

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
ADJOURNED MEETING
September 10, 1980

Pursuant to notice given to the Register Guard on August 19, 1980, an adjourned meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held September 10, 1980 at 7:30 a.m. in Perry's Restaurant, 959 Pearl Street, Eugene, Oregon.

Present:

Daniel M. Herbert, Vice President
Kenneth H. Kohnen, President, presiding
Ted J. Langton, Treasurer
Robert C. Loomis
Glenn E. Randall
Carolyn Roemer
Otto Poticha, Architect
Grant Seder, Architect
Phyllis Loobey, General Manager
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

Absent: Richard A. Booth, Secretary

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public in attendance.

ARCHITECTURAL DELIBERATION: Mr. Kohnen stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider policy matters necessary for the process of facilities planning and asked Mr. Poticha to explain the necessity of establishing a potential fleet size for long term planning.

Mr. Poticha described the completed first phase of planning which had assumed a 120 bus fleet size, but said in entering the second phase the architects required a decision from the board on the fleet size to be accommodated and that figure should include flexibility with a margin of 10% above or below that number. He advised that at this point the planning should not include consideration of funding.

Dr. Loomis asked if he believed the T-2000 projection is too high and Mr. Poticha responded that although most people are more conservative about the goal figure, the plan was a tool adopted by the community.

Discussion followed on the size of buses any future site should accommodate and Mr. Poticha advised that this could be determined later as the required space would be about the same for standard coaches or a smaller number of high capacity vehicles.

Mr. Herbert said the subcommittee, staff and architects have preferred to not make a recommendation of fleet size as there is no technical information to aid in making that decision and it could be only an estimate; that any determination of fleet size would be a policy decision that should be made by the board.

Dr. Loomis said that while he is uncomfortable with a 15% figure for modal split, population growth projections are usually fairly accurate and the board should set a reasonable goal and work toward it.

Mr. Langton suggested consideration should be given to whether a single site or multiple sites would be needed. Mr. Herbert commented this could more easily be determined after the board decides the number of vehicles to be accommodated. He encouraged setting a high level as the decision would be difficult to amend if made too small at this time. Mr. Randall concurred, saying there would be more flexibility if the district acquired enough property early to accommodate future needs.

Mr. Poticha recommended purchasing the maximum amount of land as a landbank and to aim for the highest fleet size, but to build in increments and use the land only as needed. He spoke of research which has indicated there is an ultimate size where the efficiency of a facility can begin to diminish.

Mr. Langton said he was not in favor of building a garage facility for a 15% modal split but expressed interest in multiple facilities.

Mr. Poticha briefly outlined the architects' proposed phases of work and procedures, saying a list of alternatives on property values and operational costs would be presented for board consideration.

Mr. Langton said although he did not agree with the T-2000 Plan modal split, it should be considered in site acquisition; that the district could later be subject to criticism if less land were acquired than may be needed in the future. He said he would wish to look at alternatives from time to time.

MOTION


Mr. Herbert moved the district use the fleet size included in the T-2000 Transportation Plan and use a plus or minus 10% range; and that the board not consider at this time the source of funding for the long range facility. Mr. Langton seconded the motion.

Mr. Dallas commented that he felt more comfortable with the higher figure as it encouraged the district to deal with questions of all future needs. Dr. Loomis expressed agreement.

VOTE

The question was put and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.


Secretary