

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

April 16, 1974

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 April 16, 1974, at 7:30 p.m.

Present were:

Jack J. Craig, Treasurer
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Phyllis P. Loobey, Secretary
Fred Dyer, General Manager
Richard Bryson, Counsel.

Absent:

Gary Buell
Marcella Fetzner
Glenn E. Randall.

MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the meetings of March 19th and 20th, 1974, was dispensed with as copies had been distributed to all members of the board. On motion duly seconded, the board voted to approve the minutes of March 19th as written. Phyllis Loobey made a correction in the minutes of March 20, 1974, changing the name "Belmont" to "Beltline" in the seventh line of the paragraph on page 2 of said minutes entitled "Federal Aid Urban Program". On motion duly seconded, the board voted to approve said minutes as corrected.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Minutes of the committee's meeting of April 1, 1974, had been previously furnished to all members of the board. The chairman, Jim Martin, was present at the meeting and asked that the name of (Joan) Trippett be added to the membership of the committee referred to at the top of page 3 of the committee minutes of April 1, 1974. REMOVE

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES: Mr. Dyer told the board that the Metropolitan Area Plan Advisory Committee 1990 Plan Up-date in its first annual review, recommends a review of the ESATS plan concerning the use of automobiles, bicycles, and concerning pedestrian travel, and that plans be found to limit dependence on the automobile.

Mr. Dyer also reported that in connection with the new Lane County public service building the county has contacted the district concerning the possibility of shuttle bus service

for county office employees so that they would not have to park their automobiles down town.

OPERATIONS:

1. Ridership. Mr. Dyer stated that there has been a decline in ridership since the 84,000 riders at the peak of the gasoline shortage, but now it appears that 65,000 to 75,000 riders per week can be anticipated until summer.

2. Tokens. Mr. Dyer informed the board that the district now has 120,000 regular tokens and 76,000 senior tokens. In response to suggestions by Dan Herbert and Phyllis Loobey, Mr. Dyer said that the staff would study the size and design of tokens, particularly with regard to the facility of their use by the elderly.

FEDERAL GRANT: Mr. Dyer announced that UMTA is ready to concur in a request for funding and the district can have its federal grant contract whenever the district wants it. The manager suggested that the district might not want to apply for its federal grant contract just yet because of the strict prohibitions against charter activities, but instead might wait to see if new legislation in the Congress solves the problem. Jack Craig expressed the feeling that the board should not let the charter problem hold up the application for the federal grant as charters are not the prime responsibility of the district. Mr. Dyer asked that the matter be considered further at a subsequent meeting and it was suggested that this meeting be adjourned until April 23rd, at which time the matter would have further attention.

PLANNING: Fred Dyer informed the board that due to the favorable interest shown by federal and state agencies in the district's integrated needs program, he is optimistic about the district's chances for obtaining financial aid for the program.

Mr. Rynerson was absent from the meeting due to illness; however, brief written reports were submitted to the board with the agenda notes on the subject of planning for the downtown Eugene transfer station, the advice to the Valley River Center concerning traffic and pedestrian handling, the University of Oregon architecture classes designing shelters for University of Oregon bus stops, and the possible availability of Federal Aid Urban funds.

PHYSICALLY LIMITED AND ELDERLY: After brief discussion of the subcommittee's report entitled "Transportation Alternatives" which had been presented to the board at its workshop meeting of April 10, 1974, on motion duly seconded the board voted unanimously to formally accept that report and authorize its public distribution.

The general manager recommended to the board that Michael Butts, who had co-authored the report along with Phyllis Loobey, should be given a stipend of \$1800 for his work in the preparation of the report. In response to inquiries, Mr. Dyer told the board that Mr. Butts had prepared the report for credit on his master's thesis at the University; that there had been no prior arrangement or understanding with him for payment of any fee or stipend for his work in preparation of the report, and that his expenses of about \$700 plus the costs of publication have been paid. Jack Craig remarked that the board should consider formulating a policy for handling this sort of request. Mr. Herbert suggested the policy might be that where the quality of work is sufficiently high the district would approve payment of a stipend. On motion duly seconded, the board voted to authorize the payment of \$1800 to Michael Butts for his work on that report.

In response to the chairman's invitation for public comment, Dennis Murphy of Eugene-Springfield Ambulance Services, addressed the board and mentioned his desire for coordination between his service and the transit district services. He suggested that his service might be used as a model for district use for federal purposes. Mr. Herbert asked the subcommittee on the Physically Limited and Elderly to consider Mr. Murphy's proposals.

Jim Martin expressed his appreciation to the board and the subcommittee for the study and report.

EUGENE DOWNTOWN TERMINAL: Dan Herbert reported to the board that the subcommittee has held further meetings with the Eugene Renewal Agency and others and that a program has been produced which will be the basis for schematic drawings which will be reviewed by the district board of directors.

The general manager presented to the board a tabulation of the results of 362 interviews which were conducted in March, 1974, with members of the public in the downtown Eugene area in order to obtain their wishes and requests as to the type of facilities to be provided in the downtown terminal.

CAR POOLING: Bill Clark, project manager, was absent, but his six page written report dated April 12, 1974, with its revised cost schedule was presented and discussed by one of his assistants, Greg Cory. Dan Herbert expressed concern that it would be harmful to the district image to make a flashy showing of a large volume of car pooling activity which would not be sustained beyond a short term and that the district should try to attain sound lasting growth in preference to a large, but temporary growth.

Jack Craig pointed out that the public may face another energy crisis again and, in that event, a sound car pooling program would be of great importance. Phyllis Loobey indicated her feeling that the car pooling program should be integrated into the entire transportation program. Mr. Dyer remarked that if for no other reason, the district would, at least, gain substantial benefit from the origin-destination studies being made in connection with the car pooling program. Jim Martin made several suggestions to Mr. Cory as to further car pooling activities.

FINANCE: Financial reports for the month of March were presented by the general manager, who noted that the district is operating at a deficit and is being financed in its operations by First National Bank of Oregon. On motion duly seconded, the board voted approval of payment of the bills for the month of March, 1974, as presented by the general manager in the total sum of \$110,034.71.

BUDGET: Fred Dyer presented to the board a calendar for events leading to adoption of the budget, indicating budget committee meetings on May 29 and June 11, 1974, and a board meeting to adopt the budget on July 2, 1974. It was announced that additional appointments would have to be made to the budget committee. On nomination of Jack Craig the board voted to appoint Jim Martin as a member of the budget committee.

Dan Herbert announced that he was appointing a subcommittee on administrative and staff requirements for the next budget, the committee to consist of Kenneth Kohnen, chairman, Sally Fetzer and Dan Herbert.

Mr. Herbert also announced that he was appointing a subcommittee on Goals and Objectives composed of Jack Craig, chairman, Phyllis Loobey and Dan Herbert.

LEGISLATION: The board proceeded to a discussion of Ballot Measure No. 2 which will be voted upon in May, 1974, and which is a constitutional amendment permitting the use of motor vehicle fuel and registration tax money for mass transit purposes.

Jack Craig distributed to the board copies of the proofs for the official voter's pamphlet on Measure No. 2 together with copies of the arguments in favor and against the passage of Measure No. 2 as they will appear in the voter's pamphlet and he also distributed material to assist any of the board members who might want to make public speeches on the subject. Mr. Craig made suggestions of ways which the board might adopt to publicize its views concerning Ballot Measure No. 2.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the passage of Ballot Measure No. 2 is in the best interest of public transportation in Lane County and in the state of Oregon; that the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District fully supports Measure No. 2 and urges the voters of Lane County Oregon to vote in favor of Ballot Measure No. 2 at the May election."

Dan Herbert told the board that there has been a request to allow posters to be placed in the buses sponsoring the passage of Ballot Measure No. 2. After brief discussion, Mr. Herbert stated that the matter would receive further study.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned until April 23, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon.

Secretary