

MINUTES

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

ADJOURNED MEETING

October 26, 1982

Pursuant to notice given at the October 19, 1982 regular meeting and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on October 26, 1982, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Peter M. Brandt  
Janet Calvert  
Janice Eberly, Secretary  
Ted J. Langton, President, presiding  
Judy Nelson  
Larry Parducci  
Glenn E. Randall, Vice President/Treasurer  
Phyllis Loobey, General Manager  
Jo Sullivan, Recording Secretary

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY BOARD PRESIDENT: After calling the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Langton commented that there was a relatively short but important agenda for discussion that evening. Mr. Randall asked why the Board members' names were in a different order at each meeting. Mr. Langton explained that this was done so that the same person would not have to vote first at every meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mr. Langton asked for participation from the audience. There was none.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSIT: Mr. Langton passed out a list of nominees for the Board's review. He thought it would be helpful but not necessary to also have three members of the Board attend the committee meetings. Mr. Randall said that he realized he had been absent from the last two meetings, but if it wasn't too late, he would like to suggest that the Lane County Central Labor Council be asked to make an appointment, since it represented all labor unions in Lane County.

MOTION Ms. Calvert moved that the Board ratify the committee list as presented and, in addition, request that a representative from the Lane County Labor Council  
VOTE join the group as soon as possible. Mr. Randall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randall asked if it would be appropriate to name all Board members as ex officio members of the committee. It was agreed that it would be appropriate. Mr. Langton stated that he would be attending all meetings; Ms. Eberly and Ms. Calvert said that they would try to attend most of the meetings.

Mr. Langton commented that if the committee wants to make some kind of recommendation to the Legislature, in order to meet that deadline the work will have to be done in a relatively short period of time. However, he said, the work of the committee could also continue after that time. He said also that staff would be contacting committee members for their preferred meeting times, and would then be scheduling the first meeting.

Mr. Randall thought it was not clear from reading the minutes whether the materials to be provided to the committee would also be provided to the Board. Ms. Loobey assured him that they would.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AT THIS MEETING:

Customer Service Center Relocation: Mark Pangborn, the District's Director of Administrative Services, said that Friday a contract to lease the Camera Showcase location at 10th and Willamette had been signed. He apologized that the information had gotten to the Register-Guard before staff had a chance to tell the Board. Mr. Pangborn stated that the signing now enabled the District to go ahead with plans for renovation of and relocation to the building. The bids should be opened before Thanksgiving and, hopefully, construction will be completed by early January. The District will begin paying rent on the building as of the first of December. The lease is for five years with a five-year renewable clause. The rent for the first five years is scheduled at \$1,250 per month, minus the tax savings allowed to the owner of the the McDonald building because a public agency is renting a private building. The District will be responsible for the utility costs within the Customer Service Center and for some exterior lighting.

Mr. Pangborn went on to say that the original project timeline was to complete the downtown project by December 18, and that construction was on schedule so far and would depend on the weather. Staff are working with the City and the Eugene Downtown Association to coordinate with their Christmas plans. The project is on target and on budget, he said.

Mr. Langton commented that it is possible that completion of the Customer Service Center could coordinate with moving the buses back to 10th and Willamette. Mr. Pangborn said that staff will try to have the portion of the CSC which serves the public completed first.

Financial Statistics: Mr. Pangborn explained pages 7 and 8 of the agenda packet, which showed the District's financial position at the end of the first quarter of this fiscal year and what the future financial position might be for the next two to three years. He said the conservative payroll tax revenue figures anticipated in the budget seem to be appropriate. The state in-lieu-of-payroll tax revenue anticipated was changed from \$350,000 in the budget to \$303,000, due to staff cuts at the University of Oregon, etc., and the \$21,000 and \$66,000 contested by the Federal government. The staff has taken the conservative approach, he said, in saying that the State might lose that case and that money would have to be set aside.

Mr. Pangborn further explained that a wage settlement of 4% was not anticipated in the budget, but in anticipating any settlement this year, staff thought it was appropriate to put into the budget what had so far been discussed in negotiations. He mentioned that insurance payments had gone up tremendously and would cost the District more this fiscal year. He explained savings in Administration due to positions being left open, and in the Marketing and Planning budget due to Special Mobility Services spending less than budgeted.

Mr. Pangborn stated that the District is in a very, very tight financial situation as of now, but the situation is manageable and there is no need to take immediate action. However, he said, staff plan to be extremely careful in managing the District's resources through the rest of FY 82-83. He thought that by January staff should have a better idea of the District's financial situation for the rest of the fiscal year.

Mr. Pangborn then explained that staff tried to give the Board an idea of where the District is going in the next two years. The chart showed a reduction in Federal revenues which reflect the expressed plan of the Reagan administration to phase out operating support for local transit by thirds. He said that the previous day, at an Oregon Transit Association business meeting, staff had been informed of a projected \$200 million revenue deficit for the State and had, for that reason, not included any projections for payroll tax revenues. Additionally, the District's interest income will be dropping because the capital reserve is being used and the District will have to borrow money through the use of warrants and will have to pay interest. Mr. Pangborn called the Board's attention to the chart on page 9, which showed a big jump between revenues and expenses the next fiscal year, but said that those lines should flatten out. If the District can solve the problem of revenues next year, he said, then the financial situation should be manageable in subsequent years.

Finally, Mr. Pangborn stated that this issue had been presented for the Board's information and that, in terms of future decisions and holding down costs, it is important to realize that the District is looking at a long-term problem which will need to be addressed in the next budget process.

Mr. Langton commented that this was basically the issue he hoped the Special Committee on Transit would address. He said the payroll tax had fluctuated with the economy, and the District had had State and local support and hadn't had to rely on farebox revenues. He thought the issues of where the money comes from, who will pay for transit, and how much they are willing to pay for transit should be addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(d) and ORS 192.660(1)(h):

MOTION Mr. Randall moved, seconded by Ms. Calvert, that the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(d), for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations, and ORS 192.660(1)(h), in order to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of the public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VOTE

MOTION RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: After returning to regular session, Mr. Randall moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Some Board members had further questions regarding the subject matter discussed in Executive Session. Therefore, Mr. Brandt moved, seconded by Mr. Randall, that the Board return to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(d) and ORS 192.660(1)(h), for the previously-stated purposes. The motion carried unanimously.  
VOTE

MOTION RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT: After once again returning to regular session, Mr. Randall moved, and Ms. Calvert seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried six to one, with Mr. Parducci voting in opposition, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:50 p.m.  
VOTE

  
Secretary