

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Pursuant to notice given to *The Register-Guard* for publication on May 13, 2010, and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, the Board of Directors of the Lane Transit District held a regular Board meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the LTD Board Room at 3500 East 17th Avenue, Eugene.

Present: Mike Eyster, President
Greg Evans, Vice President
Dean Kortge, Secretary
Ed Necker, Treasurer
Michael Dubick
Doris Towery
Gary Gillespie
Mark Pangborn, General Manager
Jeanne Schapper, Clerk of the Board
Kimberly Young, Minutes Recorder

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mr. Eyster convened the meeting of the Lane Transit District (LTD) Board of Directors and called the roll at 5:37 p.m.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS BY BOARD PRESIDENT: Mr. Eyster had no remarks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: There were no announcements or additions to the agenda.

BOARD CALENDARS: Mr. Pangborn announced that LTD would host the First Friday Communities of Color event on June 4 at the Next Stop Center. He encouraged those present to attend the event.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: Inventory Supervisor Mark Hay introduced Inventory Technician Carline Stratton as the June 2010 Employee of the Month. Ms. Stratton has been with the District since December 1978. Mr. Hay indicated that Ms. Stratton exemplified LTD core values and noted that she receives many appreciative compliments from her co-workers. Mr. Eyster presented Ms. Stratton with a check, a pin, a letter of congratulations, and a certificate of recognition commemorating the award. Ms. Stratton expressed appreciation for her co-workers.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING

Second Reading and Adoption, Seventeenth Amended LTD Ordinance No. 35, an Ordinance Setting Fares for Use of District Services

MOTION Mr. Kortge moved that the Seventeenth Amended Ordinance No. 35 be read by title only. Mr. Necker provided the second.

VOTE The motion was approved as follows:
AYES: Dubick, Eyster, Evans, Gillespie, Kortge, Necker, Towery (7)
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
EXCUSED: None

Mr. Pangborn then read aloud the title of the ordinance, "Seventeenth Amended Ordinance No. 35, an Ordinance Setting Fares for Use of District Services."

MOTION Mr. Necker moved the following resolution: LTD Resolution No. 2010-017: Be it resolved that the LTD Board of Directors hereby adopts Lane Transit District Seventeenth Amended Ordinance No. 35, an Ordinance Setting Fares for District Services. Mr. Dubick provided the second.

VOTE The motion was approved as follows:
AYES: Dubick, Eyster, Evans, Gillespie, Kortge, Necker, Towery (7)
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
EXCUSED: None

Pioneer Parkway EmX Property Acquisition: Assistant General Manager Stefano Viggiano provided an overview of the proposed acquisitions.

MOTION Mr. Evans moved approval of LTD Resolution 2010-018 authorizing the Lane Transit District to acquire by purchase or by the exercise of the Power of Eminent Domain certain Real Property necessary for the Pioneer Parkway EmX as represented in the resolution. Mr. Kortge provided the second.

Mr. Eyster confirmed with Mr. Viggiano that the resolution gave the Board authority to use eminent domain. Mr. Viggiano indicated that it was possible that LTD would have to go through litigation even though the property owner was amenable to the sale because the property owner was in bankruptcy proceedings in New York City.

VOTE The motion was approved as follows:
AYES: Dubick, Eyster, Evans, Gillespie, Kortge, Necker, Towery (7)
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
EXCUSED: None

WORK SESSION

May 25 Luncheon Discussion on Development of LTD Vision Statement: Director of Planning and Development Tom Schwetz called attention to copies of the luncheon agenda provided to Board members. He said that LTD wanted to refine its vision because the local jurisdictions were in the process of updating their transportation plans. He thought that it was a good idea to look at the vision as part of that process. He recalled the Board's development of leadership competencies as they were tightly related to the vision of where LTD wanted to be in the next 20-30 years. In addition, the LTD Board had indicated earlier in this process that they wanted the next general manager that was hired to be a visionary, and he anticipated the Board would discuss what it meant to be visionary for the organization.

Mr. Evans asked how LTD could reconcile differences of vision among different agencies. He cited, as an example, Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) lack of interest in depicting EmX routes on ODOT plans for projects such as Beltline Road. Mr. Schwetz suggested that the regional process was the proper setting for that discussion and that having a more refined vision would help LTD communicate with those agencies. He also suggested that EmX could be added to the ODOT vision for Beltline at the National Environmental Protection Act stage of the Beltline improvement project. He suggested that the work done by CalTrans could be a model for that discussion.

Mr. Eyster observed that there was a lot of support for what LTD was talking about at the recent Metropolitan Policy Committee meeting, and he had the sense that ODOT representatives felt somewhat out of the loop on that discussion. He suggested that dialogue about such collaborations would be evolving, and LTD needed to be strategic to ensure the conversation continued to evolve. He stated his belief that there was a lot of support for what LTD was doing in the community and that may have an impact on ODOT's reasoning. Mr. Gillespie agreed and stated that he had come away from the High-Speed Rail Forum with the same sense of ODOT's position.

Mr. Eyster encouraged Board members to keep pushing on the issue in the appropriate forums.

Mr. Schwetz noted the other agenda item for the May 25 Board luncheon meeting was the new decision-making process for the West Eugene EmX Extension.

Gateway EmX Extension Project: Facilities Services Manager Charlie Simmons provided a presentation updating the Board on the project, and he clarified details of the new proposed inbound routing along East 11th Avenue.

Mr. Eyster asked if staff had checked in with business owners with regards to the proposed Business, Access, and Transit lane; referred to as the BAT lane. Mr. Simmons said no, and indicated that LTD generally deferred such issues to City of Eugene staff. Mr. Pangborn indicated that LTD staff would follow-up. Mr. Viggiano noted that LTD had talked to Selco Credit Union since a new station would be located in the right-of-way in front of the business.

Mr. Simmons noted the next steps in the process, which includes work with City staff on the final design and permit submission, with construction scheduled to occur in August/September 2010.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AT THIS MEETING

Charter Service Update: Director of Service, Planning, Accessibility, and Marketing Andy Vobora provided the update, reflecting the information included in a memorandum provided to the Board entitled *Charter Service Update*. Regarding Oregon football, he reported that LTD would provide service for five of the six scheduled home football games.

Board Member Reports: There were no verbal reports.

Monthly Financial Report: Director of Finance and Information Technology Diane Hellekson referred the Board to the information included in the packet and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

FY 2011-2018 Capital Improvements Program Administrative Amendment: Financial Services Manager Todd Lipkin reported on the information provided in the packet. There were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Eyster adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.