

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

ADJOURNED MEETING

February 7, 1978

Pursuant to notice duly given to the Register Guard on January 17, 1978, an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held February 7, 1978, at 7:30 a.m. in the Thunderbird Inn, Eugene, Oregon.

Present:

Richard A. Booth, Secretary
Jack J. Craig
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Ted J. Langton, Treasurer
Glenn E. Randall
Carolyn Roemer
Fred C. Dyer, General Manager
Phyllis Loobey, Director of Administrative Services
Richard Bryson, Counsel
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

News media representative:
Marvin Tims, Register Guard

Absent:

Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President

Mr. Herbert opened the meeting, stating that the purpose was to hold further discussion on the draft income tax ordinance which was distributed to board members. He invited audience participation and there was no response.

Ms. Loobey advised that two minor changes recommended by the Department of Revenue had been incorporated into the draft. A table of alternative tax revenue projections was presented estimating the payroll tax rate and revenue to be derived from corporations in proportion to the amount of revenue that would be derived from corporations if they were subject to the income tax.

Ms. Loobey recommended that the payroll tax should not be adjusted from the present .0054 rate until the district has had sufficient experience with the income tax with which to test revenue projections. Mr. Booth pointed out a potential fluctuation in corporate income in Lane County because of the lumber industry. Mr. Bryson agreed that corporate income is uncertain and said it would not be necessary to consider changing the payroll tax rate at this time; that the rate could be reduced after the district has had experience with an income tax. Mr. Booth observed that a year at the present payroll tax rate in conjunction with the income tax would yield a two million dollar surplus which would be ridiculous. Mr. Langton said the net income tax revenue figure seemed firm and the lag of collection should be minimal, and he believed the district could elicit more support from corporation employers if they were given assurance that the tax would decrease. Mr. Herbert suggested that the board could adopt a resolution of intent to change the rate

of the payroll tax contingent upon passage of the income tax. Mr. Booth said he believed definite rates should be set on both the payroll tax and the income tax in order to get the income tax measure passed, and he wished to see a calculation on how the rates would affect different taxpayer groups.

In following discussion of a draft fact sheet, the chairman asked that board members and others refer to staff any questions or suggestions of revisions and additions prior to the regular February board meeting. Ms. Roemer suggested the fact sheet include an indication of intent to decrease the payroll tax. Mr. Herbert asked the staff to prepare a resolution expressing intention to adjust the payroll tax in accordance with the outcome of the income tax, to be addressed at the next board meeting.

T-2000 PLAN: Ms. Loobey advised of meetings scheduled on the T-2000 plan of the Eugene, Springfield and Lane County planning commissions. Mr. Herbert asked that the calendar of hearings be included in the February agenda and a suggested date to be set for a board workshop.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS BANQUET: The staff informed the board that the annual awards banquet for employees will be held at Lane Community College, 4:00 p.m., on February 12, and invited board members to attend.

The meeting was adjourned.



Secretary