

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

August 22, 1974

The Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District met on August 22, 1974, at 7:30 a.m. at the Eugene Hotel in Eugene, Oregon, pursuant to adjournment from its meeting of August 20, 1974.

Present were:

Richard A. Booth
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
Ruth Shepherd.

Richard A. Booth, who was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board of Directors in place of Marcella Fetzner who resigned, was present at the meeting, signed his oath of office, and took his place on the Board of Directors.

MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the meetings of July 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 said meetings as written.

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES: Mr. Dyer distributed to the Board members bulletins of the American Transit Association showing the status of current and pending legislation in the Congress concerning financial aid to mass transit.

The general manager also informed the Board that it is still uncertain whether or not the county will make available to this district the \$135,000 which was budgeted in the budget adopted by the district for the current fiscal year. He advised that if those funds do not become available, there is a possibility of obtaining some demonstration grant funds from the federal government or of obtaining some operational grant federal funds under the new congressional bill.

OPERATIONS:

1. Ridership: Fred Dyer distributed to the Board the usual ridership graphs and statistics and briefly explained them.

2. Federal Grant: The manager reported that the federal grant contracts had been signed and returned to the UMTA, but the contracts were all lost at the UMTA office in Washington, D. C. The district officers, therefore, signed new duplicate contracts and sent them to Washington.

3. Retirement Program: Mr. Dyer advised that the actuary will soon be calling a meeting of the trustees to approve the retirement plan which has been drafted, and then the plan will be submitted to the Board of Directors for ratification.

4. Pass System: The Board was informed by the general manager that the pass system is working well; that passes have been sold so far in bulk to large purchasers, such as the City of Eugene and Lane County on a 20 per cent discount basis, but the passes are now being offered to the public at a nondiscount rate.

PLANNING:

1. External Service: Dave Rynerson told the Board of the progress to date in public hearings concerning extension of service outside the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. He said that the staff has been meeting with individuals who have previously expressed interest either for or against extension of service in the various areas, held discussions with them and set up public hearings. To date, public hearings have been held in Dexter and Marcola. He advised that the Dexter meeting was attended by 36 people and the Marcola meeting by 55 people and, in each case, all those attending the meeting were in favor of the extension of service to their areas. Mr. Rynerson informed the Board that in addition to obtaining a vote of the people attending the public hearings, the staff has received expressions from those in attendance of what type of service they want and would use and how it would work. The staff plans to have a report ready on all of the public hearings by September 17, 1974. Mr. Herbert told the Board that he would like at least one member of the Board to attend each of the public hearings and that he would like to have all members attend the hearings to be held in Oakridge, Cottage Grove and Florence. The Board members then volunteered or were assigned public hearings to attend.

2. Downtown Eugene Terminal: Mr. Herbert distributed to the Board members and discussed with them briefly, copies of correspondence between Eugene Renewal Agency and the district's director of planning, David Rynerson, concerning the Renewal

Agency's proposal to postpone building the third bus lane in the proposed downtown terminal building, and emphasized that the staff are opposing the postponement of building the third bus lane, as that third lane will, in fact, be needed by the time the terminal is built.

FINANCE: The general manager presented the financial reports for the month of July, 1974, and on motion duly seconded the Board voted to approve payment of the bills as presented in the total sum of \$109,605.08, Mr. Booth abstaining because of the inclusion in the bills payable of an item for Tillman & Booth, Inc.

BUDGET: Mr. Booth inquired as to the status of the budget and its relationship, if any, to the activities of the Advisory Committee on Revenue Sources. Mr. Herbert responded that the budget for the current fiscal year has been approved by the budget committee and adopted by the Board of Directors and that the Advisory Committee on Revenue Sources is not charged with finding the necessary funds to meet that budget, but rather, is looking toward alternative sources of revenue for the future. Mr. Herbert also distributed to the Board and briefly discussed his memorandum proposing that the budget process for the next fiscal year be started at this time, and that a guidebook be prepared for the information of future budget committees.

The district's legal counsel, Richard Bryson, pointed out to the Board that the statutes of Oregon concerning the budget law were apparently written on the assumption that the various public bodies coming under the local budget law would only be using the property tax as the source of tax revenues and those statutes do not fit well with the procedures of public bodies being financed with taxes other than the property tax. Mr. Bryson was requested to prepare a written memorandum for the Board on this subject.

Marvin Timms, reporter from the Eugene Register Guard, told the Board members that he was informed of the filing of a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County by Edward Rubey, contesting in some way the validity of the budget adopted by Lane County Mass Transit District. It was ascertained that no member of the staff or of the Board of Directors present at the meeting had been served with summons or complaint in that suit and Mr. Bryson was requested to investigate the matter and report to the Board and the general manager.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REVENUE SOURCES: Kenneth Kohnen, a member of the Advisory Committee, reported to the Board that the committee has held two meetings. In the first meeting Orlando Hollis was elected chairman of the committee. At the second meeting, the committee discussed the subject of calling people to come before the committee to give testimony and advise

the committee and also what approaches to take to the performance of the committee's duties. Mr. Kohnen said that the next meeting of the committee will be September 4, 1974, at which time the committee will continue its study of alternative sources of revenue and will invite people to come to committee meetings to give testimony concerning the various sources of revenue for the transit district.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned.

Secretary