

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

March 16, 1976

The board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District met on March 16, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon.

Present:

Richard A. Booth, Treasurer
Jack J. Craig
W. Gene Davis, Secretary
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Annabel Kitzhaber
Kenneth H. Kohmen, Vice President
Fred C. Dyer, General Manager
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Glenn E. Randall

VOTE MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the meeting of February 17, 1976, 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 meeting as written.

SCHOOL AND TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Dyer advised that appointments to the School and Transit Advisory Committee have been received, that the committee charge has been prepared and the first meeting is scheduled for March 17, 7:30 P.M. in Harris Hall.

UMTA SMALL PROPERTIES CONFERENCE: Mr. Dyer reported that UMTA is conducting a seminar at Valley River Inn on April 20th, as one of the six chosen locations throughout the nation to bring the federal transit program to communities of 10,000 to 50,000 population. As the district has been asked to sponsor this meeting for the Pacific Northwest, Mr. Kohmen called attention to the responsibility of properly hosting the seminar. Mr. Herbert said that invitations will be extended by letter.

L-COG E-SATS UPDATE: Mr. Dyer reported that the L-COG board has adopted the recommendation of the Metropolitan Area Transportation Committee, establishing 12 principles for the development of a transportation plan for Eugene-Springfield. In discussion of the principles, particular interest was shown in the financial element to define funding sources for plan implementation. Mr. Craig asked that the board be kept informed of the financial process.

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Mrs. Kitzhaber moved that the board endorse the 12 principles for the development of a transportation plan for Eugene-Springfield as passed by L-COG on February 26, 1976. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. Mr. Craig moved to amend the motion to include: "and request that L-COG report to the district on the financing part of the master plan." Mr. Davis seconded the amendment. Mr. Booth said that the board should make its position known if it believes the 14%

transit goal is too high. Mr. Craig commented that the plan had been thoroughly studied by all governmental bodies with the resulting compromise reached after much consideration and it would be presumptive to bring it up again. Mrs. Kitzhaber asked if this figure exceeded the district's long-range plan and Mr. Rynerson said the goal is in line with the 1980 projection and ridership could exceed the E-SATS goal by the year 2000. Mr. Davis said that although he believed the 14% goal was too high, the planning should proceed and any financing selected should be subject to voter approval. The question was put on the motion amendment and carried unanimously. The question was then put on the main motion and carried unanimously.

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INCOME TAX: Mr. Herbert distributed an updated table indicating time-lines for development of revenue sources based on the contexts discussed at the February 17 meeting. Mr. Dyer advised that the district's counsel has drafted an income tax ordinance, and Mr. Booth urged action on the ordinance to attempt implementation for tax monies by 1977.

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Mr. Booth moved the board authorize sending the draft of an income tax ordinance to the Oregon State Department of Revenue for review and comment as quickly as possible. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Mr. Craig suggested the board delay action on the ordinance to allow for cooperation with local governments and development of the E-SATS plan. The question was put and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Booth said that the board should consider other jurisdiction's recommendations, but pursue its own objectives within the limitations of the ordinance.

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RIDERSHIP: Ridership data for the month of February was distributed and briefly discussed. Mr. Davis expressed concern that the suburban service had diluted service in the urban area and requested a change of direction to develop closer headways in the Eugene-Springfield area. Mr. Craig said he believed an integrated system grows and gains with time, but suggested that a summary of progress of the rural routes at the end of one year would be helpful. Mr. Herbert advised that the organization and evaluation subcommittee has given consideration to this and he will request their advice on a reporting mechanism.

PLANNING: Discussion was held on a proposed cooperation agreement between Springfield and the district for a bus stop signing program. Mr. Rynerson said that the district's counsel has advised that the agreement as proposed would not be authorized. The matter was referred back to the staff for further study.

INFORMATION SERVICES: Mr. Booth expressed approval of the marketing program preview and update distributed to the board, but said he had received unfavorable comment from the business community on the cost of distributing the LTD Reports newsletter.

FINANCE AND BUDGET: A revised cash flow forecast was distributed indicating a deduction of \$30,000 receipts received in error from the Department of Revenue. Mr. Davis moved that the February bills be approved in the amount of \$114,802.38. Mr. Booth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PROCEDURES - SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Herbert presented a description of proposed board meeting procedures and agenda format. It was

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the consensus that the list of bills payable should be distributed but not require board approval. Mr. Kohmen moved that the board approve the proposed format for revised board meeting procedures and agenda. Mrs. Kitzhaber seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

L-COG BOARD: In response to Mr. Craig's request of last meeting that the district investigate the possibility of being represented on the L-COG Board. Mr. Kohmen reported that at the present time, the L-COG by-laws require that board members be elected officials. He further advised that Mr. Halley, L-COG Executive Director, will discuss with the L-COG Board the possibility of an LTD representative participating in the L-COG Board activities without voting rights. It was the consensus that such participation would be of value to LTD and to L-COG in long range planning and community development, and that Mr. Kohmen should continue his investigation.

FARE PROJECT: The board was advised that a staff member attended an UMTA/APTA sponsored seminar on Project FARE (Financial Accounting and Reporting Elements) in February, which stressed uniform reporting as a necessity for all transit entities receiving federal funding.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Davis requested the district to explore the possibility of the board of directors becoming an elected board. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: The chairman adjourned the meeting to April 13, 1976 at 7:30 P.M., in City Hall.


Secretary