

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

January 29, 1974

The Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District met at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on January 29, 1974, pursuant to adjournment from its meeting of January 15, 1974, and the adjournment thereof on January 18, 1974.

Present were:

Gary Buell
Jack J. Craig, Treasurer
Marcella Fetzner
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Phyllis P. Loobey, Secretary
Glenn E. Randall
Fred Dyer, General Manager
Richard Bryson, Counsel.

Absent:

None.

CAR POOLING. The board proceeded to consideration of the car pooling program presented by the Oregon Transportation Commission, represented at the meeting by Denny Moore and Bill Cranford, who told the board that Tri-met has already adopted a car pooling program in the Portland area.

Mr. Dyer mentioned that the state representatives had delivered to him a proposed draft of contract between this district and the State of Oregon and inquired as to the procedure to be followed in the event that the district finds some of the points not acceptable. Mr. Moore responded that the board of directors could authorize the general manager and the district's counsel to renegotiate the contract.

The board then considered and discussed the work program for the Eugene-Springfield Car Pooling Demonstration Project presented by the state's representatives, providing for a six-month demonstration project to the cost of which Lane Transit District would agree to contribute \$7,500.00 on a 90%-10% matching basis with the federal government.

Jack Craig moved that this district be the sponsoring and

managing agency under that car pooling demonstration project. Motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Kohnen moved to amend Mr. Craig's motion, the amendment to provide that this district be the sponsoring and managing agency of that project with the concurrence of Lane County and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield, Oregon. Mr. Kohnen's motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Randall inquired whether the general manager contemplated that the district would add to its existing staff to provide personnel to carry out the project. Mr. Dyer replied that additional staff would be employed.

Mr. Dyer told the board that the car pooling project would help the district in its present shortage of buses; would help the district obtain information which would be useable to the district outside the car pooling program and would dovetail very nicely with the district's other activities. He strongly recommended approval of the motion.

Mr. Buell spoke in opposition to the motion and Mr. Craig spoke in favor. Dan Herbert stated that it would likely be nine to twelve months before the district would receive more new buses and the car pooling program would help alleviate the shortage of buses; that the gathering of information for the car pooling project would have side benefits in giving the district further contact with the physically disadvantaged and possibly with neighboring communities.

Mr. Moore informed the board that federal funds have been allocated for this area for use in this project, but might only be available until the end of 1974. He stated his belief that after the six-months demonstration period if the district wants to go on with the project it will be able to get additional federal funds.

In response to inquiries, Mr. Cranford assured the board that the work program itself is only a broad outline and not intended to be specific and can be readily changed at a later date.

In answer to inquiry by Mr. Buell as to what LCOG has done by way of gathering information already, Ollie Snowden said that LCOG has done some surveys as to the location of employees of the city and county and Eugene Water and Electric Board and might obtain data from Sacred Heart Hospital showing the location of employees and this information would be very useful to the car pooling program.

Dan Herbert expressed again the view that the district

should be able to make later changes in the program and was assured by Mr. Moore and Mr. Cranford that changes could be made.

Kenneth Kohnen spoke in favor of the motion.

Jim Martin, Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, recommended that the district make use of the experience of Lane Community College in its car pooling program and expressed the hope that the district would not use this project as a means of locating the physically disadvantaged.

In response to inquiry by Gary Buell and Dan Herbert as to whether the district could expect contribution of financial support from Eugene or Springfield, Mr. Dyer said he assumed that Eugene and Springfield would feel they have already contributed a good deal of assistance through the accumulation of information and that they would also feel that they have made a contribution because federal funds that would be going into this car pooling program are funds which would otherwise have gone to other urban programs.

Al Williams, Eugene Traffic Control Officer, concurred in Mr. Dyer's statement.

Mr. Kohnen's amendment that this district sponsoring the car pooling project should be with the concurrence of Lane County and the cities of Eugene and Springfield was then put to a vote and passed.

Mr. Craig's motion as amended, that Lane County Mass Transit District be the sponsoring and managing agency of the Eugene-Springfield Car Pooling Demonstration Project with the concurrence of Lane County and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield was put to a vote and passed.

On motion duly seconded, the board voted to authorize the general manager to renegotiate the agreement between Lane County Mass Transit District and the State of Oregon acting by and through its Oregon Transportation Commission, Highway Division, for carrying out the Eugene-Springfield Car Pooling Demonstration Project in such manner that the renegotiated contract would be in the best interests of Lane County Mass Transit District.

The district's counsel inquired whether it was intended to limit the district's commitment to \$7,500.00. Mr. Herbert replied that in adopting the motion to act as sponsoring and managing agency of the car pooling demonstration project and in authorizing the general manager to renegotiate the agreement relating thereto the board of directors definitely intended that the district's commitment to the project be limited to \$7,500.00 and several of the members of the board expressed

agreement with Mr. Herbert's statement. The district's counsel then assured the board that the renegotiated agreement would contain that limitation.

EUGENE TERMINAL. The president informed the board that he has appointed Kenneth Kohnen to the sub-committee on the Eugene terminal. Mr. Herbert as chairman of that sub-committee then asked the board to consider the action requested by the sub-committee in its written report to the board dated January 15, 1974. He expressed his own feeling that the district's primary responsibility is for the operation and maintenance of the buses and that the district should not make a heavy commitment to the cost of the building project. There was some favorable comment from the board members and no expression of dissent.

Mr. Herbert reminded the board that the sub-committee had recommended the approval of Block 115 as the location for the downtown terminal and this recommendation has been given preliminary approval by the board of directors, subject to satisfactory negotiations on traffic and financing. He advised that it now appears that there will be no problems in the handling of the traffic but that financing matters require further negotiation. He requested final approval of the location.

Mr. Randall moved that the board grant its approval of Block 115 as the location for the downtown bus terminal. The motion was duly seconded and passed.

On motion of Mr. Craig, duly seconded, the board then voted to approve the general policy of negotiations with Eugene Renewal Agency and with the City of Eugene as requested by the sub-committee in its written report of January 15, 1974.

On motion of Mrs. Loobey, duly seconded, the board voted its approval of the preliminary draft of program requirements as requested by the sub-committee in its written report to the board dated January 15, 1974.

PENSION FUND. Mr. Dyer informed the board that Craig Robinson was a trustee of the employees' pension trust fund but as Mr. Robinson has completed his term as a member of the board of directors a replacement should be elected to serve as a trustee of that fund. On motion duly seconded the board voted unanimously to elect Dan Herbert as a trustee of the employees' pension trust fund to replace Mr. Robinson.

On motion of Mr. Randall, duly seconded, the board then voted unanimously that henceforth the president of the Lane County Mass Transit District should be ex-officio a trustee of the pension trust fund.

MISCELLANEOUS. Mr. Herbert announced that he was calling for a work session of the board to be held at the district office

on February 7, 1974, at 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary