

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

ADJOURNED MEETING

April 11, 1978

Pursuant to notice duly given to the Register Guard on March 21, 1978, an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held April 11, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. in the Eugene City Hall, Eugene, Oregon.

Present:

Richard A. Booth, Secretary
Jack J. Craig
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President
Ted J. Langton, Treasurer
Carolyn Roemer
Fred C. Dyer, General Manager
Richard Bryson, Counsel
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

News media:

Marvin Tims, Register Guard

Absent:

Glenn E. Randall

MOTION
VOTE

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular board meeting of March 21, 1978 were unanimously approved as distributed.

MOTION
VOTE

INCOME TAX: Upon motion by Mr. Langton, seconded by Ms. Roemer, the board approved the following resolution with favorable vote by Booth, Herbert, Kohnen, Langton, Roemer, and opposed by Craig:

"RESOLVED: That the question of the approval or disapproval of Ordinance No. 13 of Lane County Mass Transit District entitled 'An Ordinance Imposing an Income Tax and Providing for Administration, Enforcement and Collection of the Tax' be submitted to the vote of the legal voters of said district at an election which is called and shall be held at the date of the regular primary election on May 23, 1978."

MOTION
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Upon motion by Mr. Kohnen, duly seconded by Mr. Langton, the board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: That a notice and certificate of election be furnished to Don Penfold, Lane County Director of General Services, and Ralph Hoehne, Manager of the Lane County Elections Department, by the secretary of this district, in the following form."

NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

Lane County Mass Transit District

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 23, 1978, an election will be held in Lane County Mass Transit District, Lane County, Oregon. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The question to be submitted to the qualified voters thereof is the approval or disapproval of the following measure:

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT INCOME TAX

Purpose: Levies an income tax of .44% of the taxable income of residents of the District's Service Area, effective for tax years ending after January 1, 1979, to provide funds for purchase of capital assets and equipment and for operation of the District's mass transit system.

This legal notice is to be published in the Cottage Grove Sentinel, Creswell Chronicle, Dead Mountain Echo, Eugene Register Guard, Junction City Times, Siuslaw News, Springfield News, Valley News and West Lane News.

FINANCE AND BUDGET: Regular monthly financial reporting was presented for board information.

Mr. Booth reminded the staff that Mr. Kohnen had asked for information at this meeting to show how overrun in revenues relates to expenditures, and that it was not included in this meeting's agenda material. Mr. Dyer replied that the requested information will be included with a supplemental budget to be brought before the board at the May 16 regular board meeting, that there was not sufficient leadtime to publish the required legal notices for this meeting. Mr. Booth said he believed the information was requested for the board to determine if there is a need for a supplemental budget. Mr. Kohnen said he felt the board was interested in knowing what offsetting revenues would accommodate any increases in expenditures, and how any overexpenditures would be handled that were not offset.

Mr. Merrell, Accountant, gave a detailed explanation of each budget line item in question, showing how each would be offset, with the exception of SAIF. He said SAIF rates are set on a calendar year basis and the rate increase was underestimated in the budget process. Mr. Dyer added that the experience rating of Tri-Met was a factor in the increase.

Further discussion was held on the cause of an overrun in fuel costs, and Mr. Booth said it appeared that maintenance equipment is being sacrificed for property improvement. Mr. Dyer replied that under governmental accounting, any maintenance equipment that is not portable is categorized as property improvement.

Mr. Booth said it appeared that the staff believes the board will approve funds for overexpenditures and he did not like the way they had gone about it. He said the board had asked for explanation of overexpenditures and the staff did not have the information prepared. The chairman asked Mr. Booth if he wished for the board to receive documentation of the staff's responses, and if Mr. Booth had a concern, he could make a motion to repair those overexpenditures.

Mr. Herbert said that additional revenues cannot be spent by the staff without prior approval of the board, that the board has been advised of over-expenditures and that Mr. Booth could, if he so desired, make a motion to reduce operating costs. Mr. Booth said the expenditures should be confined to the overall budget and that any additional revenues should be carried forward into next year.

OBIE PROPOSAL: The board was advised that a bid document has been prepared, which includes the recommendations made by Mr. Bryson, for interior space advertising in the buses. The staff explained that installation of displays could be confined to two days during the month and that no additional personnel or other costs should be incurred by the district.

TRANSIT SERVICES FOR PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS: The board received a description of services available to physically and mentally handicapped students as well as a description of eligibility for certification.

BUDGET COMMITTEE NOMINATION: Mr. Booth reported that he was not prepared to make his budget committee nomination at this time, but it would be submitted shortly.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Clark Cox, of Citizens Advisory Committee, presented a resolution from Mrs. Charlotte Lemon, Chairer, of the West University Neighborhood Association, advising that the neighborhood group on April 6, 1978 voted its preference for the Bus Rapid Transit plan in the T-2000 alternatives, and requested that the district move to a 15-minute schedule on as many lines as feasible as this would encourage more people to use the buses.

Mr. Cox said that the Oregon Association of Railway Passengers would like to have a representative of that organization included on the study committee of the Central Transit Station, and that they are interested in a shuttle between the transit station and Amtrak.

CENTRAL TRANSIT STATION: Mr. Rynerson reported that the Downtown Development Board approved in concept the work program proposed by the district, that the Eugene Renewal Agency approved the formation of a committee but left open the question of whether a consultant should be retained. He said the Eugene Planning Commission has requested further information as to the need for another study, and no response has been received to date from the Eugene Downtown Association.

Mr. Rynerson said the L-COG Transportation Planning Commission (TPC) believed it more appropriate that a representative be included from their Citizens Advisory Committee. The TPC also suggested that a downtown parking and circulation study of broader scope should be considered and that, as an alternative to the proposed committee, the Eugene Planning Commission should be considered as the proper group to resolve the issues. Mr. Herbert said the board will await formal response from the Eugene Planning Commission.

TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: The Final Draft of the Transit Development Program was presented for board approval. Mr. Craig moved adoption of the Transit Development Program Final Draft, and Mr. Kohnen seconded the motion.

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Mr. Langton said he believed there was too much content to properly absorb it in such a short time.

Mr. Booth said he had several objections to approving the TDP: he did not think the goals are specific enough; that fiscal goals have not been set; that the T-2000 plan is not realistic and this document assumes that it is; and the TDP includes too much non-urban service as, with the exception of two routes, he believed the district could make better use of its resources on urban service; and he did not believe this TDP makes maximum use of the resources available.

Mr. Kohnen agreed that there was a great deal of information in the TDP to absorb but reminded that it is not a new document. He said it represents an updated short range development plan to accomplish the goals adopted by the board and he recommended its adoption. Mr. Craig said the board has given it careful study and its adoption is necessary to receive state and federal funding.

Mr. Langton said it reflects the philosophy of the board and transit district and he did not necessarily agree with this philosophy and plan as he believes it points the district in an unrealistic direction. He recognized the need for a plan to get federal funds.

Mr. Herbert pointed out that the document was prepared in response to an updating of the goals and objectives, which he said were statements of philosophy.

It was the consensus to have a special meeting on April 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the district's Conference Room to give further study to the plan. Mr. Craig withdrew his motion and Mr. Kohnen withdrew his second without objection from the board. Mr. Booth said he would like to see the board set specific number goals, and to adjust resources to higher revenue routes.

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PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY: In response to board request, sections of the recent City of Eugene telephone survey containing policy implications were excerpted and distributed to the board, as well as results of recent state and national surveys. Mr. Booth commented that the data conclusions presented did not include demographics of people surveyed and the conclusions lacked credibility. Mr. Dyer said the complete survey is available at the district office for further study.

OPERATIONS REPORTING: Regular monthly reporting from the Operations Department was received. It was the consensus to not include the Employee Work Record in future reporting.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: The board was advised that the luncheon meeting with the State of Oregon Transportation Commission is scheduled for April 25th at 12:00 noon in Salem.

JUNE 12, 1978 SCHEDULE REVISIONS: Mr. Rynerson presented a summary of service changes scheduled to become effective on June 12, 1978.

The meeting was adjourned.


Secretary