

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

APRIL 10, 1979

Pursuant to public notice to the Register Guard for publication on April 1, 1979, a meeting of the budget committee of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on April 10, 1979, at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Board Members

Appointed Members

Richard A. Booth, Secretary

George Baker, Chairman, presiding

Jack J. Craig

Paul Bonney

Daniel M. Herbert, Vice President

William Edom

Kenneth H. Kohnen, President

Emerson Hamilton

Ted J. Langton, Treasurer

James Hengstler

Glenn E. Randall

Mary Lou McCarthy, Secretary

Carolyn Roemer

Tim Dallas, General Manager pro tem

Phyllis Loobey, Budget Officer

Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

News media representatives:

Marvin Tims, Register Guard

Tom Jackson, Springfield News

Absent:

Shirley Minor

Mr. Kohnen introduced the members of the board of directors, the budget committee and the staff. George Baker was elected chairman and Mary Lou McCarthy was elected secretary of the budget committee by unanimous vote.

BUDGET MESSAGE: Ms. Loobey presented the budget message for fiscal year 1979-1980, advising that the proposed budget of \$7,883,002 would not provide funding for any major improvements or for response to an energy emergency, but would provide essentially the same service of current operations and the recommendations adopted in the Transit Development Program. She said the budget proposal consists of \$1,887,835 for capital projects and \$5,995,167 for operating expenses, a 7.0% increase over the FY 78-79 operating budget, reflecting higher costs due to inflation; that the proposed budget does not provide funds for capital reserve, but rather projects a substantial decrease in the capital reserve funds currently on hand.

BUDGET PROPOSAL: Ms. Loobey explained the revised format presented in departmental structure to comply with federal and state reporting requirements. She gave a comprehensive overview of the proposed budget and subsidiary schedules and explained the salary structure of the non-contractual positions as being in compliance with the federal wage and price guidelines of 7% increase.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mr. Dyer urged the committee to recognize the necessity of having capital reserve funds available for future needs; that following acquisition of new buses under the Capital Grant III, the reserve

funds should be replenished to help finance future purchases of buses for needs of the community.

BUDGET COMMITTEE DELIBERATION: Mr. Langton asked for the staff to prepare a capital reserve fund schedule, indicating how much has been received, the amount disbursed and the projection for the next fiscal year. Mr. Herbert asked that the projection be extended to include the next two or three years as purchase of additional buses is scheduled in the Transit Development Program and the district should determine the local share that will need to be accumulated to meet federal and state funds. Mr. Dallas advised that the proposed budget does not make any provision for future grants and does not address the local match for funding now being considered by the Legislature.

Mr. Herbert spoke of the need to accumulate local share to buy vehicles and other improvements and asked if the next capital grant included a downtown transfer facility. The staff advised that it did not, but that FAU funding was a possibility. Mr. Herbert asked that the local share be included in the projection for the next capital purchase.

In response to a question by Mrs. Roemer, Mr. Merrell, Accountant, explained how the growth in the service area had been estimated. Mr. Craig reminded that the fuel shortage would bring increased prices and usage.

Mr. Booth asked the staff to prepare a synopsis of changes in job positions, indicating new positions and deletions.

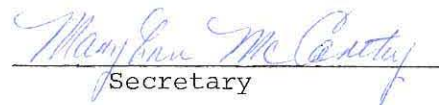
Mr. Edom requested the staff to submit a projection of the expenditures for fiscal year 1978-79, specifically, the major variances in the line items budgeted.

Mr. Booth expressed approval of the format of the budget.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kohnen moved to adjourn the budget committee meeting to April 24, 1979, at 7:30 p.m., in the Eugene City Hall. The motion was duly

VOTE


Secretary