

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 74

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region setting forth a future Legislative Program.

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") has adopted a ten-year system plan and a long range vision; and

WHEREAS, the RTA envisions a future Phase II subject to voter approval; and

WHEREAS, in the development of the RTA's revised high capacity transit plan and long-range vision, the RTA Board has determined that different subareas have different levels of needs for different transportation services; and

WHEREAS, these subareas also have different revenue-generating capacities; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Board may find that subareas may have different levels of need for additional public transportation investments at the time of Phase II development; and

WHEREAS, flexibility to have differential taxes could result in a Phase II more tailored to the region's needs; and


WHEREAS, continued support of local and regional transportation demand management programs is a crucial element in any effort to make the Central Puget Sound transportation system more effective and efficient; and

WHEREAS, current statutory authority does not allow the RTA the flexibility of differential taxing authority or to assist other agencies and the private sector in transportation demand management programs or to sponsor programs of its own; and


WHEREAS, the RTA had requested changes in law in the 1996 session to allow the flexibility of differential tax rates and the ability to provide TDM services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority that the agency request of future Legislative sessions the appropriate changes in law to provide for the ability to levy differential tax rates and the authority to sponsor or finance transportation demand management programs, to allow the Board to be more responsive to communities and subareas within the RTA boundaries, and increase the effectiveness of the RTA's high capacity transit system.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 31st day of May 1996.


Bob Drewel
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Chair of the Board

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
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Board Administrator