

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Pursuant to notice given to *The Register-Guard* for publication on April 17, 2008, and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, the Board of Directors of the Lane Transit District held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the LTD conference room at 3500 East 17th Avenue, Eugene.

Present: Gerry Gaydos, President, presiding
Debbie Davis, Treasurer
Mike Dubick
Mike Eyster, Vice President
Greg Evans
Ed Necker
Mark Pangborn, General Manager
Jo Sullivan, Clerk of the Board/Minutes Recorder

Absent: Dean Kortge, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Gaydos called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Evans was not yet present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – Mr. Pangborn noted the award that had been received from the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting. This was the twelfth year in a row that the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) had received the award. Mr. Pangborn thanked the Finance Department staff for their work on the CAFR, and Director of Finance and Information Technology Diane Hellekson acknowledged Finance Manager Carol James' work, especially.

Mr. Pangborn also distributed copies of an article by Mr. Evans from the most recent American Public Transportation Association (APTA) publication, *Passenger Transport*. He said that in July he would be attending an APTA meeting in Cleveland and would see what the bus rapid transit system looked like there. Cleveland was buying 22 buses on the same contract through which LTD bought its EmX buses, and probably would have 17 or 18 on the road at one time.

BOARD CALENDARS – Mr. Pangborn noted that on May 5, the Springfield City Council would be addressing its resolution on Pioneer Parkway. The Board had scheduled a strategic planning work session to begin at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 9.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – Mr. Pangborn explained that the May Employee of the Month, Bus Operator Erik Dahl, was unable to attend the meeting, since his shift began at 4 a.m. and he started his day at 2 a.m. Mr. Pangborn added that he liked the way Mr. Dahl was focused on fitness and encouraged other employees to use the fitness equipment at LTD.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – There was none.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING

MOTION **CONSENT CALENDAR** – Ms. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Dubick, approval of LTD Resolution No. 2008—13: “It is hereby resolved that the Consent Calendar for April 23, 2008, is approved as presented.” On the Consent Calendar were the minutes of the March 10, 2008, special Board meeting/public hearing on fares and service.

VOTE The Consent Calendar was approved as follows:
 AYES: Davis, Dubick, Eyster, Gaydos, Necker (5)
 NAYS: None
 ABSTENTIONS: None
 EXCUSED: Evans, Kortge (2)

FTA GRANT APPLICATIONS – Grant Administrator Todd Lipkin briefly discussed the grants listed in the summary on page 13 of the agenda packet. There were four Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant applications. The largest, an application for \$4,900,152 in Federal Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funds, was for purchase of the land at the River Road Transit Station and to pay off the short-term note for the Gillig bus purchase. The second application was for \$932,387 in 2008 Surface Transportation Funds for the Commuter Solutions program and for a portion of the purchase of one Pioneer Parkway EmX vehicle. A Section 5309 Bus Purchase grant request for \$776,286 was for the final payments for the 2007 New Flyer articulated bus purchase and to provide funding for a portion of an EmX vehicle for Pioneer Parkway. The fourth application was for a Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis grant, requesting \$545,000 in funding in 2007 and 2008 for technical studies and alternatives analysis activities for the West Eugene EmX Extension project.

Public Hearing: Mr. Gaydos opened the public hearing on the federal grant applications under consideration. A person in the audience asked if it would be possible to receive a copy of the alternatives grant. Mr. Lipkin replied that it had not yet been drafted. There was no testimony, and Mr. Gaydos closed the public hearing.

MOTION Board Acton: Mr. Eyster moved, seconded by Ms. Davis, that the Board adopt LTD Resolution No. 2008-014: “It is hereby resolved that the LTD Board of Directors approves the proposed grant applications listed below, which total \$7,153,825 in federal funds, and authorizes the general manager to submit these applications to the Federal Transit Administration for approval.”

- (1) 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funds (OR-90-X152)
- (2) Surface Transportation Funds (OR-95-X019)
- (3) 5309 Bus Replacement (OR-04-0026)
- (4) 5339 Alternatives Analysis Funding (OR-34-0005)

VOTE The resolution was approved as follows:
 AYES: Davis, Dubick, Eyster, Gaydos, Necker (5)
 NAYS: None
 ABSTENTIONS: None
 EXCUSED: Evans, Kortge (2)

Mr. Viggiano noted that the River Road Transit Station was part of this funding request. He said that the request would go to the County for approval on April 30, and then the purchase was expected to close on May 7. In response to a question from Mr. Gaydos, Mr. Viggiano said that the possible bank tenant was still in negotiations with the County and LTD because of some joint access issues.

Mr. Dubick asked if LTD would be fronting the money for the purchase and then getting it back from the FTA. Mr. Lipkin said this was correct, and that LTD expected to receive the funds in June or July.

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PRICING PLAN AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AMENDED FARE ORDINANCE – Director of Service Planning, Accessibility, and Marketing Andy Vobora noted that the Board previously had held two public hearings on the recommendations found in the amended fare ordinance and had held the first reading at the March 19 Board meeting.

MOTION Mr. Dubick moved that Fifteenth Amended Ordinance No. 35 be read by title only. Mr. Eyster seconded the motion.

VOTE The motion was approved as follows:
AYES: Davis, Dubick, Eyster, Gaydos, Necker (5)
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
EXCUSED: Evans, Kortge (2)

Mr. Dubick then read the title: "Fifteenth Amended Ordinance No. 35, An Ordinance Setting Fares for Use of District Services." Additional copies of the ordinance were available for anyone in the audience who wished to have one.

MOTION Mr. Dubick then moved LTD Resolution No. 2008-015: "Be it resolved that the LTD Board of Directors hereby adopts Lane Transit District Fifteenth Amended Ordinance No. 35, An Ordinance Setting Fares for Use of District Services." Mr. Eyster provided the second.

VOTE The ordinance was adopted as follows:
AYES: Davis, Dubick, Eyster, Gaydos, Necker (5)
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
EXCUSED: Evans, Kortge (2)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AT THIS MEETING

Mr. Evans arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Monthly Financial Report – Ms. Hellekson stated that ridership still was extremely strong, at a 12.7 percent increase; these were record levels and showed no sign of slippage. She said that LTD had received the State-in-Lieu of payroll tax revenues that were missing, and those revenues had increased. The bad news, she said, was that fuel costs still were increasing. This issue would be discussed with the Budget Committee later that evening. She noted that fuel costs tended to move up and down over time, and LTD generally budgeted what was anticipated to be the average cost for the year.

Mr. Eyster said that there had been a discussion about a person who would write down the names on subcontractors' trucks on local construction projects. He wondered how that was going. Ms. Hellekson said that it did not go very well, since the person could not get onto most of

the construction sites. Finance Manager Carol James said that the PeaceHealth construction site had submitted a list of subcontractors.

ADJOURNMENT – There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Board Secretary