

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

ADJOURNED MEETING

NOVEMBER 30, 1976

Pursuant to notice duly given to the Register Guard and Newservice 16 on November 16, 1976, an adjourned meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on November 30, 1976, at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

Richard A. Booth, Treasurer  
Jack J. Craig  
W. Gene Davis, Secretary  
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding  
Annabel Kitzhaber  
Glenn E. Randall  
Fred C. Dyer, General Manager  
Ollie Snowden, Lane Council of Governments  
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary  
News media representatives:  
Jeff Michaels, KASH, Newservice 16  
Steve Arthur, Springfield News

Absent:

Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President

E-SATS MASTERPLAN PROGRESS REPORT: Mr. Herbert advised that the adjourned meeting was being held for board discussion on the concepts of statements by the general purpose governments in this area on the comprehensive transportation plan. He said that for Lane Transit District to achieve the assigned 14% modal split by the year 2000, efforts must start now; that staff should address the technical aspects and board establish policy. He noted that substantial policy coordination will be required between the district and the general purpose governments.

The chairman stated that the policies contained in the E-SATS Master Plan Progress Report will provide a frame of reference in preparing goals and objectives for the coming year and that he will appoint a subcommittee for board confirmation in December to review and update the goals and objectives.

Mr. Rynerson gave a detailed breakdown of the twelve principles governing master plan development and said the objective is to identify issues affecting the transit district and possible areas of response. He then displayed maps illustrating examples of transit alternatives, including Bus Rapid Transit, Trolley Coach, Light Rail Transit, and Shuttle Loop Transit.

Responding to a question by Mr. Booth of who would compose the masterplan, Ollie Snowden explained the policy review by Metropolitan Area Transportation Committee, Eugene and Springfield City Councils, L-COG CAC and TPC, and that

final drafting of the plan will be the responsibility of the L-COG Technical Planning Committee (TPC).

Mr. Davis voiced objection to Specific Goal No. 5 of the L-COG Transportation Alternatives and to Policy E. and Highway Goals of the Lane County General Plan Goals and Policies (Fourth Draft). He said he believed they showed disregard for peoples desires and needs, and were getting on dangerous ground, as gasoline and automobiles will be the last thing people will give up. He said the district should plan for growth and grow with the need, rather than implementing for possible external factors as if they were happening now.

Mr. Booth said he wished to make some general comments: 1) the board needs to decide if it will be passive or active and so far has only reacted to the city and county; that the board should actively state the practicalities of the situation; 2) the board has allowed the staff to give policy direction upon which the members act, and he believed the policies should come from the board, county commissioners and city councils; 3) that Lane Transit should be responsive to demands of the populace and not force an unrealistic 14% modal split upon them. He said the board should address if they are going to accept the goals put on the district by the cities and L-COG, and how to raise the financial resources. He added that he felt the transit alternatives presented were impractical and unrealistic, and that the district should attempt to improve the present system.

Mr. Craig commented that an adopted transportation plan is required for the district to be eligible for federal funding.

Mrs. Kitzhaber said she had found the briefing session helpful to see how the district fits into the planning process and how it can respond; that she believed the energy crunch will come and transit should be prepared for it. She agreed that the 14% goal would be difficult to achieve, but as it was adopted in response to public hearings, the district should respond as best it can. She said the board should emphasize to the county that they have a responsibility to support the district.

MOVED

Mrs. Kitzhaber moved that the board, either by letter or by statement, communicate with the county commissioners that Lane Transit District supports their goals for transit and point out that this requires more than lip service and places responsibility on them for their continued support. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VOTE

Mr. Herbert referred to a memo sent to Lester E. Anderson, Mayor of City of Eugene, on November 19, 1975 providing information on factors affecting means of implementation and timing for various transit modal splits. The chairman suggested the information be updated to indicate the support necessary to accomplish the 14% goal.

MOVED

Mr. Randall moved that the policy statement be updated for board review and submittal to Lane Council of Governments. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

VOTE

The meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary