

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT

ADJOURNED MEETING

May 3, 1983

Pursuant to notice given at the April 19, 1983 regular meeting, and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lane Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, at 10:05 p.m.

Present: Peter M. Brandt, Treasurer, presiding  
Janet Calvert  
Janice Eberly, Secretary  
Judy Nelson  
Larry Parducci  
Phyllis Loobey, General Manager  
Jo Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Absent: Ted J. Langton, President  
Glenn E. Randall, Vice President

PUBLIC HEARING ON SERVICE REDUCTIONS: A public hearing on service reductions was held, for the convenience of those present to testify, at the beginning of the Budget Committee meeting which immediately preceded the adjourned Board meeting.

Jack Lichwernich asked to make a few points regarding cutting out 9:20 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. bus service on Saturdays. He said that unless a person has a car or can afford to take a taxi, it would be impossible to go out on Saturday nights. He thought it was important to have the bus service to encourage people to get out and around. He said he thought the 21A was a very important bus, and that there was no other service to cover the same route. He commented that the 29 University of Oregon bus served a very important function, allowing people to go shopping at McKays, Hirons, Wendys, and to get to the UO area and downtown. He said there was no other service in that area, and suggested that this route be extended past 5:20 p.m.

The second speaker was Chris Little, a student at Lane Community College. She stated that she also had two sons at LCC, and she had heard that the Ashlane/LCC service would be cut out for the summer. She said that if that happened, she could not afford to go to school, and she was only three months away from finishing. She said that an LTD driver had told her of the service being cut.

Stefano Viggiano, Planning Administrator, informed Ms. Little that the LCC/Ashlane service would run this summer, but the frequency would be reduced

from half-hourly service to hourly service. He added that the reduction in service is made every summer in response to fewer students riding during that time.

There was no other participation from the audience, and the public hearing was closed. No other members of the public were present to testify later at the adjourned meeting.

ACTION BY BOARD ON SERVICE REDUCTIONS: Mr. Brandt called the Board's attention to the staff recommendation found in the staff memo in the agenda packet.

MOTION Ms. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Parducci, that the Board approve the service reductions as outlines in the memo, for implementation on June 12, 1983. Ms. Nelson said she would like the appropriate staff person to speak about the community's concerns and negative impact of the service reductions. Stefano Viggiano stated that, basically, someone going out on Saturday night wouldn't be able to do so on the bus any longer. The cut was proposed because not many people were using that service anyway, and is the most visible cut being proposed because there is no alternative service. He stated that all the other cuts have alternative service.

Ms. Nelson asked if routes 21 and 29 had alternative service in the same areas. Mr. Viggiano replied that there was parallel service to the #21A and another route goes by McKays. He said students living in the UO dorms would have a four-block walk to another bus. He explained that the #21A and #29 routes are probably in the bottom third for productivity, and were selected because there are other alternatives for patrons.

Ms. Loobey said that materials regarding the public hearing were put on the affected routes, and additional information about service reductions would be given to the public through normal channels ("Bus Talk," timetables, Marketing Reps., CSC staff, etc.). Ed Bergeron, Marketing Administrator, stated that riders on those routes would be notified of the alternative service available to them.

Ms. Calvert commented that she wasn't sure public hearings were an adequate measure of public input, since people don't seem to feel that it works for them to appear and complain.

Ms. Loobey said staff had carefully examined other more marginal routes, but didn't want the public to be without alternatives. She added that staff review routes according to productivity standards set by the Board, and try to bring appropriate recommendations, based on those standards, to the Board for consideration.

VOTE With no further discussion, the vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Eberly moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
VOTE Ms. Nelson seconded the motion, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

  
Secretary