

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

March 28, 1978

Pursuant to public notice to the Register Guard for publication on March 20, 1978, and the Springfield News, a meeting of the budget committee of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on March 28, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Board members

Richard A. Booth, Secretary
Daniel M. Herbert, President
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Ted J. Langton, Treasurer
Glenn E. Randall
Carolyn Roemer

Appointed members

George Baker
Paul Bonney
Tom Denning
Mary Lou McCarthy
Shirley Minor
Robert Moulton, Chairman, presiding

Fred C. Dyer, General Manager
Phyllis Loobey, Budget Officer
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

News media representative:

Marvin Tims, Register Guard

Absent:

Jack J. Craig

Robert Moulton was elected chairman pro tem and Carolyn Roemer was elected secretary pro tem of the budget committee.

David Rynerson, Director of Planning, presented a slide show and narration with a comprehensive review of the Transit Development Program document. He described the process and timeline necessary for capital acquisitions and the role of the budget committee in addressing the accumulation of local funds to match federal capital grants.

Mr. Dyer explained a bonding program passed by the last legislature with the provision that it be adjudicated by the supreme court. He said that Tri-Met and the district have brought suit to test the legality and a decision should be rendered in about two months; if it is found to be legal, the state can issue bonds, capital equipment can be purchased and leased back to the transit districts to retire the bonds.

Mr. Herbert spoke of the advantages of the bonding program in enabling the district to obtain capital equipment while equalizing the cash flow in a regular and systematic accumulation of local share funds.

Discussion followed on the types of programs that should receive consideration from the committee. Mr. Booth suggested that this budget concern itself with short-range programs, as he believed the Transit Development Program anticipated

long-range demands for service that may not be needed. Mr. Langton said the planning in that document does not indicate that the district is experiencing reduced ridership and expansion of the system would not appear justified. Mr. Dyer responded that the equipment is getting older, facilities are over-capacitated and getting older, and there is a need to update present level of service. He spoke of the importance of maintaining capability of reacting to required change, and that replacements should help in remaining responsive to need.

Mr. Herbert described the fiscal year objectives adopted by the board and the activities necessary to achieve the fiscal year's increment of the Transit Development Program.

It was the consensus of the committee to instruct the staff to develop a base budget on a projection of the present operating system and to provide the budget committee with additional financial data concerning the 1978-79 increment of the Transit Development Program.

The next meeting of the budget committee was scheduled for April 25, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. in the Eugene City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned.


Secretary