

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

April 13, 1976

The board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District met on April 13, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, pursuant to adjournment from its meeting of March 16, 1976.

Present:

Richard A. Booth, Treasurer  
W. Gene Davis, Secretary  
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding  
Annabel Kitzhaber  
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President  
Glenn E. Randall  
Richard Bryson, Counsel  
Fred C. Dyer, General Manager  
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Jack J. Craig

MOTION  
VOTE

MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 1976, was dispensed with as copies had been distributed to all members of the board. On motion duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of said meeting as written.

INCOME TAX: The chairman introduced representatives of the Oregon State Department of Revenue: George Weber, Administrator, Research and Special Services Division; Richard Yates, Research Supervisor; and Don McNeal, Audit Division, attached to Corporate Audit program. Mr. Dyer then distributed copies of a letter to the District from Mr. Weber reporting their analysis of the cost and feasibility of administering an income tax in accordance with the proposed ordinance. Mr. Weber said that a county-wide, single tax rate which could be filed on a separate one-page return by individuals and corporations would be the easiest to administer and he gave a rough estimate of \$350,000 per year for administrative costs. It was determined that this amount would be approximately 10% of the anticipated revenue capture and the board agreed that it was excessive. Discussion followed on the feasibility of imposing a surtax within the service area and Mr. Weber advised that, although the administrative cost would be less, it would be difficult to distinguish the boundaries of the areas in the county liable to the tax. Mr. Rynerson noted that the service area mainly follows school district boundaries. Mr. Herbert expressed concern over the political implication of any attempt to tax the entire county. At Mr. Booth's suggestion, it was agreed that the Department of Revenue representatives would meet with the District's counsel and staff to study the alternatives and attempt to identify the best program for the district. In discussing a tentative time schedule, Mr. Herbert suggested that an ordinance could be ready for adoption in July to be effective on 1977 income. Mr. Booth requested that the board pursue the possibility of adopting

an ordinance to tax 1976 income in 1977. Mr. Herbert thanked Messrs. Weber, Yates and McNeal for their attendance and they left the meeting.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Clark Cox reviewed the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting held April 12 in the Coburg Community Center. He said there was discussion of the advantages of revising the Saturday schedule of the Coburg route to be the same as the weekday schedule.

SCHOOLS AND TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Dyer reported on two meetings held by the Schools and Transit Advisory Committee, stating that the representatives have expressed their advocacies and the staff has received an assignment to gather data for the coming meetings.

OPERATIONS: Ridership data for the month of March was distributed for board information.

Mr. Kohnen discussed with the board a report on Daily Passenger Disruption Log showing the pattern of road calls and scheduled down time. A report on Employee Work Record indicating hours worked, regular and overtime, was also discussed and the staff was requested to prepare a monthly report on totals by department on a four week basis.

PLANNING: Mr. Rynerson advised that suggested route revisions are presently under study and the advantages and disadvantages will be reviewed until July 1976 by the District's Citizens Advisory Committee, the Drivers' Planning Advisory Committee, the general administration staff, the L-COG Citizens Advisory and Technical Advisory committees, and that additional information will be included for the next board meeting. He said that the district is considering route changes on an annual basis, rather than the current four times a year.

INFORMATION SERVICES: An update and preview of special events was distributed for board information, including current staff preparations for the UMTA seminar to be held April 20, 1976, at Valley River Inn.

FINANCE AND BUDGET: The March financial statement and the monthly bills were distributed for board information.


SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Kohnen reported that the subcommittee assigned by the budget committee to analyze duties, responsibilities and compensation for non-contractual employees has met twice and will meet again on April 19 to finalize recommendations for the next budget committee meeting.

L-COG REPRESENTATION: Mr. Kohnen advised that L. Douglas Halley, L-COG Executive Director, has discussed with L-COG Chairman Ron Paddock the possibility of Lane Transit District being represented on the L-COG board. He said they expressed interest in further exploring the matter.

MOTION  
VOTE

BUDGET OFFICER: It was moved to affirm Fred Dyer as budget officer. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary