

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

December 18, 1973

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on December 18, 1973, at 7:30 p.m.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Glenn Randall.

MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 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.

OPERATIONS: The General Manager announced that ridership for the first full operating week in December exceeded 50,000 paid fares and that in that week the system carried about 70,000 riders including free rides and transfers. The district continues to lead the nation in ridership increase.

Mr. Dyer told the Board that on December 15 Tri-Met recalled the buses which the district has been leasing from Tri-Met. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to authorize the General Manager to purchase eleven used forty-five passenger buses for a total price of \$32,500 which included an exterior paint job. Mr. Dyer reported that all but one of the buses are in good shape and that one of them needs an overhaul.

Mr. Dyer advised the Board that he has an opportunity to sign a lease of the real property at the south-east corner of Eighth and Garfield Streets presently occupied by the district for a term of eighteen months at a rental of \$1,337 per month, said lease to include an option to purchase the property at a negotiated price of \$135,000. The price is based upon appraisals submitted by Laurence A. Holt of \$138,000; Charles P. Thompson, \$135,000; and James A. Rodman, \$135,000. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to

authorize Mr. Dyer to sign such a lease-option.

The General Manager informed the Board that the district is experiencing a temporary shortage of tokens. He explained that we began with a supply of 20,000 tokens and now are up to 80,000 tokens. The district is handling 2,000 tokens per day plus approximately 800 senior citizen tokens. Mr. Dyer explained reasons for the shortage and expressed his anticipation that additional tokens will be obtained by early February.

PLANNING: Dave Rynerson filed a written report showing distribution of passengers on the various bus lines as between daytime and nighttime use. He also reported on various petitions and requests for service which the office is receiving, including those from Crest Drive neighborhood, West Santa Clara, East Hayden Bridge Road, Douglas Gardens, and Laurel Hill. Requests are also being received from people in the Country Club Road area, the Bailey Hill Road, and Green Acres Road neighborhoods. Mr. Rynerson also mentioned that the district is discussing with Weyerhaeuser Company, EWEB and Agripac the prospect of having buses serving industries at the time of shift changes and an experiment is being conducted with EWEB using express buses.

Mrs. Loobey gave a report for the subcommittee on Transportation for the Disadvantaged. She said that the committee does not like the lifts being manufactured at the present time and is exploring local manufacture of lifts which would include safety features that the committee deems desirable. Mrs. Loobey also reported that surveys are still being conducted, some by personal interview and some by mail. She told the Board that the surveying is a little behind schedule but not badly behind.

Dan Herbert reported for the subcommittee studying the Eugene Terminal matter. He said that the committee met on the 10th and the 17th of December and also met with the Eugene Renewal Agency representatives. The committee expects to be talking to the city soon regarding financial arrangements and traffic related considerations.

FINANCE: Mr. Dyer presented financial reports for the month of November and informed the Board that the payroll computer is working well. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills for November as submitted in the total sum of \$86,566.33.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Francis Fitzpatrick from Oak Park West requested that the district extend the Norkenzie bus line to serve about 500 to 600 people in and around Oak Park West. He said that numerous people employed in Eugene and students living in the Oak Park West area would use the buses. He told the Board that the nearest bus line at this time is approximately one-fourth mile away and is physically unsuitable. He assured the Board that a suitable place would be made available for buses to come to Oak Park West. Mr. Dyer responded that the request will be given due consideration by his planning staff.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mr. Dyer requested authorization from the Board for himself and Dan Herbert to attend the annual meeting of the National Research Council, the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering in Washington, D. C. on January 21-25, 1974, and on motion duly seconded the Board unanimously voted such authorization.

Mr. Wildish said that he thought the manager should report to the Board on the energy crisis and how it affects the bus system and what is being done about it. Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Dyer to make such report to the Board as an agenda item at its January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned.

Secretary