

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

May 29, 1979

Pursuant to public notice to the Register Guard and Springfield News on May 8, 1979, a meeting of the budget committee of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on May 29, 1979, at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Board Members

Richard A. Booth, Secretary
Jack J. Craig
Daniel M. Herbert, Vice President
Kenneth H. Kohnen, President
Carolyn Roemer

Appointed Members

George Baker, Chairman, presiding
Paul Bonney
James Hengstler
Mary Lou McCarthy, Secretary

Tim Dallas, General Manager pro tem
Phyllis Loobey, Budget Officer
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

News media representative:

Marvin Tims, Register Guard

Absent:

Ted J. Langton, Treasurer
Glenn E. Randall

William Edom
Emerson Hamilton
Shirley Minor

MOTION

MINUTES: Mr. Kohnen called attention to a clerical omission of the number 5 in reference to Section 5 funds on page one, paragraph four of the minutes of the May 8, 1979 meeting. Upon motion, duly seconded, the minutes which had been distributed to budget committee members were unanimously approved as corrected.

VOTE

PRESENTATION OF FY 79-80 BUDGET PROPOSAL: Ms. Loobey presented the budget message for fiscal year 1979-1980, explaining that the proposed budget reflects the alternative selected by the Budget Committee with the use of Section 5 Operating Assistance funds for operations and with a reduction in capital projects to follow in fiscal year 1981-82, enabling the District to fund operations without substantial deficits during the next three years. She distributed a projection of revenues and expenditures necessary to operate at the current level of service for the three year period. She cautioned that external events could alter the course of action outlined in the Transit Development Program and if there should be an extensive shortage of fuel, alternatives would need to be addressed.

Ms. Loobey then presented a proposed line item budget based on the selected alternative and pointed out those line items revised from the previous budget distributed at the May 8 meeting.

Mr. Booth commented that the 7.2% increase in the operating budget over last year appeared reasonable. He expressed concern that fares have not kept abreast of increased expenses and that during the next year's budget process he would encourage fare increases to keep up with inflation.

Mr. Baker asked for further comments or questions on the line item budget as presented and there was no response.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Clark Cox, 1085 Patterson Street, said that although he would like to have service improvements included in the budget, he approved of the proposed budget.

MOTION

BOARD DELIBERATION: Mr. Booth moved to recommend to the board that the line item budget be approved as presented and submitted for board adoption. Mr. Craig seconded the motion.

Mr. Kohnen said he believed the proposed budget contained flexibility and provides the district with more capability to respond to any unusual situations that may arise within the coming year. He pointed out that in approving the proposed budget, the committee would be approving a budget for fiscal year 1979-80 only, and the needs of the next two years would have to be addressed during each year's budget process.

VOTE

The question was put on Mr. Booth's motion and the budget committee unanimously voted to approve the fiscal year 1979-1980 budget in the total amount of \$8,121,929, including \$172,894 for General Function, \$2,802,987 for Administration and Planning, \$3,390,977 for Transportation, \$1,527,645 for Maintenance, \$25,000 for Contingency, and \$202,435 for Capital Projects; and with estimated resources of the same total amount of \$8,121,929.

The public hearing on the approved budget was scheduled to be held June 19th at the regular board meeting.


Secretary