

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**December 8, 1995
Board Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Vice Chairman Earling. It was held in room 402 of the King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington.

Attendance

Vice Chairmen:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember
Paul Miller, Tacoma Councilmember

King County:

Don Davidson, Bellevue Mayor
Mary Gates, Federal Way Mayor
Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Pierce County:

Ann Kirk Davis, Lakewood Councilmember

Snohomish County:

Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Washington State Department of Transportation:

Sid Morrison, Secretary

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

King County:

Gary Locke, King County Executive
Norm Rice, Seattle Mayor
Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember
Jim White, Kent Mayor

Pierce County:

Bill Stoner, Pierce County Councilmember

The Board Administrator indicated there was not a quorum of Board members present when the meeting was called to order.

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Bill Svensson, Puget Sound Light Rail Society
Mr. Richard Tate, Bellevue

(Board members Sullivan and Rice arrived at this time.)

Mr. Brad Brailsford, Amtrak-Tacoma
Mr. Mark Dublin, Ballard
Mr. Michael Luis, Seattle Chamber of Commerce

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Drewel and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of October 13, 20, 17 and November 3, 1995 be approved as presented.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling welcomed Ms. Ann Kirk Davis, a Lakewood City Councilmember, to the RTA Board.

He reported that this was to be Mr. Laing's final RTA Meeting, but he was asked by the King County Council to attend a memorial service in Taiwan.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Earling presented Mayor Davidson with a commemorative plaque as an expression of the Board's appreciation. Mayor Davidson will be leaving office at the end of 1995.

(Board member White arrived at this time.)

Mr. Earling indicated that County Executive Locke has reappointed the following Board members to four year terms: Ms. Jane Hague, Mr. Gary Locke, Mr. Greg Nickels, Ms. Martha Choe and Ms. Mary Gates. He will make two additional appointments after the first of the year.

He reviewed a copy of a memo to Secretary Morrison from Senator Brad Owen and Representative Karen Schmidt (copy on file). The memo authorizes the disbursement of \$2.5 million to the RTA, after the RTA met the requirement to provide a report to the House and Senate Transportation Committees regarding the use of high capacity transit (HCT) funds in the past and the proposed use of HCT funds.

He also brought Board members' attention to a copy of a position paper reiterating the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce's support for increased investment in transportation infrastructure in the region (copy on file).

Executive Director Report

Mr. Bob White reported that since the last Board meeting, the RTA have received approval by the King County Council for the 1996 interlocal agreement. The agreement allows the RTA to continue to use loaned staff from King County and to take advantage of efficiencies of sharing office spaces. He noted that all of the steps and requirements of the 1995 interlocal agreement have been completed.

Committee Reports

Public Involvement Committee

Mr. Earling reported that the Public Involvement Committee had examined the work program for the next six months and related communications and public involvement and felt comfortable with the program.

Rules Committee

Regional Outreach Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Miller described the Regional Outreach Committee, with Mr. Dick Ford as the Chair. The Committee will have 15 members; two from each of the subregions and four at-large.

(Board member Locke arrived at this time.)

He referred Board members to the copy of Motion No. 9 (copy on file) which would result in three actions: 1) recommend and approve Committee charter and direct the Executive Director to supply resources necessary to support the Committee; 2) approve committee membership as identified to date; and 3) allow for the two final members of this Committee to be approved by the Board Chair rather than by the full Board.

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Gates that the Board of the Regional Transit Authority adopt Motion No. 9.

Motion No. 9 was approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Disposition of Ad Hoc Committee Duties

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Gates that the Ad Hoc Committee be dissolved.

The motion to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

State Legislative Program

Mr. Earling noted that since the last Board meeting, several meetings have taken place throughout the region. Various Board members have had opportunities to meet with some of the state legislators. The final Legislative Transportation Committee (LTC) summit was held in Olympia. Mr. Laing and County Executives Drewel and Sutherland attended. He indicated that the Board would have a full discussion of this at the January 12 Board meeting.

RTA Work Program for Next Six Months

Mr. Earling asked Mr. Bob White to report. He reminded the Board that on November 3, a set of guiding principles to frame the next Phase I proposal and a generalized schedule of major milestones was approved.

(Board member Stoner arrived at this time.)

Since that time, in almost all of the forums the RTA has participated in, there has been an interest in how those guiding principles might be interpreted. In order to respond to that question, staff has prepared a draft work program leading to adoption of a plan in May of 1996.

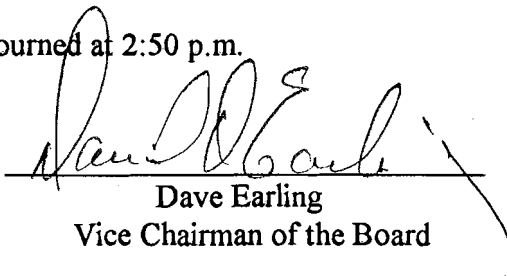
Mr. Matsuoka reviewed the handout entitled: Draft Outline - "Decision Package" (copy on file).

It was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Board adopt the six month work plan as presented.

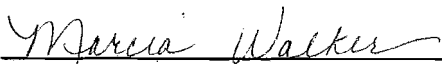
The motion to approve the work program was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.


Dave Earling
Vice Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

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