

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

March 1, 1977

Pursuant to public notice to the Register Guard for publication on February 14, 1977, and Newservice 16 and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, a meeting of the budget committee of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on March 1, 1977, at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Board members

Richard Booth, Treasurer
Jack J. Craig
W. Gene Davis, Secretary
Daniel M. Herbert, President
Annabel Kitzhaber
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Glenn E. Randall

Appointed members

George Baker
Paul Bonney
Tom Denning
Donna Kaehn
Robert Moulton, Chairman, presiding
Agnes Van Devender

Fred C. Dyer, General Manager
Phyllis Loobey, Budget Officer
Linda Sederlin, Recording Secretary

News media representatives:

Marvin Tims, Register Guard
Rick Grimshaw, Newservice 16

Absent:

Shirley Minor

Mr. Herbert introduced the board and budget committee members. Mr. Robert Moulton was unanimously elected chairman and Mr. Kenneth H. Kohnen was unanimously elected secretary.

TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: David Rynerson, Director of Planning, presented the Second Draft of the Transit Development Program dated March 1, 1977. He gave a comprehensive description of the document, noting that it is intended to be a short range program of projects consistent with the elements of the long range transportation plan now being formulated, and that the document contained revisions recommended by the Board of Directors.

PRESENTATION OF BACKGROUND DATA: Phyllis Loobey presented a description of the chart of accounts, copies of the adopted Goals & Objectives for the coming fiscal year and copies of the audit report for fiscal year 1975-76 and gave a comprehensive explanation of a mid-year budget analysis for 76-77.

PROPOSED 1977-78 BUDGET: Ms. Loobey then presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 1977-78 and briefly described the requirements of each category.

Mr. Kohnen requested a five minute recess.

The meeting resumed, and David Rynerson distributed a list of special projects with the fiscal year increment of long-range objectives from the TDP recommendations, and indicating the budgetary impact. Alternatives examined included systems for improved Sunday service, additions to the Dial-A-Bus

program, and a system of industrial shuttles was described.

Ms. Loobey reported that the board of directors will conduct public hearings during the last week of March in a review of non-urban routes #'s 4, 5 and 6, and that any decisions made on those routes would have budgetary implications. She said she would keep the budget committee advised of board action on the non-urban routes.

Mr. Moulton noted that the proposed expenditures were in excess of the projected revenues and the committee would wish to receive recommendations or alternatives from the staff for increasing the funding or decreasing expenditures.

Mr. Herbert commented that increased revenues would be required to fulfill the goals and objectives adopted by the board. He asked that the staff determine the amount of additional revenue that could be realized from a 5¢ fare increase and what the effect would be on ridership, and what increase in fares would be required to support the programs stated in the goals and objectives. He said the staff should also determine the potential revenue from the maximum payroll tax.

Mr. Booth expressed concern over the increase in medical and dental insurance, stating it appeared to be too expensive, and that this could be an area of potential savings.

MOTION

Mr. Booth moved 1) that the budget committee receive a balanced budget from the staff, 2) that operations be separated from capital expenditures, and 3) that a 5% limit be set for additional expenditures. The motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Randall expressed the opinion that the staff should submit its requirements and the potential revenues to the committee and that it should be the responsibility of the budget committee to balance the budget.

AMEND

VOTE

In the ensuing discussion, Mr. Kohlen said he believed it might be premature to set a percentage, and moved to amend Mr. Booth's motion by deleting part 3. Mr. Booth seconded the motion and the amendment carried unanimously.

Mr. Moulton then restated the motion that the committee wished the staff to present a balanced budget with alternatives including either additional resources or additional cuts; and that capital expenditures should be separated from the operating expenditures. The question was put on the main motion as amended and carried with favorable vote by Baker, Bonney, Booth, Craig, Davis, Denning, Herbert, Kaehn, Kitzhaber, Kohlen, Moulton, Van Devender, and with Randall opposing.

MAIN MOTION

VOTE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Clark Cox, member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, said he personally believed it inadvisable to increase the payroll tax to the maximum level. He suggested that routes should be added to the industrial areas; he favored a slight fare increase and increased Sunday service.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date was scheduled for April 5, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. in the Eugene City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned.