

**Central Puget Sound  
Regional Transit Authority**

**March 1, 1996  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. in Building 2 of the Highline Community College, Des Moines, Washington by Chairman Drewel.

**Attendance:**

**Chair:**

Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

**Vice Chairs:**

Paul Miller, Tacoma Councilmember

**Pierce County:**

Ann Kirk Davis, Lakewood Councilmember

Bill Stoner, Pierce County Councilmember

**Snohomish County:**

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember

Ed Hansen, Everett Mayor

**Washington State Department of Transportation:**

Sid Morrison, Secretary

The Board Administrator indicated there was not yet a quorum of the Board present.

The following members arrived after roll call:

**King County:**

Martha Choe, Seattle Councilmember

Mary Gates, Federal Way Councilmember

Gary Locke, King County Executive

Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

Jim White, Kent Mayor

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Drewel indicated that public comment would be received near the end of the meeting.

**Report of the Executive Director**

Mr. White indicated that Board members would find in their packets a memo regarding the Master Plan and Phase I Documents (copy on file).

In addition, he asked that Board members thoroughly review a memo entitled "The rationale behind the RTA's numbers" (copy on file).

(Board member Choe arrived at this time.)

## Committee Reports

### Public Involvement Committee

#### Decision '96 Workshop

Ms. Dougherty referred Board members to the Decision '96 Workshop Summary Report (copy on file).

(Board member McKenna arrived at this time.)

Mr. Earling extended his thanks to the 14 Board members who were able to attend the workshop.

(Board member Gates arrived at this time.)

Mr. Drewel indicated that the idea of forming an ad hoc commuter rail group was advanced during the workshop. Mr. Ford and Mr. Agnew of the Cascadia group have agreed to co-chair that group and they will be contacting the cities along the rail line.

He reported that he and Mr. White had met with the freight mobility roundtable.

### Finance Committee

#### Financial Policies

Mr. McKenna reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the draft financial policies, many of which relate to the issue of equity. The goal of the Finance Committee is to implement the principal of equity and to be sure the Board can manage the system on a consolidated basis.

Ms. Hendrickson reviewed the contents of the financial policies packet: adjustments to financing plan assumptions, an outline of the financial policies, an illustration of subarea fences and the financial policies (copies on file). At the next Finance Committee meeting, staff will recommend that adjustments be made to the financing assumptions.

(Board member White arrived at this time.)

### Rules Committee

#### Committee Membership

Mr. Drewel indicated that the Rules Committee recommended passage of the Committee assignments as noted on the list of Standing Committees (copy on file).

**It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Earling and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Committee assignments be approved as presented.**

**Vote Date for New Phase I Plan**

Mr. Drewel reported that many Board members have been asking about the vote date for the RTA ballot issue as this may impact other ballot measures proposed by local jurisdictions. This is a question of September versus November; the vote must be taken in 1996.

Mr. Drewel stated that establishing the vote date will be an action item for the Board at its March 22 meeting.

**Updated Decision Schedule for New Phase I**

The schedule calls for the adoption of a draft proposal on March 22. In the interim, Mr. Drewel proposed that the March 8 and March 15 Board meetings be canceled, so that Board members could spend that time talking to their constituents.

He indicated that he would work with staff to synthesize the input received into a draft proposal, which would be presented at the March 22 meeting. The Board will adopt a final proposal in May.

Ms. Dezarn presented a sheet entitled "Proposed RTA Board Agendas" (copy on file).

Mr. Drewel indicated that he would cancel the next Rules Committee meeting to allow more time for discussions by the Finance Committee.

**Annexation Policy**

Mr. White stated that a draft of policies regarding annexations and extensions of services beyond the RTA boundary had been distributed (copy on file).

**HOV Plan**

Mr. Matsuoka reviewed a memorandum from himself with the Board (copy on file).

**Subarea Status Reports**

Ms. Choe reported that the City of Seattle's Transportation Committee hosted another roundtable with city stakeholders. The goal is to pass a resolution to offer some input on city priorities within the next four to six weeks.

Mr. Hansen indicated that the Everett City Council has had workshops and public hearings. The Council is working with staff to develop a resolution providing some recommendations.

Mr. McKenna reported that the ETP held a workshop with the public. Additional meetings have also been set. East King County hopes to reach a preliminary draft of recommendations. In addition, the private sector and the chambers of commerce have been engaged.

Ms. Gates indicated that SCATBRD in South King County had two tables at the February 22 workshop. The hypothetical example is starting to move towards SCATBRD position. Meetings have been planned for March 12 and 19.

Mr. Miller reported that the four delegates from Pierce County have been continuing bi-weekly discussions with the business community on the plan and the long-term process. The City's Transportation Committee has been starting a review of the hypothetical example as well and will provide input back to the Board.

**Public Comment**

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Mark Dublin  
Mr. Richard Tate

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

**Other Business**

Mr. Miller reported that the Expert Review Panel will meet March 7 at the RTA offices. They will discuss the financial policies and patronage forecasts.

Mr. Dick Ford indicated that the Regional Outreach Committee will hold a work session next Tuesday, March 5. The activity in the subregions and across the region by business and other groups is critically important because it may be easy to certify something to the ballot, but getting it passed will be tough. He asked Board members to consider the campaign.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 1996 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the King County Council Chambers.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Bob Drewel  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator