

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

August 1, 1972

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall at Eugene, Oregon on August 1, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Richard Bryson, Counsel

MINUTES:

Reading of the minutes of the meeting of July 5, 1972 was dispensed with as copies had been sent to the members of the Board and the General Manager. On motion, duly seconded, the minutes of said meeting were approved as written.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Henderson reported a presentation made to the Citizens Advisory Committee by Michael Sprague, member of the community, suggesting that the Lane Transit District buses be individualized through designs or paintings on the interior and exterior of the buses. While the committee was not in general disagreement with the idea, they were concerned about whose design or whose paintings would adorn the vehicles and felt that public response would not be favorable.

Mr. Henderson presented some of the difficulties the committee is experiencing trying to implement the review process requested by the Board to evaluate the District's progress toward attainment of its goals. Mr. Henderson indicated that he would inform the Board at its September meeting of the method selected by the committee to satisfy the Board's request.

PROPERTY:

Mr. Dyer reported that the Kendall Ford property is no longer being considered for use by the District due to present zoning of the site. Tentative approval for District use given by a City Building official was challenged. The Appeals Board determined that use of the property by the District was not a

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continuing use. The owner of the property and his representative declined to seek a conditional use permit for the District's use of the property.

The subcommittee has written a letter expressing the District's needs for space and facilities to the owner of another site which would be suitable for District use. Currently, three different locations are being considered. In reply to Mr. Robinson's question about the urgency of relocation, Mr. Dyer indicated the mechanical requirements are expanding with the increasing fleet size and that winter weather conditions will hamper maintenance that is now being done outside. In response to another question from Mr. Robinson, Mr. Dyer said that the owner of the present District property has not been notified of the District's attempts to find another location.

BUSES:

Mr. Dyer reported on the trip to Ohio made by Messrs. Robinson, Wildish and himself to inspect the new Twin Coach vehicles. Mr. Dyer indicated that he was impressed with the buses and felt that the community would be happy with the new buses. His reservations about the District's color choice were allayed as he compared LTD vehicles with the color selection made by other districts. Mr. Brunner asked at what distance would the new buses make a visible impact in comparison with the Los Angeles vehicles. Mr. Dyer said that he thought the difference between the two would be discernible at three blocks distance. The Twin Coaches are more modern, have more glass and are squarer in shape.

Mr. Dyer discussed with the Board the offer made by Twin Coach of \$520 drive-away allowance over the contract specifications requiring shipment by rail in closed cars FOB Eugene. The District will drive away 5 to 8 of the buses to tie in with the advertising campaign. He was instructed to settle the shipment of the remaining vehicles according to his judgment.

LABOR:

The Board took up the matter of the pension fund trust account which was to be established under provisions of the new wage contract. Motion approving the establishment of the trust fund at 25¢ per hour per employee from March 1, 1972 was made by Mr. Wildish, seconded by Mr. Brunner and unanimously adopted.

In response to Mr. Schoppert, Business Representative, Mr. Robinson reiterated the Board's directive as:

- (1) Setting up the pension plan trust fund account per the provisions of the wage contract at 25¢ per hour per employee;

- (2) Mr. Dyer, Mr. Schoppert and representatives from 1st National Bank are to meet and make the arrangements for an employee's pension plan, and

- (3) Mr. Dyer and Mr. Robinson, acting jointly, are

signatories to the trust fund account. It was moved by Mr. Wildish and seconded by Mr. Brunner that Mr. Robinson's statement of the Board's position be approved. Mr. Robinson requested an amendment to the motion adding Mr. Schoppert's name as a signatory to the account jointly with Messrs. Robinson and Dyer. Mr. Randall's motion to make such amendment was seconded by Mr. Wildish and unanimously adopted. Mr. Wildish's main motion was then voted on and unanimously adopted.

PLANNING:

A memorandum from the LASTS committee mailed to the Board was next taken under discussion. The District's share of the local funding for the next phase of the study had been formulated by the Mass Transit Division of the State of Oregon and totaled \$2,428. An amount of \$3,000 had been allocated in the 1972-73 District budget. A grant proposal of \$20,000 has been approved by L-COG and submitted to UMTA. Ollie Snowden felt that UMTA's decision to finance the proposal should be known in a month.

Mr. Randall asked about Mr. Bryson's previous caution about transporting school children under UMTA funding of Twin Coaches. Mr. Dyer indicated that school children can be transported as a part of the general ridership as long as the vehicles are not used for exclusive school use. On motion of Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Brunner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the expenditure of funds to provide whatever may be necessary for the District's share of said study, up to the amount of \$2,428.

Mr. Dyer discussed with the Board his and Dave Rynerson's concern about finding a terminal location in the central business district of Eugene. In discussion with Eugene Renewal Agency staff about a permanent facility, it was disclosed that Eugene Renewal Agency is investigating the feasibility of a parking structure on 8th Avenue between Olive and Willamette. Mr. Rynerson then presented to the Board exhibits showing the advantages of an 8th Avenue site for a multi-modal transportation center over the 10th Avenue location which the District will be using again once street widening construction is completed.

The Eugene Renewal Agency has earmarked the 8th Avenue site for parking. The District as offered to participate in the planning for the site. Hopefully a multi-modal transportation center can be planned for the location with a transfer facility on the mall level. It was moved by Mr. Wildish and seconded by Mr. Herbert that a letter be sent to the Eugene Renewal Agency expressing the District's interest in the site and asking to be involved in planning for the location. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Herbert expressed his reservations about the District seeming to underwrite the parking structure phase of the Eugene Renewal Agency development. He referred to the Objectives and Criteria used previously in evaluating the feasibility of the Park Street location and emphasized that the planning about the

proposed 8th Avenue site respond the the District's needs and interests. Copy of Objectives and Criteria developed in search for temporary transfer point is included with these minutes.

ADVERTISING:

Mr. Jerry Schmidt presented to the Board exhibits including a schedule of the campaign and various media ads and releases. He also presented a routing diagram showing the color coding to be used on the new routings.

Mr. Henderson and Mr. Herbert recommended the inclusion of the River Road shopping center and the University of Oregon as display locations during the September 9-17 promotion of the new vehicles. Limitations on new equipment available for display and budgeting for "tour guides" were cited as reasons for the selection of display locations.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Secretary