

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Pursuant to notice given to *The Register-Guard* for publication on September 12, 2002, and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, the Board of Directors of the Lane Transit District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the LTD Board Room at 3500 E. 17th Avenue, Eugene.

Present: Susan Ban
Gerry Gaydos, Vice President
Patricia Hocken, Secretary
Dave Kleger
Virginia Lauritsen, Treasurer
Robert Melnick
Hillary Wylie, President, presiding
Ken Hamm, General Manager
Jo Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Absent: --

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Board President Hillary Wylie.

WORK SESSION

Executive Sessions: District Counsel Roger Saydack was present to meet with the Board on several issues in several different executive (non-public) sessions. He introduced attorney Catherine Susman from his firm. A member of the press was present and Ms. Wylie reminded her about the rules covering the press during executive sessions. Mr. Kleger moved that the Board meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(f), to consider records that are exempt by law from public inspection, and pursuant to ORS 40.225, lawyer-client privilege. Ms. Hocken seconded and the Board entered executive session upon a unanimous vote at 5:40 p.m. The Board unanimously returned to open session at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Kleger then moved, seconded by Mr. Gaydos, that the Board meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(h), to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and pursuant to ORS 40.225, lawyer-client privilege, to hear an opinion of counsel. The Board unanimously entered executive session at 5:46 p.m. and then unanimously returned to open session at 6:08 p.m. Mr. Kleger then moved that the Board meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(f), to consider records that are exempt by law from public inspection, and pursuant to ORS 40.225, lawyer-client privilege. After seconding by Ms. Ban, the Board unanimously entered executive session at 6:09 p.m. Upon a motion by Ms. Hocken and seconding by Mr. Kleger, the Board unanimously returned to open session at 6:20 p.m.

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Utilities in Public Right-of-Way: Mr. Saydack and Ms. Susman discussed the need to move utilities out of the right-of-way for bus rapid transit (BRT). He said that both public and private

utilities occupied the right-of-way, and LTD needed to find a way to get them to move in order to construct the system. Because LTD did not own that right-of-way, LTD did not have the power to condemn it, so had to find another approach. The attorneys had been doing some research with the City of Eugene and with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and had enlisted the advice of TriMet in Portland and its legal counsel, who went through this issue with TriMet transit lines. Ms. Susman said that there were quite a few utilities in the public right-of-way, involving the Cities of Eugene and Springfield and ODOT. The first issue was to find out which utilities were there and where they were, and then determine if they needed to move and if so, who would request that move and who was ultimately liable for the cost of the move. She said that the general rule seemed to be that if there was a private utility and public purpose, the private utility could be asked to relocate at its cost. To the extent that the public utility would have to move, LTD would be responsible for the cost. She noted that TriMet had dealt with this issue up to the Supreme Court and back again. There also were some issues in ensuring that all utilities were appropriately notified. TriMet had offered to show LTD the intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) it used, as well as the issues that TriMet did not include in its IGAs that later resulted in problems. The intent was to draft an intergovernmental agreement to use locally. This discussion was informational only, with no Board action required.

Lithia Television Ads: Mr. Saydack noted that a car dealership had been using the figures from some of the Breeze bus stops in the background of some television ads. Mr. Saydack had suggested to Lithia's owners that they needed to stop using the ads because LTD had not authorized the use of those stops, but had not received a response. LTD could not take stronger action because the architect had retained the rights to the stop designs instead of giving them to LTD. If anyone were to take legal action, it would have to be the architectural firm. However, LTD had made a request for the architectural firm to convey those rights to the District, and Mr. Saydack said that this issue needed to be corrected in future contracts.

Break: Ms. Wylie called a ten-minute break at 6:30 p.m. She called the meeting back to order at 6:40 p.m.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH: Mr. Hamm said that Director of Transit Operations Mark Johnson was at the national bus roadeo with LTD Bus Operator Ben Henry. Mr. Hamm then introduced Bus Operator Dave Logosz, the September 2002 Employee of the Month. He noted that Mr. Logosz had been with the District since January 1997 and had earned an award for three years of safe driving, and also had received the General Manager's Award for Excellence in 2001, the first year the award was given. Mr. Logosz was nominated by a co-worker, who praised him and remarked on the smile with which he greeted all his guests. Mr. Hamm said that he had gotten to know Mr. Logosz through the employee picnic and some other activities and had ridden his bus, and stated that Mr. Logosz's guests were fortunate to ride with him. Ms. Wylie presented Mr. Logosz with his awards. Mr. Logosz commented that many people were quick to complain and few were quick to compliment, so it was nice to receive this award. He said that LD had a lot of excellent drivers who did an excellent job, so he felt lucky that he had a few people who were happy with the service and who wanted to compliment him. He thanked the Board for the award.

Mr. Hamm then introduced Bus Operator Tim Faccio, the October 2002 Employee of the Month, who was selected for this award because he was so positive and shared his positive outlook with everyone on the LTD team. He was hired in August 1997 and was nominated by a guest, who said he could tell that Mr. Faccio really liked his job and liked to kid around, breaking up the day for himself and every person boarding the bus. Mr. Hamm said he had seen Mr. Faccio interact with

his guests and co-workers, and that he truly had a positive, uplifting personality and had fun with his guests, all part of what guest service was all about. Ms. Wylie presented Mr. Faccio with his awards. Mr. Faccio said that he could only be himself and he had a lot of fun on the job. He added that he noticed when he came to work at LTD that everyone was smiling, so he thought it would be a good place to work. He thanked the Board for his award. Mr. Hamm stated that Mr. Logosz and Mr. Faccio were great examples of some of the newer employees who were having fun doing a great job and carrying out the mission of the organization, and that they were very much appreciated.

Employee of the Year: Ms. Wylie then introduced a special person with whom the Board members worked a lot, the 2001 LTD Employee of the Year, Kelly Perron-Crouse. Administrative Services Manager/Clerk of the Board Jo Sullivan said that Ms. Perron-Crouse had been introduced a year ago as the Employee of the Month, and was named the 2001 Employee of the Year at the employee awards picnic in August. Ms. Sullivan quoted another employee who that day had described Ms. Perron-Crouse as the pillar everyone else stood on. She noted that, as usual, Ms. Perron-Crouse had been racing through the day and doing for everyone else, and when asked to stay until 6:30 p.m. to be introduced at the Board meeting, had been working every second to prepare excellent packets, with a lot of good information, for the Board members who would be attending the American Public Transportation Conference the following week. Ms. Sullivan said that was what Ms. Perron-Crouse did—she always went the extra five miles. Ms. Sullivan stated that she was very proud and happy to be working with Ms. Perron-Crouse, and noted that Administrative Office Coordinator Susan Hekimoglu had been reluctant to praise Ms. Perron-Crouse in the Board packet for fear that someone outside the District would read it and try to take her away from Team LTD. Ms. Sullivan said she hoped that as the Board members worked with Ms. Perron-Crouse on different issues during the year, they would remember that she was an incredible employee and that LTD was very lucky to have her.

Ms. Wylie noted that Ms. Perron-Crouse had received her awards at the employee awards picnic in August. Ms. Perron-Crouse said that on her resume she had said she wanted a job that was fun and challenging and that she had found it. She said that, as the operators talked about having fun, the office staff also had fun, in different ways, even sometimes when just rushing around. She was happy that she was always doing something new and that she seemed to do a little of everything on the job; that was what kept her job interesting and challenging, what made her like her job, and what made her perform well.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Ms. Wylie asked for audience participation. There was none.

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CONSENT CALENDAR: Mr. Kleger moved LTD Resolution No. 2002-032: "It is hereby resolved that the Consent Calendar for September 18, 2002, is approved as presented." Mr. Gaydos seconded the motion. Ms. Hocken said she had a correction to the minutes of the Joint Adopting Officials hearing on TransPlan prepared by the City, which listed Tammy Fitch as an LTD Board member instead of a Springfield City Councilor, and omitted Ms. Lauritsen and Ms. Ban from the list of attendees. She was concerned that the minutes did not show that LTD had a quorum present. Ms. Sullivan said she would contact the City to correct the minutes. The resolution, including the corrected minutes, passed by unanimous vote, 6 to 0, with Ban, Gaydos, Hocken, Kleger, Lauritsen, and Wylie voting in favor, none opposed, and Mr. Melnick abstaining because he was not present at those meetings. The Consent Calendar consisted of the minutes of the May 29, 2002, joint adopting officials meeting on TransPlan (previously approved by the Eugene City

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Council and the Lane County Board of Commissioners), the July 17, 2002, regular Board meeting, and the August 21, 2002, canceled Board meeting.

PURCHASING POLICY RULES UPDATE: Director of Finance and Information Technology Diane Hellekson briefly updated the Board on the proposed changes to LTD's Purchasing Policy and Rules. At the July 17, 2002, meeting, the Board had approved changes to the LTD Purchasing Policy and Rules to bring LTD current with state and federal regulations, and to delete references to obsolete contested case procedures. Staff also had proposed an increase in LTD's bid threshold to the same level as other public agencies in Oregon, but learned just before the September meeting that a change in Oregon law required that a public hearing be held, and there had not been time for adequate notice of a hearing. That proposal was before the Board again that evening. It would allow LTD to solicit offers from three or more qualified suppliers/contractors on procurements where the total contract price was between \$5,000 (or \$2,500 for federally-funded purchases) and \$75,000. At \$75,000, formal solicitation would need to occur. The change also would specify that for trade contracts, LTD would use a request for proposals (RFP) process rather than a competitive bidding process, which would allow LTD to obtain more information. These changes would streamline the process and would not compromise the District's ability to obtain competitive quotes in any way. The bid threshold had not been increased since 1989. The Revised Purchasing Policy and Rules had been distributed to the Board members as a separate document.

Public Hearing: Ms. Wylie opened the public hearing on the purchasing policy rules update. No one in the audience wished to testify, and the hearing was closed.

MOTION **Board Decision:** Ms. Lauritsen moved approval of LTD Resolution No. 2002-033:
VOTE "Resolved, the LTD Board of Directors hereby adopts the Purchasing Policy and Rules, as revised September 18, 2002." Mr. Melnick seconded, and the resolution was approved by unanimous vote, 7 to 0, with Ban, Gaydos, Hocken, Kleger, Lauritsen, Melnick, and Wylie voting in favor and none opposed.

BUS FINANCING DEBT RESOLUTION: Ms. Hellekson said that the Board Finance Committee had reviewed this resolution, found on page 47 of the agenda packet, that afternoon and had no reservations about recommending it to the full Board. She said that it primarily was a housekeeping item, and that the Capital Improvements Program and the current financial plan showed the 18 Gillig buses and 5 articulated buses as being financed by debt. A number of activities would be required in preparation for issuing revenue bonds, which staff anticipated would happen in the spring of 2003. The resolution was recommended by bond counsel just as the Board's affirmation of how LTD planned to accomplish this, which was to prepay, at least for the Gillig vehicles, with current capital reserves, and then reimburse the reserves with the proceeds from the bond sale. There was some uncertainty over timing, and this would give LTD the flexibility to combine the Gilligs and the articulated buses in a single revenue bond issue. There were no additional comments from the Finance Committee members. Ms. Hellekson said that staff would be bringing a number of different debt financing action items in the future.

MOTION Ms. Hocken moved approval of LTD Resolution No. 2002-034, authorizing Lane Transit District to disburse capital reserve funds for the purchase of up to 18 forty-foot buses and 5 articulated buses, if necessary, in advance of bond sales whose proceeds will reimburse capital reserves in full. Mr. Gaydos seconded, and the resolution was approved by unanimous vote, 7 to 0, with Ban, Gaydos, Hocken, Kleger, Lauritsen, Melnick, and Wylie voting in favor and none opposed.

TRANSPLAN AMENDMENT APPEAL: It was noted that 1,000 Friends of Oregon had filed an appeal of action taken by LTD, Eugene, Springfield, and Lane County to approve plan amendments for the West Eugene Parkway project. Ms. Wylie stated that the Board needed to decide whether to allow the City of Eugene to take the lead on this issue. Mr. Hamm added that part of the question was whether the Board wanted LTD counsel to proceed with any independent action in response to the appeal on the recent TransPlan amendments approved by the Cities of Eugene and Springfield, Lane County, and LTD, or whether the Board wanted to participate in cooperation with the other three agencies, with the City of Eugene taking the lead and the financial responsibility.

MOTION Ms. Lauritsen moved that LTD not pursue independent procedural objections to the appeal of the 1,000 Friends of Oregon and remain a party to the lawsuit, understanding that the City of Eugene will assume the lead in any proceedings and responsibility for the legal activities.

VOTE Mr. Gaydos seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote, 7 to 0, with Ban, Gaydos, Hocken, Kleger, Lauritsen, Melnick, and Wylie voting in favor and none opposed.

USE OF "Q" AS BRT NAME: Ms. Wylie also added this action item to the agenda, saying that there might be a possible challenge to the use of "Q" as the new name for the bus rapid transit (BRT) system, so the Board needed to decide whether or not to continue to pursue the use of "Q" as the name, or to seek another name. Mr. Gaydos moved that LTD go back to work and find another name for the bus rapid transit system. Mr. Melnick seconded the motion. Mr. Kleger said that it was particularly sensitive time in this program, and not the time to begin a public relations fight about a name. The motion was approved by unanimous vote, 7 to 0, with Ban, Gaydos, Hocken, Kleger, Lauritsen, Melnick, and Wylie voting in favor and none opposed.

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Mr. Melnick left the meeting at 7 p.m.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AT THIS MEETING:

Board Member Reports: Metropolitan Policy Committee: Mr. Gaydos reported that the major issue at the September MPC meeting was that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) wanted the districts to get together like the local "united front" to say what the local priorities were. That had caused some struggle among the jurisdictions. LTD's position had been that LTD needed to ensure that transit issues were integrated into these discussions. ODOT had responded that transit would be a separate process. There were three road transportation proposals: the I-5/Gateway interchange, Coburg Road/Beltline, and the federal courthouse. Those went forward as the top three priorities. LTD's major issue was that the District wanted ODOT supporting LTD when it sought federal funds and to try to integrate transit's metro planning priorities more than in the past. At least the issue had been raised and discussion was started, and there would be some process to look at transit issues in the district. This current request was for a six-year timeframe. Mr. Gaydos said that this was a top priority for earmarking in federal funding reauthorization, and Ms. Wylie said that if it were not done now, it would take six years to try again. **BRT Steering Committee**—Ms. Hocken reported that the Steering Committee met on September 3 and had a presentation by PeaceHealth about how PeaceHealth envisioned the BRT system going through its property. LTD initially proposed that BRT would stay on Pioneer Parkway in Springfield, then curve around and join Beltline. However, PeaceHealth was making an effort to have the BRT line go through its property, with a stop right across from the front door of the hospital, which would mean deviating from Pioneer Parkway. This could result in better entry to the hospital and a better way to

serve Symantec, Sony, and other businesses in the Gateway area. The committee also received an update on the Pioneer Parkway and Coburg Road issue. Ms. Hocken said that PeaceHealth had submitted its conceptual plan to the City of Springfield, and the City of Springfield was working on approving it. Director of Development Services Stefano Viggiano said that LTD would have continued input into this process. Springfield Station Design Review Committee—Ms. Lauritsen said that on August 27, the Committee had discussed initial designs for the station, which she said were rejected. The architects then came back with four more designs, which were narrowed down to one preferred design. She said that Mr. Melnick had some suggestions and she thought he would look at the designs closely. Facilities Manager Charlie Simmons said that the committee had selected one design with some possible refinements yet to be discussed, and would meet again on September 30. Ms. Lauritsen said that the main comments were to make the station friendly and open and fit well with Springfield, and it was believed that the station would be a magnet to draw more business to that area. Mr. Simmons explained the issues surrounding the bioswale, and said that these resulted from ODOT direction. One of the ODOT requirements was to have 120 feet between two access points, which opened up extra space on the platform. At a design charrette, one idea for that extra space was to have a bioswale, or more of a landscaped area that would treat storm water runoff, but also could have a lot of different features. Ms. Wylie said that it could be made quite attractive. She noted that part of the roof angulation was to work with the BRT swept wing shelter design and not be too boxy, so she thought there would be a slightly modified version from the architects. Mr. Simmons said that at the next meeting there would be some refinements of the whole street, including the shelter, so the committee could see them all together. Staff hoped to lease the majority of the 5,000-square-foot portion. Staff had talked with a couple of commercial brokers and were quite optimistic about leasing the space to a private business. Staff hoped to go out with a request for proposals for tenants during the current year, and were fairly optimistic that this would be successful. Board Finance Committee—Ms. Hocken said that the Board had taken action on the main work product from that afternoon's Finance Committee meeting. The committee also had received an update on fares and ridership and would continue monitoring those. It appeared that the fare increase had resulted in some reduced fares and ridership, but it was too early to tell for sure. Other: Mr. Kleger said that in the last three weeks he had occasion to meet six or more people new to the community who were riding the bus. He said he was gratified to hear their highly complimentary remarks about the service, the operators, the guest services staff, the clean buses and stations, and how well LTD was getting the word out about the service. He said that LTD was making some good impressions on people who had the ability to make comparisons with other systems around the nation.

General Manager's Report: Mr. Hamm reported that the federal triennial review performed by the Federal Transit Administration Region 10 office had been held at LTD the previous week. The auditors looked at virtually every part of the organization that had to be in compliance as a recipient of federal funds, and said that LTD's was one of the cleanest audits they had ever performed and highly commended the District's staff. The only discrepancy raised by the auditors concerned the frequency of oil changes, which was a very minor issue. Mr. Hamm said it was important for the Board to know that they could have confidence in the staff, and that he was pleased to present this information to the Board because it represented the kind of integrity present in the organization. He also commended Purchasing Manager Jeanette Bailor for the excellent job she did in organizing the materials and process for the review. Separate from this review, a drug and alcohol audit probably would occur in the near future, and promised to be a very demanding process.

Mr. Hamm commented that the Duck Express was another aspect of the teamwork at LTD, and that staff from many departments worked together in an incredible team effort. Ridership had increased to about 12,000 riders per game that fall. Included in the agenda packet was a letter from University of Oregon (UO) Vice President for Administration Dan Williams thanking LTD staff for their extraordinary efforts to increase ridership to Autzen Stadium on football game days. It was a very positive letter in which he referred to LTD as a big player in the success of the football season, and Mr. Hamm said that it was especially significant to receive a letter like this from the UO.

Ms. Lauritsen said that the UO got a lot of service for free, and that people paid a lot more money to park than they did to ride the bus. However, Mr. Hamm said that the UO paid LTD the District's fully-allocated costs for the service and wanted to set a low rate for the tickets to encourage people to ride. At other systems around the country where the riders paid more for sports shuttle service, those universities were not paying the transit system for the service, so the systems were trying to get their costs back from the cost of the ticket. Ms. Hocken stated that neither the payroll tax nor federal funding were subsidizing the football service. Ms. Lauritsen said she understood that it would take a policy change to charge more, but that the UO was making a lot of money on football and probably paying for some minor sports with that money. Similarly, LTD was paying for other programs that were not fully funded.

Mr. Vobora said that LTD carried about 20 or 21 percent of the 56,000 people who were at the game. The logistics for each game were incredible, with more than 1,100 people working in concessions, over 600 private security staff, Eugene Police, etc. The University paid LTD about \$300,000 for the service and also rented 30 Laidlaw buses that the District coordinated for them. The cost for transportation to the UO was much more than the money paid to LTD. Ms. Wylie asked for a spreadsheet to show what some of those other costs were. Ms. Hocken asked how much LTD collected from the UO the previous year. Mr. Vobora explained that LTD was providing the same amount of service because the District had only so many buses, but was carrying a lot more people on that service. Assistant General Manager Mark Pangborn reminded the Board that the UO contributed more than \$500,000 a year in in-lieu-of taxes out of its operating budget, as well as paying for two group pass programs. Mr. Hamm said that LTD really did have a partnership with the UO and also with the Eugene Police Department, which was doing more and more on the street. Ms. Lauritsen said that her point was that LTD was the professional and she could not applaud the team at LTD enough, but that the service and what LTD was getting for that service were the bottom line.

Monthly Financial Report: Director of Finance Diane Hellekson said that the July 2002 report had been included in the packet and staff were working on the August report. She said that there was no cause for concern through the end of August. Mr. Kleger asked about the drop in farebox revenue. Ms. Hellekson explained that there appeared to be a combination of ridership drop due to fare increases, which the District normally would expect, and the service cut. She said it would be fairly expensive to do the research to determine if people were just taking different buses or had stopped taking the bus altogether, and that the best answer was that it was a little bit of both.

Region 2050 Presentation: Senior Strategic Planner Lisa Gardner showed a slide presentation developed by the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG), titled "Region 2050, Sustaining Quality of Life in the Southern Willamette Valley." She said that one benefit of a regional strategy was how to handle population growth. Regional population was expected to increase 60

percent, or 500,000 people, in the next 48 years. The slide show also discussed areas such as projected distribution of jobs, housing, mixed use, and transportation, as well as a growth scenario process, based on pre-TransPlan historic trends, and where the urban growth boundaries would be, based on that scenario. Ms. Gardner stated that LTD had contributed \$5,000 to this study, which would continue for two years. At the September meeting, Ms. Ban had been appointed to the Region 2050 Regional Policy Advisory Committee as LTD's Board representative, and would be providing reports to the Board.

Board Strategic Planning Work Session: The Board briefly discussed a proposed agenda for its annual two-day strategic planning work session (retreat). Ms. Ban had a conflict on the two days in November that had been scheduled, so alternate dates were discussed and would be finalized in the near future.

2002-03 Marketing Plan: Service Planning and Marketing Manager Andy Vobora called the Board's attention to the report in the agenda packet. He explained that LTD typically was most visible in the fall, so he thought it was a good time to outline some of the things that the District would be targeting in its marketing plan. He highlighted the yield law update, which should result in better understanding of the law in the community. Ms. Hocken said she was glad that LTD was participating in the Eugene Celebration and getting people downtown. Mr. Vobora said that it was a good partnership. LTD contributed pin holders, and since it had just been decided to accept pins as valid shuttle fares, the Celebration might compensate LTD for some of that expense.

Ms. Hocken also was pleased that LTD was doing something for the library grand opening. Mr. Vobora explained that as people got library cards, they also would receive a free day pass. LTD also would be part of the Broadway opening. The UO was chartering a bus for the band. Also, LTD would try to partner more with downtown Eugene for football games, such as offering restaurant parking during the game with a meal before or after the game.

Fleet Building Expansion: Facilities Manager Charlie Simmons provided a brief update of the planned expansion to the Fleet (maintenance) building. He said that this would be a busy year for capital projects. This expansion would be a \$1 million project. Ms. Hellekson explained that if LTD received the \$6 million in federal funding requested through the "united front" request, this would be part of that \$6 million. Mr. Simmons added that LTD had been at the Glenwood facility for 12 years, so it was a good opportunity to review the whole facility and the District's operations there.

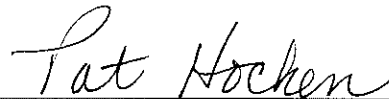
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update: Mr. Viggiano said that the BRT project was getting back into full swing with public meetings during the fall. Ms. Ban would be the Board's representative on the Coburg Road Stakeholder Committee. Mr. Gaydos stated that he thought that a Board member should be present at every meeting or open house, and that staff should let them know when those would be held and when it was their turn to participate.

Department Reports: Legislative Report—Government Relations Manager Linda Lynch said that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) was holding its fall retreat that week. On Monday, she had met with Gail Ackerman, the transportation commissioner assigned as the liaison with transit. Ms. Ackerman also was facilitating a discussion at the OTC retreat on reauthorization, so she and Ms. Lynch had discussed the issues that Mr. Gaydos had relayed from MPC. They also discussed general questions about transit projects' access to the STIP and how that was counted for in the state plan, or the ability to get at the flexible funds. Ms. Lynch had pointed out that there was a difference between their policy and maximizing the flexibility of those funds and then turning

that into reality. They also discussed funding for transportation demand management and alternatives. Ms. Lynch said that Ms. Ackerman was very pro-transit and engaged in issues around other modes. She added that there was an ongoing conversation in Lane County about the shape of the ODOT regions, because there was no apparent political or boundary reason for the way they were set up, and she knew that Commissioner Pape planned to raise that issue at the OTC retreat.

Mr. Gaydos asked if the Governor's office had a replacement for Mr. Melnick's Board position. Ms. Lynch said that the timeline was short but that the governor's office was interested in having a nomination soon because the Senate wanted a month to consider nominees. Staff were working with the Governor's office to forward names of interested persons and to find more possible nominees through the Chambers of Commerce and other organizations.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Board Secretary

