

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

July 15, 1980

Pursuant to notice given to the Register Guard for publication on July 10, 1980, to the Springfield News and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the district, the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall, Eugene, Oregon, on July 15, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Daniel M. Herbert, Vice President  
Kenneth H. Kohnen, President, presiding  
Robert C. Loomis  
Glenn E. Randall  
Randall Bryson, Counsel  
Phyllis Loobey, General Manager  
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

News media representative:  
Marvin Tims, Register Guard

Absent: Richard A. Booth, Secretary  
Ted J. Langton, Treasurer  
Carolyn Roemer

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Paul Bonney of 587 Antelope Way said he approved of a staff recommendation to delete automatic destination signs from the Capital Grant V application as he believed the District needed the money elsewhere. He added that he was pleased that the District is willing to discuss with the school districts the feasibility of merging service.

Nick Urhausen of 3832 Peppertree Drive spoke in opposition to the recent fare rate increase, suggesting a study should be conducted to learn how many passengers were lost and to determine the total cost to the community per current rider. He said the decrease in ridership has increased the amount of subsidy required per passenger and averred that if the fare increase had been less, greater ridership and higher revenues would have been gained.

Dr. Loomis reminded Mr. Urhausen of the dramatic increase in the price of fuel. Mr. Urhausen responded that the additional cost would have been shared by more riders.

MOTION

MINUTES: Upon motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the June 17 regular meeting, the June 20 adjourned meeting and the July 2, 1980 adjourned meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

VOTE

ARCHITECTURAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Herbert reported on the findings and recommendations of the architectural subcommittee. He said the study conducted by the architects had involved examination of four alternatives with at least two variations of each, all based on the assumptions of 1) the need to keep the facilities operating during construction and 2) to provide maintenance facilities at industry standards. He said the conclusions indicate

that interim improvements should be made for short term use of the existing facilities and a study should be initiated to find an optimum site for a long term solution, taking into consideration the amount of bus deadhead time that would be involved and the size and availability of a site. He explained that interim improvements involved fencing, paving, lighting, fuel tanks, sidewalks and the remodeling of Chuck's Auto building.

MOTION Mr. Randall moved to adopt the recommendations of the Architectural  
VOTE Subcommittee as included in the agenda packet. Dr. Loomis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The chairman stated that the first two items of the charge to the subcommittee had been accomplished and the third action would be to prepare a final report for presentation at the August or September board meeting of an alternate sites analysis with identification of the major policy issues for board action. Otto Poticha and Grant Seder were present and agreed to meet with the subcommittee on July 29th at 12:00 noon to develop a time schedule for implementation of the recommendations.

INTERIM ROUTE PLAN: Ellen Bevington, Planning Administrator, presented a memo outlining an interim route plan recommended by staff for implementation on September 28. She said the plan included minimal changes to resolve major problems involving hot routes on the Bailey Hill, Hayden Bridge, Royal and Thurston schedules. She told the board the staff had received concurrence of affected neighborhood groups to restructure the Laurel Hill and University of Oregon routes for improved service to the University and to neighborhoods directly south and east of the campus. She advised that the district has been asked to initiate minor route changes on the Campbell/Bethel and Friendly routes to accommodate traffic diverters under consideration by the city at the request of neighborhoods.

MOTION Mr. Randall moved to approve the interim route plan as outlined in the  
VOTE memo included with the board material and to authorize the staff to develop necessary materials to support a September 28 implementation. Dr. Loomis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AUTOMATIC DESTINATION SIGNS: A staff memo was presented to the board analyzing costs and benefits of purchasing automatic destination signs for the fleet. The memo defined the two most important benefits as operating time savings and passenger information system improvements. The staff expressed the opinion that, due to financial and qualitative conditions, the expense of retrofitting the entire fleet would not be justified at this time and recommended deleting the project from the budget of Capital Grant V, and recommending that the district test the automatic sign equipment on the eighteen buses currently on order to further assess their value.

MOTION Mr. Randall moved to accept the staff recommendation and to authorize staff  
VOTE to remove the automatic destination signs from the project budget of Capital Grant V. Dr. Loomis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION STUDY: A staff memo included in the board packet reviewed activities progressing on the Downtown Transportation Study as it pertained to the transportation element. Staff stressed the importance of having a district representative attend a July 28 meeting as official action on the project is anticipated, and for that representative to elaborate on those actions the district wishes the Council to take, conveying information outlined in four paragraphs in the memo.

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Dr. Loomis moved that the District's representative to the Downtown Joint Transit Committee be authorized to convey to the Committee the recommendations included in the agenda packet. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The chairman asked Mr. Herbert to represent the district and requested Dr. Loomis' assistance in conveying the district's views to the council members and city representatives through personal contacts.

SCHOOL/TRANSIT BUS UPDATE: Ms. Loobey advised that the board of the Lane Council of Governments has scheduled a meeting early in August between representatives of the school districts and the transit district to again review the feasibility of merging the bus services. She suggested including a representative from the Dorsey Bus Company and community members who would have an interest and could provide input. The chairman advised that Carolyn Roemer, as the district's representative to the L-COG board, would be asked to encourage progress of the review.

CASH FLOW: Mr. Merrell, Accountant, reviewed the status of the budget for the closing of the fiscal year. He said there would be a number of transactions coming in past the closing date which would be included in the FY 1979-80 audit, but it appeared at this time the categories would be very close to the budgeted amounts.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Randall moved to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e) to discuss property acquisition. Mr. Herbert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Shinn distributed a letter received from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration approving settlement of \$110,000 on the Steiner property and \$90,000 on the Huling property. He said the staff would recommend an offer to purchase the Steiner property at \$110,000 and requested the board to determine an amount to offer on the Huling property.

Discussion followed on cost to the district of condemnation proceedings and if the board should initiate proceedings if another offer were refused. Mr. Randall pointed out that condemnation proceedings brought by governmental entities against private individuals do not usually favor the government body but if an offer at the appraised amount were refused, there would probably not be public opposition.

Dr. Loomis said he would suggest requesting the district's legal counsel to notify the property owners that if the district's offer were not accepted within ten days, condemnation proceedings would commence.

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Upon motion by Dr. Loomis, seconded by Mr. Randall, the executive session was closed by unanimous vote.

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Upon motion by Dr. Loomis, seconded by Mr. Randall, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

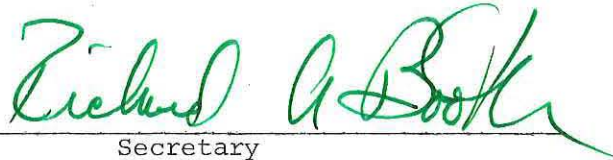
RESOLVED that the General Manager is authorized to offer as an administrative settlement, the stated amounts to the respective property owners for the taking of the two parcels of real property referred to in the resolution adopted May 2, 1980, declaring the necessity of purchasing the Huling & Steiner properties in return for warranty deeds conveying fee simple title free and clear of encumbrances with title insurance in the amounts of the respective property prices to be furnished at the expense of the respective sellers, to-wit:

Huling property                   \$ 90,000

Steiner property                   \$ 110,000

MOTION           Mr. Randall then moved that staff be instructed to proceed with condemnation proceedings against the Huling and Steiner properties if these offers  
VOTE           were rejected. Dr. Loomis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary