

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**April 26, 1996
Board Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington by Chairman Drewel.

Attendance

Chair:

Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs:

Paul Miller, Tacoma Councilmember

King County:

Martha Choe, Seattle Councilmember

Mary Gates, Federal Way Councilmember

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

Norm Rice, Seattle Mayor

Dave Russell, Kirkland Councilmember

Pierce County:

Ann Kirk Davis, Lakewood 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 a quorum of the Board present.

The following Board member arrived after roll call:

King County:

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

Minutes of March 1 and 22, 1996

It was moved by Ms. Choe, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of March 1, 1996 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Ms. Choe, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of March 22, 1996 be approved, revising the public comment section that shows King County Councilmember Maggi Fimia as a City of Seattle Councilmember.

Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

Report of the Chair

Review Schedule and Process for Finalizing Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan

Mr. Drewel indicated that the schedule for adopting the final plan had been revised to allow additional time for public review of the draft plan.

He referred Board members to a revised schedule which outlined agenda topics through the end of May (copy on file). He pointed out that the adoption of the final plan, scheduled for May 31, requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.

Mr. Drewel concluded by stating that the May 24 Board meeting falls before the Memorial Day Holiday. The Board Administrator's Office will work with Board members' schedules to determine if that meeting could be held in the morning.

Review Legal Requirements and Draft Resolution for Adoption of Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan

Mr. Adam Gravelly referred Board members to a draft resolution (copy on file) adopting a Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan, together with related appendices and a Long-Range Vision. The final resolution will represent the first step toward putting the proposal on the ballot. Board members were invited to review the document and to give comments to help prepare the final resolution.

(Board member Sullivan arrived at this time.)

Review Results of Public Comment and Community Meeting Regarding SR 520

Mr. Drewel gave a report on the SR 520 Community Leaders Roundtable (copy on file).

Executive Director Report

Mr. White reviewed a memorandum from Val Batey, RTA Senior Environmental Planner and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Responsible Official, which summarizes the steps the RTA has taken to assure environmental compliance with SEPA (copy on file).

Committee Reports

Public Involvement Committee

Mr. Earling reported that the RTA held six public hearings over the last three days. Although many people spoke positively about the draft plan, the public hearings made it clear that more work needs to be done in each of the subareas. He suggested that the Board have discussions with the city councils and port districts in the five subareas.

Finance Committee

Ms. Choe gave the Finance Committee report in Mr. Nickels' absence. She stated that the RTA is continuing to underspend its monthly budget to reserve funds for the future.

In addition, the Committee discussed the methods of calculating farebox revenues. There are two approaches: 1) to base farebox revenues on farebox recovery targets (40% for rail and 20% for bus); and 2) to base the revenues on ridership forecasts by mode and subarea. The Committee agreed the second option would be an appropriate calculation for the financial policies.

Ms. Choe concluded by referring the Board to a draft appendix, entitled "Economic benefits, system use and transportation impacts of the RTA ten-year system plan" (copy on file). The benefits outlined for the previous Phase I proposal were narrowly focused on those that could be demonstrated through ridership modeling techniques. However, the RTA investment will result in broader economic benefits for the region, which the draft appendix describes.

Mr. Beal and Mr. Harvey reviewed the economic benefits appendix with the Board.

Regional Outreach Committee

Mr. Ford reported that several members of the committee feel strongly that the RTA should postpone putting a measure on the ballot until 1997. The actual action of the ROC, with approximately 10 people present, was to urge the Board to have an open discussion of the election date issue.

Mr. Ford reported that the business community agreed to fund a comprehensive public opinion evaluation to try to determine what the broader public believes.

He indicated that the final report from the Regional Outreach Committee will be available the week of May 13.

Mr. Drewel expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. Ford and his work on the Regional Outreach Committee.

Other Business

Ms. Choe reported that the RTA held a roundtable in the central area and invited Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (M/WDBE). The RTA will be contacting some of them to form a task force to work through November to address issues of concern.

Ms. Choe invited Board members to a roundtable on Tuesday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Citizens have also been invited. The roundtable will address specifically light rail and the SR-520 issue.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 1996.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Bob Drewel
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

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