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[Sept. 1976]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JMC

We need a sense of timing
from Cheney. If a decision is
near, we can hold our replies.
But if a decision is delayed, we
may want to frame a reply in
the interim.

Allen



8:00

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Cannon:

Allen thinks is probably
what you sent to Cheney. We
have looked and cannot find a
cover memo.

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September 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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NOTE: 13(c) is in Cheney's hands, and Cheney will
speak with Usery.

dictated by JMC, 9/3/76

13C

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 9/3

TO: *Jim Cannon*
FROM: DAVID LISSY

*Mike Moskow reports
he met with McCallister
on the 13C problem and
assured him the matter would
receive top level attention
and not be decided at
the staff level.*

ML

*Done -
OK
Thank you
090324*





DL
Southern California Rapid Transit District
425 South Main St., Los Angeles, California 90013
Telephone: (213) 972-6655

BYRON E. COOK
President

September 17, 1976

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

For more than a year transit operators throughout the country have been seeking a resolve to their problems with Section 13(c) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

In June of this year, the Domestic Council initiated a study of this matter. You asked that the Secretaries of Labor and Transportation advise you of their recommendations for improving the administration of Section 13(c).

It is my understanding that both reports are in the hands of your Executive Director of the Domestic Council, and that a final decision will be forthcoming.

The Southern California Rapid Transit District strongly favors implementation of the five major provisions outlined in the Department of Transportation's report. Particularly, the District urges your support of the "negative declaration" recommendation as it would apply to operating assistance grants pursuant to Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as Amended.

The amendment to the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, which you signed into law in November of 1974, has provided vitally needed operating assistance to transit properties nationwide. It would be unfortunate if the full spirit of that legislation were jeopardized due to procedural weaknesses in the labor protective arrangements of the Act.

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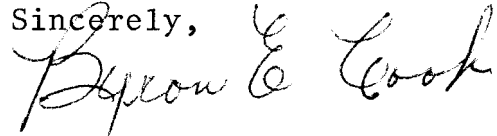
Hon. Gerald R. Ford

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9/20/76

In order that the full benefits of federal aid to public transportation can be realized, I urge your support of the Domestic Council's recommendations.

Sincerely,



Byron E. Cook
President, Board of Directors
Southern California
Rapid Transit District

cc: James M. Cannon
William T. Coleman, Jr.
William J. Usery, Jr.
Bill Stokes, APTA
Senator Alan Cranston
Senator John Tunney



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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
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Sept. 22, 1976

TO: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JIM CANNON Jmc

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cc: Hope
McConahey
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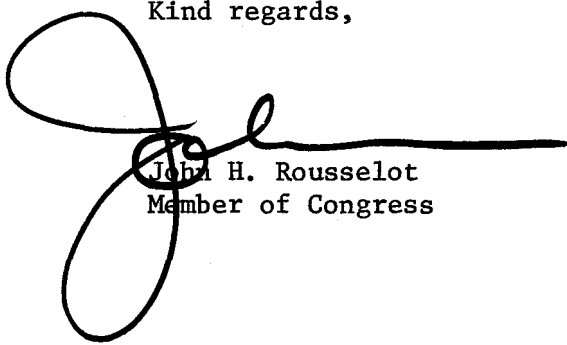
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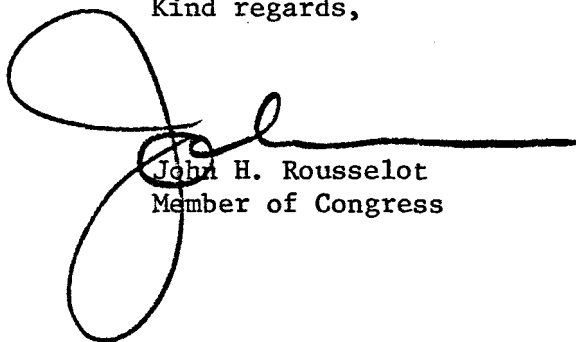
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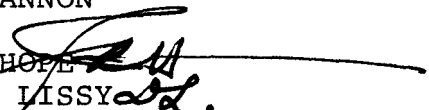
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

September 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: JUDY HOPE 
DAVID LISSY 
SUBJECT: UMTA Section 13(c)

Twelve transit officials from cities across the country have sent separate telegrams to the President urging changes in 13(c) procedures, and stressing the need for the "negative declaration" concept in connection with operating subsidies. Pete Schabarum (L.A.) wrote the President on the same subject on September 14.

We are holding these items for reply and seek your guidance on the nature of our reply.



pending 13-C

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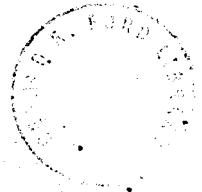
Sept. 24, 1976

TO: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: JIM CANNON
SUBJECT: 13(c)

Dick has had 13(c) for several weeks. Can you help us find out where it stands?

Thanks.

cameron



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

DECISION

*And cc Lissy
10/1/76
8 Ans
True*

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: JUDITH RICHARDS HOPE *JRH*
SUBJECT: UMTA 13(c)

I attach a quick list of persons writing the White House in the present mail/telegram campaign urging 13(c) action.

David Lissy and I are awaiting your guidance before responding.

Attachment

cc:
Jim Cavanaugh
David Lissy



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[ca. 9/27/76]

Correspondence regarding UMTA Section 13(c) COMPUTER

<u>Received</u>	<u>Addressor</u>
9-13-76	1 Glenn Anderson. (MC-California) referred to DOT
	2 John Tower (Senate-Texas) referred to DOT
9-16-76	3 B. R. Stokes, Ex. Director of American Public Transit Association
9-21-76	4 Doug Kelm, Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Commission of St. Paul, Minnesota
9-22-76	5 Fred H. Thoma, Omaha Transit Authority
9-23-76	Phoenix Transit System, Phoenix, Arizona
	6 Clare Loudenslager, Lansing Capital Area Transportation Authority
	David Arnett, River City, Kentucky Transit Authority
	7 Board of Director, Duluth Transit Authority
	Worcester Regional Transit Authority
	William R. Blue, Flint Mass Transportation Authority
	C. R. Walsh, Tacoma Transit System
	8 Paul F. McGinnis, Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority
	James H. Harris, III, Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority
	9 David L. Yunich, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority
9-24-76	Leonard Ronis, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
	Alfred E. Smith, Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority
	Robert A. Osborne, Bay County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Michigan)
	Bob Salmon, Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority
	William R. Blue, Flint Mass Transportation Authority
	T. O. Price, San Diego Transit Corporation

Correspondence regarding UMTA Section 13(c) direct to Mrs. Hope

<u>Date</u>	<u>Addressor</u>
9-14-76	Peter F. Schabarum, Supervisor, Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles (envelope addressed to President) letter addressed to President ✓ Peter F. Schabarum, (same letter as one prior to this listing but envelope addressed to Richard Cheney) Peter F. Schabarum, (same letter as last two but the envelope addressed to Steve McConahey)
9-16-76	B. R. Stokes, American Public Transit Association
9-20-76	William R. Blue, General Manager, Flint Mass Trans- portation Authority (mailgram)
9-20-76	Frank A. Kleinhenz, City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Transit System (mailgram)
9-20-76	San Diego Transit Corporation (mailgram) ✓
9-20-76	Richard J. Simonetta, Ex. Dir., Cumberland-Dauphin- Harrisburg Transit Authority (mailgram)
9-20-76	Bob Salmon, Gen. Manager, Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority (mailgram)
9-20-76	Paul F. McGinnis, Ex. Dir., Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority xxxxxxx (letter)
9-20-76	Clinton W. Kanaga, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (mailgram)
9-20-76	South Coast Area Transit, Ventura, California (mailgram)
9-20-76	Alfred E. Smith, Chairman, Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (mailgram)
9-21-76	Robert A. Osborne, Gen. Manager, Bay County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Michigan) (mailgram)
9-21-76	Clare Loudenslager, Ex. Dir., Capital Area Transportation Authority, Lansing, Michigan (mailgram)
9-21-76	Chairman Forchielli, Allentown, Penna.
9-22-76	Fred H. Thoma, Chairman of the Board, The Transit Authority of the City of Omaha (mailgram)
9-22-76	Fred H. Thoma, Chairman of the Board, The Transit Authority of the City of Omaha (mailgram)
9-22-76	Gerald E. Mayo, President, Board of Trustees, Central Ohio Transit Authority

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD B. CHENEY
FROM: JAMES M. CANNON
SUBJECT: UMTA Section 13(c)

For the last 10 days to 2 weeks the transit industry, as well as State and local officials, have been conducting a mail-telegram-telephone campaign urging White House action on 13(c), stressing the need to implement the negative declaration concept.

We have now received approximately 50 inquiries, including letters or telegrams from: John Tower, Bud Shuster, Del Clawson, Bob Lagomarsino, Pete Schabarum, Marilyn Lloyd, and Cliff Allen.

Thus far, we have not responded but I feel some response should be transmitted by Monday, October 4, at the latest.

May I have your views on the direction of that response?

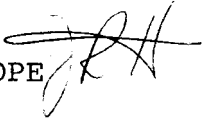
Comment:



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WASHINGTON

September 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: JUDITH RICHARDS HOPE 
SUBJECT: UMTA 13(c)

I attach a draft memorandum on this issue from you to Dick Cheney, which I recommend you transmit.

CLEARANCE SHEET

13(c)

DATE: 9-30-76

JMC ACTION

Required by: _____

STAFF RESPONSIBILITY JRHope *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Draft Memorandum to Dick Cheney

UMTA 13(c)

RECEIVED FROM: _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____

STAFF COMMENTS:

QUERN/MOORE RECOMMENDATION:

✓ APPROVE
____ REVIEW & COMMENT
____ DISCUSS

*We need to try
again to move this
off dead center*
[Signature]

CANNON ACTION:

DATE:

Material Has Been:

____ Signed and forwarded
____ Changed and signed
____ Returned per conversation
____ Noted

JIM CANNON

Comment:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1976

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MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY
FROM: JIM CANNON
SUBJECT: Response on 13(c)

With your concurrence, this is the response we will
use on 13(c).

Usery and Coleman concur.

Jim C. 10/5/76
D.K. - note
Suggested omission

JMTR
f.

10-5-18

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 1976

Dear

The President has asked me to respond to your recent (telegram) (letter) (telephone call) regarding procedures under 13(c) of the Urban Mass Transit Act. *[As you may]*

Recently
know, The President directed Secretaries Utery and Coleman to review the 13(c) process to determine how red tape could be cut in granting Federal transit funds while, at the same time, protecting the rights of transit employees.

Have
*[*After careful study,*]* Secretaries Utery and Coleman reached agreement on four of the five issues which the President asked them to resolve. The fifth, the "negative declaration" issue, is still under review because of *[complex]* legal, contractual and perhaps Constitutional questions which it presents.

Thank you for your interest and concern about this vital issue. We believe our progress to date is an important part of the President's effort to simplify Government regulation and make Government more responsive to the people.

Very truly yours,

James M. Cannon



MARTIN J. CARR
SENIOR DEPUTY

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OF COUNSEL

October 4, 1976

Mr. Peter F. Schabarum
County of Los Angeles
Board of Supervisors
856 Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Schabarum:

James McDonough, acting Chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority sent telegrams to the entire Illinois Congressional Delegation, the President, the Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Transportation, and the interested members of the White House staff supporting the position taken in your letter of September 14, 1976. In addition, Mr. McDonough spoke personally with Daniel Rostenkowski, the leader of the Cook County Congressional Delegation, and asked for his personal intervention and support of our 13(c) position.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Norman J. Barry

NJB:ek

My
J

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SUBJECT: Response on 13(c)

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Usery and Coleman concur.

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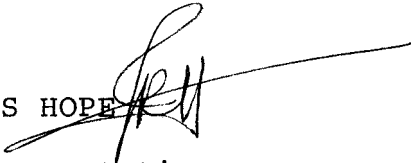
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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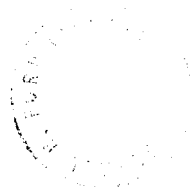
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BYRON E. COOK
President

September 17, 1976

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

For more than a year transit operators throughout the country have been seeking a resolve to their problems with Section 13(c) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

In June of this year, the Domestic Council initiated a study of this matter. You asked that the Secretaries of Labor and Transportation advise you of their recommendations for improving the administration of Section 13(c).

It is my understanding that both reports are in the hands of your Executive Director of the Domestic Council, and that a final decision will be forthcoming.

The Southern California Rapid Transit District strongly favors implementation of the five major provisions outlined in the Department of Transportation's report. Particularly, the District urges your support of the "negative declaration" recommendation as it would apply to operating assistance grants pursuant to Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as Amended.

The amendment to the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, which you signed into law in November of 1974, has provided vitally needed operating assistance to transit properties nationwide. It would be unfortunate if the full spirit of that legislation were jeopardized due to procedural weaknesses in the labor protective arrangements of the Act.



Hon. Gerald R. Ford

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In order that the full benefits of federal aid to public transportation can be realized, I urge your support of the Domestic Council's recommendations.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Byron E. Cook

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President, Board of Directors
Southern California

Rapid Transit District

cc: James M. Cannon
William T. Coleman, Jr.
William J. Usery, Jr.
Bill Stokes, APTA
Senator Alan Cranston
Senator John Tunney



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WASHINGTON

October 19, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM: JUDITH RICHARDS HOPE

SUBJECT: UMTA Section 13(c)

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(Note: I find Larry Yud of DOL already announced this this morning to APTA's 13(c) subcommittee.)

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Art Quern

David Lissy

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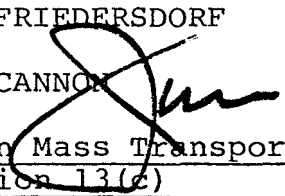


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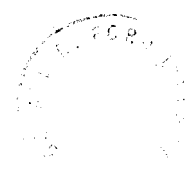
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October 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: JIM CANNON 
SUBJECT: Urban Mass Transportation Act,
Section 13(c)

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Attachments

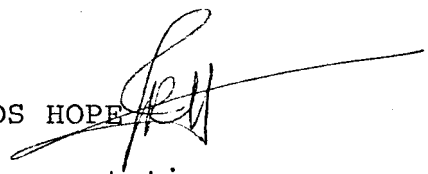


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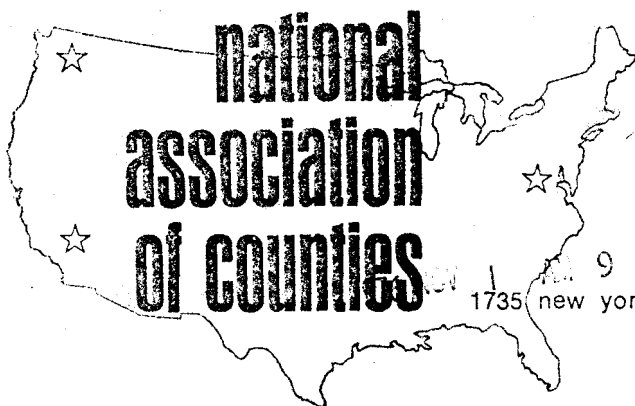
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October 27, 1976

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Secretary of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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While we have not yet had an opportunity for a thorough review of the proposed draft guidelines, we did want to take this opportunity to thank you for the work to date.

We recognize the importance of the work that still lies ahead, in reviewing the proposed guidelines and working toward effective implementation of improved procedures. And we pledge our continued efforts to work as closely as possible with you in seeking equitable arrangements for all involved.

Sincerely,

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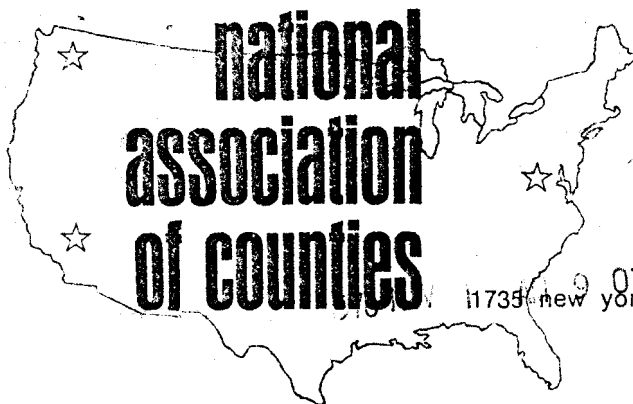
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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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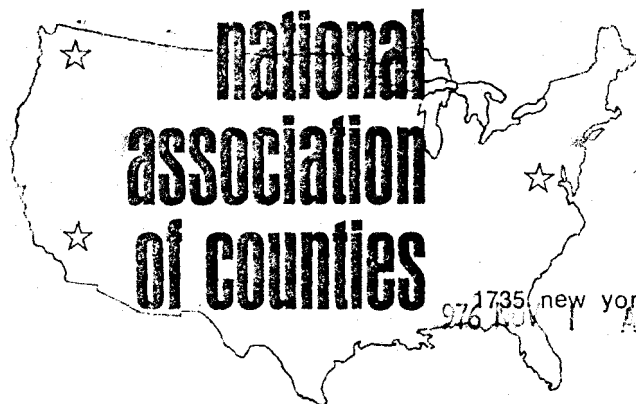
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Washington, D.C. 20590

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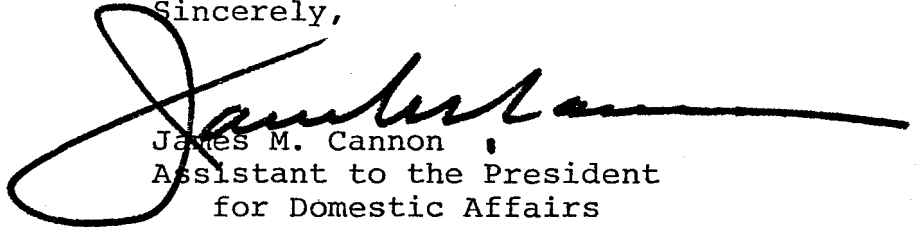
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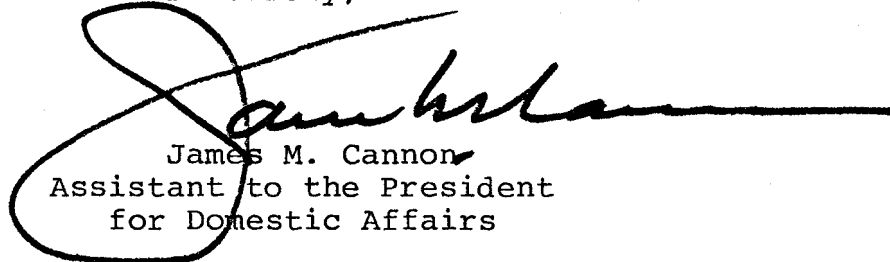
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OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RE: TRANSPORTATION: GEN'L: REQUEST MODIFICATION TO CURRENT PROCEDURES CONCERNING
TRANSPORTATION LABOR PROTECTIVE AGREEMENTS - SECTION 13(c): RESOLUTION #R-76-292

On motion of Supervisor Townsend, dully seconded by Supervisor Smith and carried, the following resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, is hereby adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-76-292

Resolution urging President Ford to issue an executive order to modify current procedures regarding Transportation Labor Protective Agreements, Section 13(c).

WHEREAS, the County of San Bernardino, California, supports public transit as a member of a joint powers entity entitled "Omnitrans" which acts as the operator of the public transit system; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Bernardino, California, supports this public transit system through its use of local transportation funds derived from local sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the use of the local transportation funds is authorized for the support of transit system or for the construction and improvement of county highway facilities; and

WHEREAS, funds available for the construction and improvements of county highways have been reduced due to inflation caused by higher materials costs, increased labor costs, and increased administration costs created by Federal red tape; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous to use a greater portion of local transportation funds for the construction and improvement of county highway facilities sorely needed for the protection of the traveling public and the movement of goods within the County of San Bernardino; and

WHEREAS, Urban Mass Transportation funding has been withheld pending adoption of the National Model Agreement by Omnitrans as negotiated by and between the American Public Transit Association and various labor organizations; and

WHEREAS, the current procedures utilized by the Secretary of Labor in the administration of the Transportation Labor Protection Agreement, Section 13(c) are highly restrictive and relieve locally elected officials of their ability to deal directly with transit labor problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County:

Urges President Ford to issue an executive order which would put into effect procedural changes currently under review that would streamline the procedures of Section 13(c) and most importantly adopt the concept of implementation of negative declaration procedure for operating assistance projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, by the following vote:-

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Townsend, Smith, Hansberger

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: Mayfield

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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I, LEONA RAPOPORT, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by said Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board of its meeting of

OCTOBER 25, 1976

Dated:

10/28/76

LEONA RAPOPORT

Clerk of said Board.

cc: President Ford

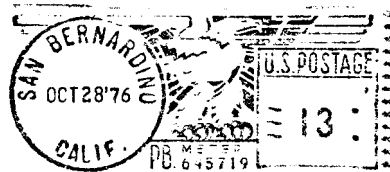
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Edwin Hansberger
Deputy

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TO: JIM CANNON

FROM: JUDITH RICHARDS HOPE

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December 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

DAVID LISSY *DL*

SUBJECT:

13C

I called Mike Moskow Thursday morning and asked him to report back to me by Monday as to how DOL intends to implement the decisions on the 13 C issue. Mike bristled at any suggestion that DOL would not take appropriate action but, in fact, this is a case where due deliberate speed could equate to non-action before January 20.

Mike said he believed DOL intended to publish proposed new rules at the end of December and then call for formal comments. If that happens, there will be no final action possible during this Administration. I have asked Mike to determine if there is any legal impediment to actual immediate implementation of the already announced decisions.

Handled - 13C
Thanks -
Is DOT
in firm?
Jim

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John

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December 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON

FROM: DAVID LISSY *DL*

SUBJECT: 13C

Mike Moskow confirmed today that DOL will send the 13C package to the Federal Register by the end of this month. Mike indicated that DOL has been consulting with NACO, APTA, the unions and other interested parties.

cc:

Art Quern
Judy Hope
Steve McConahey

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