

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

Adjourned Meeting

June 23, 1980

Pursuant to notice given to the Register Guard on June 17, 1980, an adjourned meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at Mr. Steak Restaurant, Broadway and Garfield in Eugene on June 23, 1980 at 7:30 a.m.

Present: Richard A. Booth, Secretary
 Daniel M. Herbert, Vice President
 Kenneth H. Kohnen, President, presiding
 Ted J. Langton, Treasurer
 Robert C. Loomis
 Glenn E. Randall
 Carolyn Roemer
 Phyllis Loobey, General Manager
 Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY BOARD PRESIDENT: The chairman advised that the purpose of the adjourned meeting was to review and discuss the Downtown Transportation Study report, and asked Mr. Herbert to explain the report previously distributed to board members.

DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION STUDY REPORT: Mr. Herbert presented an overview of the transit element of the report. He advised that an analysis of the downtown transfer center resulted in a recommendation of contraflow bus lanes around the mall with two major transfer terminals, one to be located south of 8th Avenue between Olive and Willamette Streets, and the other north of 10th Avenue between Charnelton and Olive Streets. Four additional mall bus stops would be located at Broadway and Charnelton Street, 8th and Oak, 10th and Lincoln and Broadway and Pearl. He explained that four alternative sites were reviewed and the 8th/10th contraflow alternative was recommended as having the greatest advantage for operating the bus system, enhancing the downtown mall area, and the best overall use of the transportation system.

Mr. Langton asked if the comprehensive route redesign would be adaptable to the proposed transfer system and Ms. Bevington responded that the design would be changed from a radial to a grid system and the proposed transfer system would be suitable.

Mr. Herbert said he believed the alternative is attractive as a covered walkway is proposed between 8th and 10th Avenues and could possibly be coordinated with a shelter system for convenience of transferring passengers. Ms. Bevington stressed the importance of the district's responsibility to make a transfer system understandable to the patrons.

Mr. Herbert briefly covered the 36 criteria considered and used for measurements in reaching the recommendation, including in part to minimize bus miles, provide adequate bus bays, convenient transfer distance and an understandable system.

Mr. Booth entered the meeting.

The board received a staff memo requesting four actions to be taken by the board: 1) adoption of the 8th/10th contraflow alternative, 2) the board to request the City of Eugene to participate in funding preparation on an Urban Initiatives Grant application, 3) recommend that a joint City/LTD committee be established to select a consultant to prepare the grant application, and 4) propose the establishment of a joint City/LTD Steering committee to select the consultant to prepare the Urban Initiative Grant application.

Mr. Booth questioned the need to hire a consultant to prepare the grant application. Ms. Loobey explained that Urban Initiatives grants are limited and the competition is keen and, to ensure approval of the grant, it would be advantageous to select someone who has previously prepared such grants. She noted that in the past year only a few of the many applications submitted were funded. Mr. Booth suggested making personal contacts with the area's senators and representatives to lobby for grant approval. Mr. Langton asked that copies of all such correspondence be sent to Neil Goldschmidt.

MOTION
VOTE

Mr. Herbert moved the board approve the four actions requested by staff as they pertained to the transit element. Mr. Booth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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VOTE

Mr. Langton moved to adjourn the meeting to July 2, 1980 at 1:00 p.m. in the McNutt Room of City Hall, to discuss further action with the City Council. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



Secretary