

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

July 23, 1974

The board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District met on July 23, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, pursuant to adjournment from its meeting of July 16, 1974.

Present:

Jack J. Craig, Treasurer
Marcella Fetzer
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Ruth A. Shepherd
Fred Dyer, General Manager.

Absent:

Gary Buell
Glenn E. Randall, Secretary
Richard Bryson, Counsel.

Phyllis P. Loobey, who was designated by the secretary, Glenn E. Randall, to serve as acting secretary in his absence, was present and took the minutes of the meeting.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE: Mr. Dyer presented the board with Alternative Scenarios with the comment that he was seeking feedback from the board rather than a decision.

- Scenario 1: Representative of the county-wide extension of service authorized in the budget as adopted by the board.
- Scenario 2: Provision of the level of service proposed in the 1974-75 budget but implemented later in the fiscal year. This implementation to be predicated upon further study of the need for extending service to outlying communities.
- Scenario 3: Representative of the extension of service and taxing boundaries to selected communities based upon further study of the needs for service in those communities.
- Scenario 4: Representative of providing no external service and no extension of taxing boundaries.

Mr. Dyer further commented that Scenario 4 would be the most difficult to administer fiscally to maintain present level of

service within the existing service area. The most critical of the capital outlay items is the purchase of the property as the lease-option expires next month.

Mr. Kohnen expressed his favor of Scenario 3 as being the most realistic and reasonable in the phasing of capital expenditures and responsive to energy crisis situation.

Mr. Herbert commented that Scenario 3 represented an arbitrary assumption of the amount of service to be provided. By September 17 the assumption will be proven to be a good or a bad assumption.

Mr. Craig asked if it were feasible to use a variable rate of assessment of the payroll tax. Mr. Dyer answered that the costs of administering a variable tax rate would probably be prohibitive.

Mr. Kohnen asked what assumption was made on which to base revenues for Scenario 3. Mr. Dyer responded that Dave Rynerson had used a mathematical revenue factor for the whole county rather than assuming services extended to specific communities.

Mrs. Shepherd voiced concern about the type of service to be extended to the communities and asked upon what evidence the proposed service was based. Mr. Rynerson responded that studies and requests from citizens in outlying communities indicated inter-city service, but it was also feasible to envision a loop route through the community to provide some intra-service, a collector function, as well.

PRELIMINARY PLANNING PROGRAM: Mr. Dyer explained that a three-pronged approach was being taken to the question of county-wide service.

1. A Vista volunteer from Jackson County with a good background in social services was participating in community meetings.
2. The technical skills and competency of Dave Rynerson in developing an effective transportation system and,
3. That Lane Transit District representation was being made by himself, Phyllis Loobey and Gary Hunt.

The first of the community meetings was to be held this week with Cottage Grove and Oakridge officials. The final report to the board in September will encompass quality and accuracy and be as reasonable as the time frame of a month and a half allows.

Mr. Herbert commented that we are not committed to a decision but that we will have the information in September to make fiscal and policy decisions about the action the board may take.

Mr. Herbert requested staff to make a preliminary report at the August board meeting of the status of the staff findings on the extension of service.

RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Herbert then read a letter received from Marcella Fetzner in which she submitted her resignation from the board effective immediately. Mr. Herbert accepted Mrs. Fetzner's resignation with regrets.

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ALTERNATIVES: Mr. Herbert presented to the board a draft copy which he had prepared on the Special Advisory Committee on Revenue Alternatives. He asked to affirm the wording and intent of the draft copy and to confirm the nomination of members to the committee. Mrs. Shepherd suggested that the committee title be changed to read Special Advisory Committee on Revenue Sources, rather than using "Alternatives" as this might be interpreted to mean a substitute for the employer payroll tax. The board suggested other changes in the wording of the committee charge which Mr. Herbert indicated he would incorporate into the document. Mr. Craig strongly suggested that if a member of Associated Oregon Industries was to be a member of the Committee, that an additional member, one from the Amalgamated Transit Union, be added to maintain a balance of interests. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Craig moved to confine committee membership to only those persons submitted by Mr. Herbert, and not to include either a representative from AOI or ATU. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Acting Secretary

