

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

May 15, 1973

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon on May 15, 1973 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  
Fred Dyer, General Manager  
Richard Bryson, Counsel.

Absent:

Gary Buell  
Glenn E. Randall

MINUTES:

Reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 1973 was dispensed with as copies had been sent to all members of the Board. On motion, duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

PLANNING:

The long-range campus transportation plan of the University of Oregon campus planning committee was presented to the Board. Mr. Dyer told the Board that a committee had been formed with one representative from the city of Eugene, one from the University of Oregon and one from the transit district to outline steps to implement the campus transportation plan and to report back to the campus planning committee. Dave Rynerson will represent the transit district on that committee.

Mr. Dyer recommended that the Board request that the transit district be allowed to have one additional voting representative on L-COG's transportation planning committee as at this time Mr. Dyer is the only representative on that committee from the transit district. On motion duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to request L-COG to appoint Dave Rynerson as a voting member of the L-COG transportation planning committee. Mr. Dyer undertook to write a letter to L-COG informing them of this Board's request.

Mr. Snowden reported on the L-COG data collection and

planning activities. He announced that on or near May 20 there would be radio and television announcements and a newspaper article requesting information from those who cannot use the existing transportation system. A questionnaire has been prepared and volunteer services organization has agreed to compile the information over the telephone during the week of May 21. He expects the data to be tabulated by mid or late June. Mr. Snowden further reported that the origin-destination survey of transit riders has been re-scheduled for May 22 and 23 and that Boing Computer Services will be in Eugene on May 24 to give a progress report to the Lane Area School Transit Study Committee. This report will be made at 1:30 p.m. in the L-COG conference room.

Mr. Robinson advised that he and Dan Herbert are to meet with the Eugene Renewal Agency representatives and their parking consultant on May 23, to discuss the downtown terminal.

The report of the subcommittee on goals and objectives was given by Mrs. Loobey. The subcommittee met with the citizens' advisory committee on the night of May 14 and will be meeting again soon. Further discussion was postponed until the forthcoming work session.

Mr. Dyer presented the Oregon State Highway Division Planning Section Environmental Unit's action plan work program and mentioned that the State Highway Division would welcome comments and suggestions.

#### FINANCE:

The general manager presented his financial reports for the month of April, 1973 and on motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills for April as presented in the total sum of \$40,070.16.

#### LABOR:

Mr. Dyer reported that the actuarial firm working on the District's pension plan has recommended that he and Craig Robinson and Mel Schoppert be named as trustees. Further talks and studies will be held when Mr. Schoppert is available.

Mr. Dyer announced that the District's clerical employees have elected to be represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union.

#### OPERATIONS:

The general manager filed ridership reports and graphs showing that the Lane Transit District again leads the nation in percentage of ridership increase.

#### ADVERTISING AND MARKETING:

Mr. Dyer informed the Board that the district has re-

ceived three awards and a trophy for its advertising and billboard campaigns from Mid-Oregon Ad Club. He also said that the billboards are being discontinued for the time being and television spot advertising is being resumed.

#### FEDERAL GRANT:

Gary Hunt presented the draft of preliminary application for a Federal Grant of \$1,191,760. Members of the Board questioned the need for ten 42-passenger buses, the fork-lift and the alignment equipment and also wanted further consideration of the special bus adapted for wheel chairs. Fred Dyer and Dave Rynerson explained their position that on some of the bus routes the buses are already crowded at peak hours and that with the anticipated growth there will be increasing need for larger buses so passengers won't be left standing at the bus stop. Mr. Dyer also pointed out that there was a potential for saving labor costs by using large buses instead of a greater number of smaller buses. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the preliminary Federal Grant application should be discussed further in a work session to be held at noon on May 21, 1973 at the Eugene Hotel; said work session to have particular emphasis on the ten large buses, and the one special bus for wheel chairs, the fork-lift, the alignment equipment and the proposed real estate acquisitions.

#### CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Rich announced that the District needs a replacement for Bud Cook on the budget committee and that the Citizens' Advisory Committee recommended either Jim Martin or Darrell Smith for that position. They also endorsed the District's request that Dave Rynerson be added as a voting member to the L-COG transportation planning committee. Mrs. Rich further reported to the Board that the Citizens' Advisory Committee has been meeting at the Senior Center, but will have to make other arrangements in the near future. Mr. Dyer advised her that the District's offices will soon be moving to its 8th & Garfield premises and that there will be ample room there for the Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings.

#### BUDGET:

On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to appoint Darrell Smith to the budget committee to serve out the term of Bud Cook who had one year left of his term on the committee.

#### INSURANCE:

Consideration of the insurance matters listed on the agenda for the meeting was postponed by the chairman to be taken up at the Board's next work session.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Dyer reported briefly to the Board

on their attendance at the American Transit Association conference in San Diego.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Wright and Mr. Switzer both appealed to the Board for a bus route in the Laurel Hill area. Dave Rynerson replied that the 1975 level of services plan has a proposed route into that area and he submitted a map of the proposed route to Mrs. Wright and Mr. Switzer for their comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Robinson reminded the Board that there would be a work session at the Eugene Hotel on Monday, May 21 at 12 noon. On motion duly seconded the Board adjourned this meeting until Monday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon.

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Secretary