

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

May 17, 1977

Pursuant to public notice to the Register Guard for publication on May 11, 1977, and Newservice 16 and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on May 17, 1977, at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

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

News media representative:

Marvin Tims, Register Guard

Absent:

Annabel Kitzhaber

MOTION
VOTE

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular board meeting of April 19, 1977, and the adjourned board meeting of April 21, 1977, were unanimously approved as distributed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mrs. Mary Lou Finne spoke in favor of retaining at least one morning and afternoon schedule on the Jasper/Lowell route. She said she lives 3/4 mile from Jasper toward Springfield, works at the University of Oregon, and rides the bus to work several times each week. She said there should be more reliability in transferring to the Maxwell bus in Springfield. She spoke of many older and retired people in the area who need the service and, at Mr. Craig's suggestion, volunteered to obtain signatures on a petition to be presented to the Evaluation Methods Subcommittee meeting of June 6.

MOTION
WITHDRAWN

Following discussion, Mr. Craig moved that the board approve reducing the current Jasper/Lowell route to half service for another year, and Mr. Randall seconded the motion. It was determined that further consideration should be given to the feasibility of such service and Mr. Craig withdrew his motion and Mr. Randall withdrew the second.

It was the consensus of the board to proceed with the service revisions scheduled for June 13 pending further study of the Jasper/Lowell route. Mr. Davis suggested consideration be given to park'n'ride service for that area and Mr. Herbert said carpooling could be organized to Springfield or Lowell.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Bonney noted that minutes of the May 9 meeting of Citizens Advisory Committee were distributed for board information. He referred to news articles recently published concerning proposed legislation to raise the payroll tax to 1.5%, and to Representative Michael Ragsdale's suggestion that the transportation committee seek an appropriation from the State Emergency Board of \$750,000 if it is demonstrated that the District is unable to receive proper certification because of political reasons, as well as an editorial of May 15, 1977 in the Register Guard that the District should retain status quo. He said he had telephoned members of the Citizens Advisory Committee and it was the consensus that service should be improved, a fare increase and implementation of an income tax could be considered, and half of the members were in favor of increasing the payroll tax to 1.5%. Mr. Cox expressed objection to the editorial published in the Register Guard.

MOTION
VOTE

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS: Upon motion by Mr. Randall, duly seconded, the board unanimously approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized to expend funds for the following personal services line items in excess of the amounts budgeted:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Excess</u>
Chief Clerk	10,223.	10,423.	200.
Information Clerk	57,476.	58,476.	1,000.
Drivers	1,471,990.	1,504,990.	33,000.
Drivers Overtime	105,273.	125,273.	20,000.
Leadmen	42,540.	44,540.	2,000.
Specialists	62,060.	79,060.	17,000.
Cleaners	42,992.	47,992.	5,000.
Tool & Differential	5,000.	7,500.	2,500.

WHEREAS, the Personal Services Category will not be overexpended for said budget.

MOTION

Mr. Randall moved that the board approve a resolution transferring \$112,000 from the Capital Outlay category to the Benefits Category and transferring \$41,000 from the Materials and Services category to the Contractual Services category. The motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Booth voiced concern for funds being transferred from a capital category for operational purposes. Discussion followed on the difficulty of anticipating exact amounts required in each category when budgeting. The board was advised that the transfers would accommodate the local budget law and the total budget would not be affected by the adjustments.

VOTE

The question was put and the following resolution carried unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to transfer funds between budget categories because of unforeseen increases in employee benefits and unforeseen expenditures in contractual services,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds between categories, that \$112,000 be transferred from the Capital Outlay category to the Benefits category and \$41,000 be transferred from the Materials and Services category to the Contractual Services category, with the affected categories listed below:

Capital Outlay			Benefits		
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Adjusted Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Transferred Funds</u>	<u>Adjusted Total</u>
\$1,787,933.	\$112,000.	\$1,675,933.	\$516,250.	\$112,000.	\$628,250.

Materials & Services			Contractual Services		
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Adjusted Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Transferred Funds</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
\$759,195.	\$41,000.	\$718,195.	\$251,550.	\$41,000.	\$292,550.

Mr. Randall asked that the staff hereafter give more explanation of proposed resolutions in the agenda packet to reduce the amount of discussion prior to adoption.

MOTION

DIAL-A-BUS SERVICE REVIEW: Mr. Randall moved that the board approve service adjustments recommended by the staff for Dial-A-Bus service, as stated on Pages 26 and 27 of the May 17, 1977 agenda material. The motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Cox, of the audience, recalled that there had been discussion at the April 25 meeting of the Evaluation Methods Subcommittee to extend evening service hours, and Mr. Dyer responded that following indepth discussion with supervisors and studying ridership patterns, it was determined that service could be better utilized in extending destinations rather than evening hours.

VOTE

The question was put and carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS: Mr. Booth asked that the board discuss participation of its members in providing testimony for HB3268, submitted by Glenn Randall to increase the payroll tax to 1.5%. He said that testimony presented by Mr. Randall and Mr. Craig favoring the bill, appeared to have been prepared by the staff, which he said led him to testify against the bill as he did not believe the increase was necessary. Mr. Randall responded that the board and public have access to information available at the district's office, and it was his privilege as a citizen to use that information to the best interest of the district. At Mr. Booths request, Mr. Randall and Mr. Craig were asked to obtain copies of the minutes of the hearings on the bill for distribution to board members, and it was noted that the tapes could be obtained if any board member so desired. Mr. Davis said that on the two occasions when he testified, he was satisfied that board members had clearly indicated that they represented themselves, not the board. He said he believed it would be appropriate for the board to be informed when the staff has been subpoenaed to testify.

Mr. Herbert advised that, as the board had taken a position, he had testified in support of HB3000, Oregon State financing authority for public transit. He spoke of the importance of making a distinction between official and unofficial positions and said that adoption of a policy manual would aid board members in making appropriate determinations.

MOTION

VOTE

TERMINAL: Mr. Kohnen, as a member of the Downtown Advisory Committee, reported on progress for development planning of the downtown area, and advised that a transit station had not been included on the preliminary map. Following discussion on the necessity of having a location site included, Mr. Herbert moved that the board send a letter to the Eugene City Council and the Eugene Renewal Agency strongly urging early resolution of the Eugene downtown transit terminal. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Mr. Booth asked that the board receive copies of the letter.

Mr. Randall was excused from the meeting.

SEPTEMBER 1977 ANNUAL ROUTE REVIEW: Suggested route revisions for September, 1977, were presented to the board for preliminary review.

Mr. Craig reported that he had received a call from a south Eugene resident stating that it is difficult to get bus transportation from the Sacred Heart Hospital and the University of Oregon to the south Eugene area. He asked the staff to give further consideration to this need.

Mr. Craig asked to be excused from the meeting.

EVALUATION METHODS SUBCOMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT: Mr. Kohnen presented the quarterly report of the Evaluation Methods Subcommittee, noting that the subcommittee has attempted to develop graphs that could show the status of several criterial believed to be significant indexes of performance. Mr. Booth suggested that the board could possibly use this data to set objectives of system performance.

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES: Mr. Davis asked about the possibility of installing bicycle racks on the back of the buses for the rural routes, as he had seen them used successfully in San Diego. Mr. Dyer said the staff will contact the San Diego transit district for further information.

REGULAR STATISTICAL REPORTING: Discussion on the regular statistical reporting for the Administrative, Planning and Transportation Departments was dispensed with as written information had been distributed for board review.

The meeting was adjourned.


Secretary