



LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LTD Board Room
3500 E. 17th Avenue, Eugene
(Off Glenwood Blvd. in Glenwood)

AGENDA

Time	ITEM	Page
1:00 p.m.	I. CALL TO ORDER	
	II. ROLL CALL	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kate Reid <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Skov <input type="checkbox"/> Don Nordin	
	III. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR	
	IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION	
	A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	2
	Action Needed: Approval	
	<i>Approve minutes from the December 12, 2019, meeting</i>	
1:05 p.m.	V. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY POLICY - <i>No Materials Provided</i>	
	Committee members will receive a presentation regarding the Districts current sustainability efforts and discuss and review a draft sustainability policy.	
2:55 p.m.	V. SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING	
3:00 p.m.	VI. ADJOURNMENT	

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AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Pursuant to notice given to *The Register-Guard* for publication on December 5, 2019, and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting of the Lane Transit District held a meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at the LTD Board Room, 3500 E. 17th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon.

Present: Joshua Skov
Don Nordin
Aurora Jackson, General Manager
Kelly Hoell
Mark Johnson, Assistant General Manager
Camille Gandolfi, Clerk of the Board

Absent: Kate Reid, Chair

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — Mr. Nordin called the meeting to order and called the roll.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR — None.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

MOTION **Approval of Meeting Minutes** — Mr. Skov moved to approve the October 1, 2019, minutes as submitted, Mr. Nordin provided the second.

VOTE The motion was approved as follows:
YES: Skov, Nordin (2)
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS:
EXCUSED: Reid (1)

Mr. Johnson entered the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY POLICY — Ms. Jackson shared with the Committee a Word document which was a culmination of her research into the best practices of approximately 20 different transit authorities from other parts of the country, with an emphasis on King County Transit, and Sound Transit, both in Washington State. She compiled and shared the following with the Committee:

Public transportation plays an important role in confronting environmental challenges. Public transportation can:

- Improve air quality
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Facilitate compact development, conserving land and decreasing travel demand
- Save energy
- Other benefits
- Minimize impacts

Public Transportation can facilitate compact development, conserving land and decreasing travel demand supporting higher density land development, which reduces the distance and time people need to travel to reach their destinations, meaning fewer emissions from transportation. Compact development also leaves more land in the region for parks, wildlife preserves, forests and other uses such as agriculture. Finally, it reduces the need for pavement, meaning less run-off that degrades the water supply.

Mr. Skov said he fully supported these ideas and language.

Mr. Nordin offered that it would behoove LTD to engage with climate protests/strikes going on nationally.

Mr. Skov said that he felt the contents of the presentation should be familiar to: the LTD Board of Directors, LTD's municipal partners, and the State Legislature. As to community support, he said the community already largely supported this kind of sustainability language. He suggested Ms. Jackson perhaps choose the three best examples from her list of transit agencies to put before the LTD Board of Directors. Finally, he posited the annual LTD Board retreat might be a good place in which to introduce Board members to the contents of Ms. Jackson's presentation.

Mr. Nordin spoke briefly to the importance of coordinating with other transit agencies, at least in the region, on the sustainability and development of said region as a whole. He offered that sustainability efforts should not be in a silo—in other words, sustainability is woven together with other regional concerns, including development, and should be addressed as such, instead of trying to separate the issue of sustainability as a stand-alone issue to be addressed.

Mr. Johnson said that there could be issues with transit plans running counter to the development plans of cities and counties. He said that transit was supposed to be wrapped up in development, but that was rarely the case in reality.

Mr. Skov said that so many full-time equivalents (FTEs) were expended in the processes of such reports as the sustainability reports compiled and offered by Ms. Jackson, that often there is no energy remaining for integration and next steps. He said he would be strongly opposed to any such sustainability plan in advance of a full business plan.

Mr. Nordin said they would not be able to force other entities to integrate any sustainability plan(s) into their operations.

Ms. Jackson spoke to the strength of LTD's relationship with the City of Eugene, and the importance of LTD's voice in the community it serves.

Mr. Skov said that he believed the partnership between LTD and the City of Eugene was very clear at the staff level, but the Councilors themselves were spread over so many different local issues, he was not sure they were ready to work with LTD on local transit sustainability goals.

Mr. Skov said that he trusts Ms. Jackson and other LTD staff to bring the LTD Board up to speed on the sustainability program.

Presentation on LTD's Sustainability Program

Ms. Hoell offered the Committee a report and power Point presentation on LTD's Sustainability Program.

Mr. Skov thanked Ms. Hoell for the presentation. He said the modeling of the Sustainability Program seemed larger to him than just a focus on greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), which he appreciated.

Ms. Hoell said the program came out of modeling for GHG benefit, but there were other community benefits that the community had goals around.

Mr. Nordin said that he wondered if the upcoming ODOT pilot project, which would be focused on Lane County could be integrated into LTD's Sustainability Program.

Mr. Skov said the information in the report would be very helpful moving forward. He stressed the importance of the division of labor between this Committee and the LTD Board. Mr. Skov said, while all the points of this plan—such as reductions and improvements—were essential to the Sustainability Plan's implementation and efficacy, it was important to realize the LTD Board of Directors usually had a lot on their plates, so it would be important for members of this Committee to deliver messages regularly to the Board about the work they are doing on the Sustainability Plan.

Ms. Hoell asked the Committee if they wanted to keep the four areas of focus from the 2007 Sustainability Policy in the new Sustainability Program.

Mr. Skov said he was okay with keeping the four focus areas that Ms. Hoell mentioned, but with the caveat that the information compiled and presented by Ms. Jackson at the beginning of the meeting be a part as well. He offered the goal related to the fleet itself could be set at the Board level, but it would be more difficult to set the goal related to community impacts.

Ms. Hoell thanked the Committee for the helpful direction. She added that she hoped the Board would at least set the policy framework for sustainability, so it could continue to be built upon in the future.

Ms. Jackson pointed out that in her experience, no governing body can change the local culture overnight. She said that it took 3-10 years for the fabric of culture to truly change.

SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING — Committee members would be polled regarding a date and time for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT — Mr. Nordin adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

(Recorded by Rodney Cimburke)