

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

May 21, 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 May 21, 1974, at 7:30 p.m.

Present were:

Jack J. Craig, Treasurer
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Glenn E. Randall, Secretary
Fred Dyer, General Manager
Richard Bryson, Counsel.

Absent:

Gary Buell
Marcella Fetzer

MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the meetings of April 16 and 23, 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 April 16 and April 23 as written.

FEDERAL GRANT: At the request of the general manager and on motion duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

"RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
TO FILE AN AMENDED APPLICATION WITH THE UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT
UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964,
AS AMENDED.

RECITALS:

1. The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects.

2. Lane County Mass Transit District's Federal Grant Application of November 29, 1973, for the purchase of new buses, the purchase and renovation of shop and fueling and washing properties and facilities and related support equipment was granted by the Urban Mass Transit Administration of the United

States Department of Transportation on February 19, 1974, in the sum of \$1,043,012.00. Said District desires to amend its said application to provide that 19 new buses have a capacity of 41 to 45 passengers instead of 31 to 35 passengers; to provide for the purchase of four new buses especially adapted for wheel chairs; to provide for the purchase of additional two-way radios and additional destination signs and for the addition of a contingency fund of \$90,321.00, making the amended application for a total grant of \$1,434,662.00.

3. The contract with the Department of Transportation for financial assistance will impose obligations upon Lane County Mass Transit District, including the obligation that Lane County Mass Transit District provide the local share of the project cost.

4. The United States Department of Transportation requires that Lane County Mass Transit District give assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Department of Transportation requirements thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District:

- A. The General Manager, Fred C. Dyer, is authorized to execute and file an amended application on behalf of the Lane County Mass Transit District with the United States Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of the purchase of new buses, the purchase and renovation of shop and fueling and washing properties and facilities and related support equipment.
- B. The General Manager is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance, or any other document required by the United States Department of Transportation, effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- C. Fred C. Dyer, General Manager for Lane County Mass Transit District, is authorized to furnish such additional information as the United States Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application or the project."

At Mr. Dyer's request and on motion duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to authorize the general manager to prepare final specifications and to call for bids on the new radio equipment.

FINANCE: Mr. Dyer presented the financial statements for the month of April, 1974, and on motion duly seconded, the board voted to approve payment of the bills for the month of April, 1974, in the total sum of \$127,245.64, as listed by Mr. Dyer.

FEDERAL AID URBAN PROJECTS: Mr. Dyer requested authorization from the board to participate and act on behalf of the district in Lane Council of Governments' application for funds under the federal aid urban program. The funds it obtained would be used to acquire a third transfer station to be located near River Road and Beltline Road, the purchase of four buses of a capacity of 41 to 45 passengers and the purchase of two buses specially equipped for wheelchairs. Dave Rynerson explained that the total project cost for those items would be \$449,000.00, of which the federal share would be \$350,000.00 and the local share would be \$99,000.00; however, the State of Oregon may put up one half of the local share. Mr. Rynerson further explained that if the district later decides that it does not want to go ahead with this program, it can decline the grant and not contribute its share.

On motion duly seconded, the board then voted to authorize the general manager to participate and act on behalf of Lane County Mass Transit District in the application by Lane Council of Governments for funds under the federal aid urban projects.

PLANNING: The president, Dan Herbert, asked the board for approval of the statement of goals and objectives submitted in a five page written presentation dated May 20, 1974. Jim Martin, chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, told the board that the committee approves that statement. After brief discussion and on motion duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the May 20, 1974, statement of the goals and objectives for the district.

Dave Rynerson presented to the board a petition with 145 signatures from employees at Sacred Heart General Hospital who work until 11:30 p.m., requesting an extension of service until that hour. He also presented a petition signed by approximately 200 people residing in Mobiletown West, asking for bus service. After some discussion by the board, Mr. Herbert asked Mr. Dyer to make acknowledgement of the receipt of the petitions and to notify parties presenting the petitions of the forthcoming budget meetings.

A 25-page feasibility study of county-wide public transportation published by the Lane County Department of Transportation, dated February 1974, was distributed to the board members and discussed briefly. Kenneth Kohnen said that the subcommittee studying the matter has not come to any conclusions. The general manager, Mr. Dyer, told the board that he thought the district could use this study and the financial support indicated by the study in launching a program for this district for a county-wide service.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Minutes of the meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, held on May 6, 1974, were distributed to the board members by the committee chairman, Jim Martin. Mr. Martin reminded the board that the Citizens' Advisory Committee wants to receive the petitions for service, or copies thereof.

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES: Copies of a newspaper article about the six months trial bus service project sponsored by the Lane County Social Services Division to provide transportation to Eugene for elderly western Lane County residents, was distributed to the board and the project was explained by Rob Bunett, representing the County Social Services Division. Mr. Dyer commented that the staff is going to monitor this project closely to see what can be learned that will be of benefit to the district.

OPERATIONS: The general manager submitted the usual ridership graphs and publications to the board. Dan Herbert, Jack Craig and Ken Kohnen all expressed the feeling that the staff should discontinue distribution of the ridership graphs for the individual bus routes, but should continue distribution of the graphs for the ridership in the district as a whole.

Jack Craig expressed his concern over the inadequacy of the lighting at night at the 10th Avenue terminal area between Olive and Oak Streets and advocated efforts to obtain improved lighting and police activity. Mr. Kohnen mentioned that a similar situation probably exists at the Springfield terminal. Jim Martin reported that the buses stopped at the Springfield transfer point are blocking the view of a stop sign.

RETIREMENT PLAN: Mr. Paul C. Hart, representing Milliman & Robertson, Inc., consulting actuaries, presented to the board a written report dated May, 1974, consisting of an outline and proposal for a retirement plan for the district's salaried employees. He explained that the employees represented by the union will have their own separate retirement plan and the plan presented in outlined form by Mr. Hart is for the employees who are not represented by the union as their bargaining representative. The outline proposal was discussed by Mr. Hart and the board and was left for further consideration.

DOWNTOWN EUGENE TERMINAL: The subcommittee chairman, Dan Herbert, advised the board that the architects are recommending approval of a site at the southwest corner of Eighth and Willamette Streets in preference to the northwest corner of that intersection and that the subcommittee feels that the board should approve the selection of the southwest corner site on the following conditions:

1. That a contraflow bus lane running east on Eighth Avenue should receive very high priority from the City Council and Planning Commission and the Eugene Renewal Agency;
2. That there be assurance of future provision for contraflow bus lanes on Charnelton Street and on 10th Avenue;
3. That there be provision for future co-ordination of the loading platform with the bus floor level;
4. That there be a satisfactory resolution of potential problems of the discharge of vehicles from the parking areas out into Eighth Avenue.

Mr. Dyer commented that the staff favors the southwest corner site because of its greater potential for pedestrian safety.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned.

Secretary