

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

April 4, 1972

The Board of Directors meeting of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon on April 4, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Present were:

Craig Robinson, President, presiding
Al Brandt, Vice President
Daniel M. Herbert, Treasurer
Phyllis P. Loobey, Secretary
Glenn E. Randall
Leonard Wildish
Fred Dyer, General Manager
Richard Bryson, Counsel

Absent:

Fred Brunner

MINUTES:

Reading of the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 1972 was dispensed with as copies had been submitted to the General Manager and all members of the Board. On motion duly seconded the minutes of said meeting were approved as written.

RIDESTOP:

Marvin Gloege, faculty advisor, introduced William LaCour and Dena Wild, students at the University of Oregon Department of Urban Planning and Lane Brown, student at the University of Oregon Department of Architecture, who made an informative presentation of the proposed RideStop supplementary transportation system for the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area, prepared for the Survival Center of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon by the Department of Urban Planning, University of Oregon. This is a program for ride sharing particularly designed for students who travel between their homes and the University of Oregon and Lane Community College, using a structured system of hitchhiking along designated routes with fixed stopping points. The students asked for the endorsement of the Transit District Board of Directors.

Mr. Randall said he was not prepared to endorse the program at this time because of his concern about the danger of criminal assault by automobile drivers and by hitchhikers. Mr. Dyer pointed out that the District has lowered its fares from 30 cents to 25 cents and is going to try to improve service to the University of Oregon and Lane Community College and as he feels there is a tendency for the RideStop program to be competitive with the bus

system, he suggested that the matter should be given further study. Mr. Robinson appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Herbert and Mr. Randall to study the proposal further and make recommendations to the Board.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Henderson recommended the appointment of Bud Cook of Springfield and Jeff Siegel of Eugene as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee. On motion of Mr. Randall seconded by Mrs. Loobey the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Cook and Mr. Siegel to that committee.

BUSES:

Mr. Dyer asked the Board for authority to make a bid for the 21 GMC 36-passenger transit buses which were formerly used by Southern California Rapid Transit District. Mr. Wildish reported on his trip to California to inspect the buses. He found that they were about 24 years old; that they were mechanically not obsolete and spare parts for them would be available; that they had been well maintained; that the paint appears to be about two to three years old and that he was very favorably impressed with the mechanical aspects of the buses.

Mr. Dyer told the Board that the addition of these used buses would permit an increase in the areas served and would provide better service to the areas already served. He thought that the buses should be painted to match the new buses and that the District would have to obtain additional housing in order to accommodate the additional buses. Mr. Dyer was questioned by Mr. Brandt as to the need for additional buses and as to the reason for obtaining used rather than new buses if additional buses are needed. Mr. Dyer replied that the additional buses would be used to test and demonstrate the need for new buses for expanded service in order to provide a basis for further federal grant applications. He explained that the District could probably get the 21 used buses considerably sooner than it could get new buses and at a much cheaper price. He informed the Board that the District now has 20 buses, of which 14 of the buses are serving 11 routes, two are available for special use and about four are ordinarily in reserve. His new plan would require 29 buses operating on the road and for that purpose the District should have about 39 buses available. Mr. Brandt expressed the view that the District should not acquire 21 buses that were 24 years old when the District's existing buses average under 18 years of age. Mr. Wildish advised that the California buses are better buses than our existing fleet and are in better condition and would be less costly to maintain.

The General Manager told the Board that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has expressed its willingness to accept the testing and certification of the California authorities as to whether the used buses meet the Oregon standards.

On motion of Mrs. Loobey, seconded by Mr. Wildish, the Board voted to authorize the General Manager to bid not to ex-

ceed \$2,000 per bus for the purchase of 21 of said surplus GMC Model TDH 3610, 2-door, 36-passenger transit buses formerly used by Southern California Rapid Transit District, contingent on acceptance by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Those in favor: Messrs, Robinson, Herbert, Randall and Wildish, and Mrs. Loobey; those opposed: Mr. Brandt.

Mr. Dyer reported that he has submitted the specifications for the new Twin Coach buses to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority. He filed with the Secretary, and delivered to the Board members, copies of a letter from the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority to the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, dated April 4, 1972, apparently approving the new buses. Mr. Dyer said that a representative of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has told him on the telephone that it appears that the specifications comply with the State's standards, but asked the District to commit itself to use low-lead fuel, to maintain high standards and to direct its efforts to providing viable alternatives to the use of private automobiles.

Mr. Dyer also reported to the Board that Highway Products, Inc., the manufacturer of the new Twin Coach buses, has advised him of the availability of Allison AT-540 transmissions for the new buses at an additional cost of about \$1,000 per bus. Mr. Dyer thought the Allison transmission would be more rugged than the Chrysler transmission and smoother operating. On motion of Mr. Herbert, seconded by Mrs. Loobey, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Dyer to order the Allison AT-540 transmissions for the new buses if it will not hold up delivery of the new buses, and provided the District can get the Federal Government participation in the additional cost of the Allison transmissions to the same extent as the Government participation in the purchase of the new buses.

OPERATIONS:

The General Manager reported to the Board that the present plan is that during disruption of traffic on 10th Avenue while it is being widened, there will be a temporary relocation of the bus loading in the downtown area, either on Olive Street or one and one-half blocks North from 11th Avenue, or in the Park Blocks. Mr. Dyer favors the Olive Street location as recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee.

PLANNING:

The General Manager filed with the Secretary and delivered to each Board member, a list of work activities and a list of goals, policies, long-range objectives and short-range objectives for the District prepared by a sub-committee on goals and objectives. Mr. Herbert suggested a public hearing on these goals, policies and objectives. Mr. Robinson noted that there was nothing controversial about the goals, policies or objectives and questioned the need for a public hearing. Mr. Henderson invited the members of the Board to attend the meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on April 14 at Celeste Campbell Hall to discuss the goals, policies and

objectives.

BUDGET:

On the nomination of Mrs. Loobey, seconded by Mr. Randall, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Bud Cook and Harvey Henderson to the budget committee.

On the nomination by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Loobey, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Bob McCurdy to the budget committee.

FINANCE:

Mr. Dyer presented the financial statements for the month of March, 1972. On motion of Mr. Wildish, seconded by Mr. Brandt, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills for March, 1972, as presented, in the total sum of \$44,005.01.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary