

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**January 9, 1997
Board Meeting Summary Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Mr. Drewel in the fourth floor Council Chambers of the King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(A) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Council President

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Council Chair

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(A) Ann Kirk Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Renee Montgelas for Sid Morrison, WSDOT Sec

(A) Norm Rice, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

The following Board member arrived after roll call:

Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

The Board Administrator indicated that a quorum of the Board was present.

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Mark Dublin

Mr. Douglas Tooley

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

(Mr. McKenna arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Drewel reported that the Board membership will be at 15 until the vacancies created by the departure of Ms. Choe, Mr. Stoner and Mr. Locke become filled. Until that time, eight members

represent a quorum of the Board and 10 members will constitute a super majority (two-thirds) of the Board.

Mr. Drewel announced that he had reappointed Ms. Gates as the RTA's representative to the South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd).

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White reviewed the following documents with the Board: 1) a letter addressed to Rep. Jennifer Dunn regarding the reauthorization of ISTEA; 2) an article identifying passage of the RTA as the fourth highest business-related news story in 1996 and Chair Drewel as one of the news makers of the year; and 3) an updated version of the 14-month schedule (copies on file).

Executive Director White reviewed the RTA's accomplishments over the last two months of 1996. The Board adopted new policies and charters for the various committees, a new procurement process and personnel policies. In addition, a process has been initiated for selecting the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) and for developing the citizen participation program. Executive Director White commended staff for the work done to make these accomplishments possible.

Executive Director White reported that the RTA will be advertising and recruiting both locally and nationally to fill the key management positions of chief counsel and the directors for the light rail, commuter rail, bus and HOV programs.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Nickels reviewed a January 3 memo from the Executive Director outlining the proposed COP selection process (copy on file).

Mr. Nickels indicated that the Finance Committee had reviewed the first six-month budget for 1997. The Committee will complete the review at its next meeting, in preparation for action by the Board on January 23.

Implementation Program for Sound Move

Mr. Matsuoka and Ms. Gilliland presented a four-page document titled "Developing the Implementation Program for Sound Move" (copy on file).

Ms. Montgelas announced that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has put a team together to focus on addressing RTA implementation issues and coordination between the RTA and DOT. This will be funded through the end of the biennium by the Department. She introduced Mr. Stone as the team leader. Mr. Stone is currently deputy director of the Office of Urban Mobility, and he will be reporting to Mr. John Okimoto.

Other Business

Mr. Sutherland announced that he would be nominating a replacement for Mr. Stoner and sending it to the Pierce County Council for confirmation. The new Pierce County member should be confirmed by the end of the month.

Mr. Sutherland indicated that he would be going to Washington DC in his capacity as President of the PSRC. He explained that he would like to continue on to Boston where Raytheon has an operating model of the personal rapid transportation system. He requested authorization to spend approximately \$150 in RTA funds to cover the cost of the trip to Boston.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the travel funding requested by Mr. Sutherland be approved.

Mr. Earling offered a report on the Request For Proposals (RFP) issued in December for a legislative lobbyist in Olympia. The RTA received ten proposals and held five interviews, and selected Mr. Randy Scott and Mr. Ron Main. They will focus on providing information to legislators. Mr. Earling indicated that Board members could anticipate being asked to go to Olympia and to contact legislators throughout the session.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



Bob Drewel
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator