cities with pollution problems. He did not feel that the measures proposed were sufficient to control Sacramento's pollution problems.

Chair Robie explained to Mr. Eaton that the measures were examples only and it is the City's major responsibility to look into other measures of pollution control.

REPORT BACK:

Chair Robie directed RT staff to put together a report with recommendations on ride sharing.

ACTION:

None.

Lynn Robie

Lynn Robie, Chair
Transportation and Community
Development Committee