

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

November 20, 1973

The Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District held their regular monthly meeting at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on November 20, 1973.

Present were:

Craig Robinson, President, presiding
Phyllis P. Loobey, Secretary
Daniel M. Herbert, Treasurer
Gary Buell
Fred Brunner
Leonard Wildish
Fred Dyer, General Manager

Absent were:

Glen Randall
Richard Bryson, Counsel

MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the meeting of October 23, 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 of that meeting as written.

Gary Buell presented to the Board a short film depicting the use of GM coaches equipped with a hydraulic lift operated by the University of Illinois at Urbana for those persons on the campus in wheel chairs.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mr. Robinson, president, announced that he was declaring the meeting open for public discussion in response to petitions which had been submitted to the staff seeking extension of routes to the Bailey Hill Market and to Mobilepark West. He called for public comment.

Mrs. Curtis Bryant expressed the opinion of the signers of the Bailey Hill Market petition for extension of the Bailey Hill run to the market. Mrs. Bryant cited the numbers of people favoring bus service in light of the energy crisis, and the numbers of elderly and young who would benefit by the extension of service.

The President then called for additional public comment on the Bailey Hill Market petition. Hearing none, Mr. Robinson then asked for comments on the Mobilepark West petition. There were no others who wished to speak.

PLANNING: Mr. Robinson then recognized Dave Hunt, Director of the Eugene Renewal Agency. Dan Herbert, Chairman of the Board subcommittee on the Downtown Terminal project, made a report to the Board. The subcommittee sought preliminary approval from the Board for the statement presented in the report and for proceeding with site evaluations and site requirement questions. Mr. Wildish asked Mr. Hunt to clarify the district's financial commitment to the project. Mr. Hunt replied that a portion of 4.5 million dollars in tax increment funds would be allocated for capital improvements of the site, and that the district's financial responsibility lay in operational and maintenance costs once lease arrangements of the facility had been made with the city of Eugene. The Board granted preliminary approval to the project as requested by the subcommittee. Mr. Robinson expressed the consensus of the Board that an area of understanding existed between ERA and the transit district within which these agencies could proceed to the preliminary design state of the facility.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Robinson then called for a report from the district's Citizens Advisory Committee. Joan Rich, chairperson, responded that as there was not a quorum at the November 14 meeting, she had no report for the Board's consideration.

OPERATIONS: Mr. Dyer presented to the Board reports on ridership for October. These included the ridership by route graphs prepared by the planning department which are indicative of Phase X rerouting and extension of routes.

Mr. Dyer commented upon the restoration of maintenance programs with the addition of five GM coaches leased from Tri-Met. Additional personnel have been hired to wash buses during the layover between the last run at night and the first run in the morning hours.

Mr. Dyer reported that additional tokens are being ordered to overcome shortage in token recirculation. Demand for discount purchase of tokens by LCC, the Eugene Downtown Merchants Association and other discount token purchasers exceeds the supply returning through the fare box.

MARKETING: Jerry Schmidt of Ad Services presented to the Board exhibits of the new system maps, replicas of the public relations cards used for the "First Step" program; Christmas greetings to LTD patrons; a special card to be sent to patrons registering complaints with the staff, as well as color photos of the current outside advertising display. Mr. Schmidt also displayed the signs being used by those merchants who are participating in the EDA token program. He indicated also that a TV spot was in production covering LTD night service.

FEDERAL GRANT: Mr. Dyer presented to the Board the Resolution and Assurance of Compliance which are needed for the federal grant application. On motion duly seconded the Board authorized the signing of these documents by the President and the Secretary of the Board as stipulated.

TRI-MET BUSES: Mr. Dyer reported that the GM coaches leased from Tri-Met were on a twenty-four hour recall basis, and even though these vehicles were part of Tri-Met's reserve fleet that no assurances could be made that Tri-Met would not recall them if their ridership required these coaches for their operations. Mr. Dyer remarked that he was scouting possibilities for other systems' coaches, should Tri-Met recall these vehicles.

EXTENSION OF RIDE PRIVILEGES: On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to extend ride privileges to the handicapped and persons sixty-two to sixty-five years of age with letters of award from the Social Security Administration.

PLANNING: Dave Rynerson, Director of Planning, commented upon the On-Board Patron survey conducted by L-COG with assistance from the League of Women Voters in May of this year. He noted that more males are riding the system than in 1972 and that the percentage of riders with two or more cars has risen. Additionally, he presented graphs which were part of the data package from LASTS.

Phyllis Loobey sought Board approval for continuation of the study she is preparing for the Board so that it can determine the nature and extent of services for the physically limited and the elderly. Upon motion made by Mr. Wildish and seconded by Mr. Herbert, the Board unanimously approved the study as requested.

Copies of the LASTS proposal were distributed to the Board. The proposal, written and compiled by Boeing Computing Services, was discussed by the Board. Mr. Herbert requested the staff to provide the Board with copies of the contract negotiated between L-COG and BCS. Mrs. Loobey asked additionally for copies of the presentation made by BCS to the LASTS committee prior to selection of the consulting firm to conduct the study.

FINANCE AND BUDGET: Mr. Dyer presented his written financial reports for the month of October, 1973. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to authorize payment of the bills in the total sum of \$141,991.04 as offered by Mr. Dyer.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Dyer asked the Board for approval of a lease-option arrangement for the purchase of the Transwestern property, south of eighth, now being leased by the district. Mr. Wildish asked for presentation of details concerning the transaction prior to making this decision. This item is to be placed upon the agenda for the December Board meeting.

Mr. Dyer requested approval from the Board to take a vacation from November 21 to December 2, 1973, which on motion duly seconded, received the unanimous approval of the Board.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Robinson recognized a reporter from the Oregon Daily Emerald, University of Oregon student newspaper,

who was seeking information about the Lane Transit District and its operations. Mr. Robinson also recognized Jim Martin who had questions about the District's progress with the extension of services to the physically limited.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Secretary

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