

**Oregon Transit Association
Board of Directors
June 12, 2007**

Present

Members: Mark Pangborn (President), Steve Dickey (Treasurer), Lorna Adkins, Julie Brown, Cynda Bruce, Matt Mumford, Ernie Palmer, Doug Pilant, Allan Pollock, Julie Stephens, Michael Ward, and Elaine Wells.

Guests: Kelly Brooks, Aaron Deas and John Whittington.

Staff: Roger Martin and Kelsey Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 10:42 AM.

Announcements from the Chair

Introductions were made and the chair welcomed new members Allan Pollock (Salem-Keizer Transit) and Lorna Adkins (TOGO) to the board.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Transaction Summaries were distributed. June is the last month of OTA's fiscal year. With one more month to go, OTA is 99.42% of its budgeted income and only 87.38% of its budgeted expenditures.

2007/2008 Budget Discussion/Approval

Treasurer, Steve Dickey and staff walked the board through the proposed 07/08 budget. The budget is about \$20,000 greater than 06/07 because of an increase in conference funding from ODOT. The 07/08 budget was moved by Ernie Palmer and the motion was seconded by Elaine Wells. Budget adopted.

Executive Director's Report/Roger Martin

- Brief history of the Association and its presence in Oregon given for the new members.
- The legislature is about 2-3 weeks from adjournment. The Senate is closer than the House, but they have vowed to be done by June 29.
- HB 2537 will pass. It is a major change in labor negotiations and will not allow transit to strike, but must go into binding arbitration. This measure will be hard on the little guys.
- HB 2422 (funding for Elderly and Disabled Transportation) isn't in very good shape. It has been in the shadow of the Governor's Healthy Kids Program. Healthy Kids will go to the voters as a Constitutional Amendment in November and E&D will not be included. At the July meeting, OTA will put together a task force to do some research and come up with a plan of attack for future E&D funding.

- Connect Oregon 2 is on its way to passage and is up for a vote on the House floor tomorrow.
- The transit lobby group is exploring the idea of a budget note in Department of Human Services' budget to direct DHS and ODOT to work during the interim to find a source of revenue for E&D.

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ODOT-PTD's Report/Michael Ward

Handout distributed.

Current Activities

Trip Check 2 Update

- Implemented May 2007
- One significant issue remains outstanding: PTD staff must manually update certain city-to-city routes; an automated solution is in the works

OPTIS Update

- Business requirements being finalized
- Business acceptance test plan is being developed
- A training resource has been hired
 - Will develop both internal and external training materials
- External providers needed to assist in implementation

Legislative Update

- PTD's budget approved by full Ways & Means

Discretionary Grants Program Update

- OTC approved 150 programs worth approximately \$18 million in the following categories:
 - JARC, New Freedom, Planning, Vanpool, Intercity, Mass Transit
 - Portions of Rural and Special Needs
- PTAC meets June 13th to complete Rural & Special Needs & Innovations
- OTC meets June 21st

5311 & STF Formula Program Update

- All 5311 formula operations grants have been sent to providers
- All STF formula grant applications have been acted on

Long Term Activities

Fully Implement OPTIS

- 3rd quarter 2007

Annual OTA conference

- Planning well under way
- Speakers to be selected/confirmed by end of July

Develop relationships

- Scheduling visits with providers

Assignment

New Merge Alert Sign

- PTD staff determined that the new device is allowable under current ORS

Distributed list of FY 2007 Vehicle Replacement and Capital Enhancement Project applicants for non-MPO properties.

Board Meeting Location Discussion

It was decided that staff will send out an e-mail survey to determine if the next board meeting will be at Lane Transit District in Eugene and an EmX ride will be included. Changing the meeting location on a permanent basis was discussed, but it was decided that Salem was the most central location for the majority of Board members. It was determined that occasionally the board may meet at an alternate location to allow them to learn about other services offered around the state.

Other Business

- The board approved the 2007 CTAA membership renewal.
- Staff mentioned that dues/membership applications will be in the mail before the end of June and if members have any additional names for the mailing list, please let staff know.

Agency Updates

TriMet-Construction all over downtown Portland.

TOGO-Membership drive. Board elections.

Salem-Many service changes in September.

OHAS-ATU made efforts to unionize Sandy and Canby drivers; they were successful in Canby, not in Sandy.

Tillamook-Just finished union negotiations for next 4 years.

Sandy-Broke ground this month on transit operations facility center. Ridership on a 24% increase.

RideConnection-Moved to new office in October. Testing new website capabilities.

BTS-July 1 increasing base fare.

RVTD-Peter Jacobsen left on June 1 and Julie began as Interim GM on June 1. Interviewing 3 applicants, should make decision by end of month. Julie trying to work with community and putting together long-term and short-term plans.

Lincoln-Ridership staying steady. Looking at new service designs. Lots of changes coming on July 1.

SMART-Progress on commuter rail and multimodal center. Process of bringing city master plan to planning department. The proposal has a fairly significant increase in payroll tax.

LTD-In negotiations. EmX is very successful and currently working on second corridor and planning third corridor.

Conclusion

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM