

COUNCIL POLICY NO. A-4

TITLE: POSITION ON TRANSIT DISTRICT TAX BASE MEASURE

POLICY: See attachment.

REFERENCE: April 8, 1996 Council Minutes (Item No. 1.4, Presentation by Salem Transit District on Tax Base Measure)

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 8, 1996

1.4 PRESENTATION BY SALEM TRANSIT DISTRICT ON TAX BASE MEASURE

A-Wyckoff R.G. Andersen-Wyckoff, General Manager, Salem Transit District, asked for council support of the Salem Transit District tax base levy scheduled for the May 21st election ballot. He said it will provide seven to ten years of financial stability to the District, enabling it to extend evening service hours, make American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, increase frequency of departures, and develop a park and ride program for Salem's growing population. These measures will address Salem's already overburdened street system, which in some areas cannot be widened, and improve local air quality as use of public transit increases. Mr Andersen-Wyckoff said the tax measure would cost 22 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of property taxes, noting this tax measure was endorsed as part of the Joint Tax Implementation Plan.

Caraballo Luis Caraballo, President, Salem Transit District, asked council for endorsement of the Transit District's tax base levy and long-range plan to meet the transportation needs of Salem and Keizer. He noted the Transit Board has carefully evaluated the needs of the community, methods of addressing those needs and crafted Ballot Measure 24-68 to stay within the confines of the Joint Tax Implementation Plan.

Puentes Councilor Puentes asked if it is possible for Transit to make their meetings more accessible by holding some of them within Salem.

Caraballo Mr Caraballo said Transit may, in the future, be able to hold meetings closer to the downtown; and he noted his efforts to attend as many community meetings as possible to discuss Transit issues.

A-Wyckoff Mr Andersen-Wyckoff said there is a "guaranteed ride home" program, for those who use the Transit system to attend Transit Board meetings.

Motion Councilor Puentes moved to endorse Ballot Measure 24-68 and the Transit District's Long-Range Plan. The motion was seconded, put to a vote and declared

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