

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

June 3, 1975

The board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District met on June 3, 1975 at 7:00 A.M. in the Eugene Hotel in Eugene, Oregon, pursuant to adjournment of its meeting of May 29, 1975.

Present:

Richard A. Booth
Jack J. Craig, Treasurer
W. Gene Davis
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Glenn E. Randall, Secretary
Ruth Shepherd
Fred C. Dyer
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

Discussion was continued on the Transit Development Program. Mr. Herbert distributed a list with suggested procedure for resolving the apparent discrepancy between the budget proposal and the TDP. He said the board should: (1) discuss TDP relation to budget for fiscal year 1976; (2) discuss policy implications of adopting the TDP, (3) discuss the provision for future TDP annual update, and (4) discuss procedure for electing a budget committee chairman.

Mr. Booth commended David Rynerson on the preparation of the plan and noted its completeness and thoroughness. Mrs. Shepherd expressed concern as to the board committing itself to the content of the report, and Mr. Dyer explained that it would be refined on an annual basis but that this input into the Transportation Improvement Program must be adopted by all the agencies by January 1976. He added that it will be updated annually, with constant review, monitoring and input.

Mr. Davis commented that the district has provided the best transit system possible for the metropolitan area, that it has already gone beyond its original purpose and the document takes it even further. Mr. Herbert said the TDP is a comprehensive compilation and advanced concept of transportation planning integrated with the fabric of the community and that it is flexible and can be adjusted. Mr. Davis further questioned the original commission of LTD and said he had understood that the district was formed to serve the metropolitan area. Mr. Herbert reminded him that the statute applies to the entire Lane County and the board set the service area.

Mrs. Shepherd referred to the physically limited and elderly, and questioned the wisdom of the district giving financial advantage for a different age group rather than for income group. She noted that while there are many elderly people who are handicapped, most elderly should be considered as part of the total population on fixed routes.

Mr. Herbert advised that the budget includes acquisition of nineteen 45-passenger vehicles and provides six new vans for demand response service, but

called attention to the additional need for replacing eleven unreliable 36-passenger buses, providing twelve new 45-passenger buses for increased capacity, and retrofitting twelve Twin Coach buses to modify for demand response and evening service. He emphasized the necessity for accumulating matching funds within the near future to replace the eleven buses.

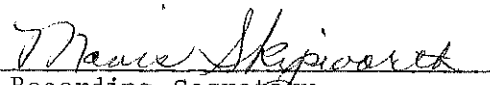
Mr. Kohnen suggested that the staff prepare a cost analysis for these needs so the budget committee could have that information. Mr. Rynerson called attention to Table 3 - Annual Capital Improvements of the TDP estimating the cost as of 1975.


Mr. Booth expressed the opinion that the outlying areas should have a reduced tax rate if they will not be receiving demand response service. Mr. Rynerson said it is possible for them to have this service. Mr. Booth suggested omitting the paragraph designating area so as to maintain flexibility. Mr. Randall moved to delete paragraph 2, page 27 and appropriately modify the next paragraph. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Davis expressed opposition to page 11, Item 4 stating the Lane County General Plan to "support the utilization of state and federal gas tax funds for the development of public transit and public parking." It was agreed after discussion that as this would be considered a report of a statement by another agency, it should be moved to be an appendix item in order that the board would ratify only its own goals and policies. Mr. CRAig suggested including the Oregon Revised Statute in the appendix as a part of the document and it was agreed.

Mr. Herbert noted that heretofore the board president has been named budget committee chairman, and he recommended that a citizen be named for the position.

Meeting adjourned.


Recording Secretary


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