

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
February 28, 1977

A special meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was called for February 28, 1977, at 7:30 P.M., at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, for the purpose of drafting a response to the letter of February 21, 1977, from the Springfield City Council. Public notice of the meeting was given to the Register Guard for publication on February 26, 1977.

Present:

Richard A. Booth, Treasurer
Jack J. Craig
W. Gene Davis, Secretary
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Annabel Kitzhaber
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Glenn E. Randall
Fred C. Dyer, General Manager
Dale MacDonald, Recording Secretary

News media representatives:

Marvin Tims, Register Guard
Warren Hill, Springfield News

LETTER TO SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL: After inviting revision from the board if advisable, Mr. Herbert read a proposed draft of a letter to Mayor Meyer and members of the Springfield City Council, in response to their letter of February 21, 1977.

Mr. Craig recommended forwarding a brief concise letter containing a suggestion for a short meeting.

Mr. Randall expressed the opinion that the letter was necessary in its entirety, that it explained all the alternatives, and should create enough interest to bring about a meeting.

Mr. Booth termed the letter an insult to the Springfield City Council and to him, and said he believed it did not address the concerns of the Council; that he found the phrase in paragraph 2, "while we appreciate your concern," condescending. He suggested leaving out paragraphs 3 and 4 and that the board ask the Council to meet with them.

Mr. Herbert explained his intention to be respectful and objective, and that no insult had been intended.

In the following discussion, Mr. Booth asked that certain revisions be made to eliminate the condescending tone.

Mrs. Kitzhaber, who said she did not agree with the previous opinion of the letter, explained that the board was making suggestions and not intending to mandate to any agency what should occur.

Mr. Davis expressed concern over a potential showdown and the possibility that inclusion of the disincentives in the Transportation Plan will establish them as a rule. He said he could be reasonably sure the Springfield Council will not be satisfied until the disincentives are deleted. Mr. Davis also warned of possible decertification unless a plan is submitted soon to the federal government.

Mr. Herbert reminded the meeting that the E-SATS Transportation Plan could be accepted in part and that items in the draft of the letter under discussion could be considered finally accepted only after adoption by the City Council.

Mr. Davis again expressed his concern over potential increased control by the federal government.

Mr. Craig commented on the excessive detail of the discussion and the possibility of a better solution through a meeting with the Springfield City Council. Mr. Booth warned that funds might be denied in the future if the district did not meet the assigned 14% goal. Mr. Kohnen reminded Mr. Booth that the district did not set the goals.

Mr. Herbert recalled to the meeting LTD's role during the November 1975 hearings in the concept stage of the E-SATS plan. He said that when the Eugene Council had invited comment by LTD, he and Mr. Dyer had advised the Council that a high transit assignment required a major commitment in policy direction and finances by the city.

Mr. Booth asked for a more realistic goal. Mr. Randall commented that the Springfield City Council was using the board as whipping boy for something they had done themselves, and recommended a meeting with the Council, moving that the letter be sent with the word "while" in the second paragraph removed, a period inserted after the word "use" in the second paragraph, and the "w" on "we," immediately following, capitalized. The motion was seconded by Mr. Craig.

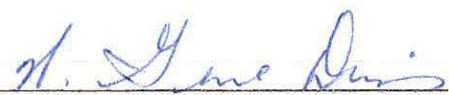
Mr. Kohnen asked that by unanimous consent, the phrase "list of all the potential actions," in paragraph IIIa, be changed to read "list of potential actions." Mr. Herbert noted the change was without objection. He then spoke against inclusion of the material on page 3 and offered to amend the motion to that effect, putting hopes in a successful meeting with the Council. Mr. Randall reminded the board that such a meeting was not yet a reality and said he believed the material to be necessary. Mr. Booth said he was more comfortable with page 3 than page 2.

In a discussion of disincentives, Mr. Herbert reminded that the board had approved them at the last meeting and questioned bringing them up again. Mr. Booth offered an amendment to the motion under discussion, that pages 2 and 3 be omitted. The amendment was defeated for lack of a second.

Mr. Davis expressed the opinion that the board had ignored the Springfield City Council's wish expressed in their February 21st letter, that the "disincentives stuff" be taken out.

Mr. Craig asked for the question. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.



Secretary