

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**Board Meeting Summary Minutes
February 13, 1997**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Board Chair Drewel in Building 7 of the Highline Community College, South 240th and Pacific Highway South, Des Moines, Washington.

Attendance

Chair

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

(P) Sarah Casada, Pierce County Councilmember

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Council President

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(P) Jane Hague, King County Council Chair

(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(A) Ann Kirk Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Norm Rice, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(A) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

The Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was not present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Sarah Casada, Pierce County Councilmember

Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

Public Comment

Ms. Walker indicated that the individual who had signed up to address the Board had requested to hold comments until the discussion of Agenda Item 7C2, Resolution No. 82.

Other Business

Mr. Sutherland reported that he had visited the Raytheon Corporation's personal rapid transit (PRT) test track and production vehicle in Boston. He passed around a packet of information and a video tape (on file), and encouraged other Board members to visit the test track.

Mr. Sutherland introduced Ms. Sarah Casada, who has been confirmed by the Pierce County Council to replace Mr. Stoner on the RTA Board.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of November 8, 1996 be approved as presented.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Drewel indicated that King County Executive Sims has appointed himself and Mr. Richard McIver as representatives to the RTA Board. The King County Council will take action soon to confirm these appointments.

Mr. Drewel reported RTA representatives and business leaders have met with Representatives Metcalf, Dunn and White, as well as Senator Gorton and Senator Murray. The Congressional delegation is working to provide financial support for the RTA. RTA representatives will go to Washington, DC to give testimony for the 1998 appropriation for ISTEA and in March, for ISTEA reauthorization.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White gave a status report on the 14 month schedule (copy on file).

Mr. Morrison introduced Mr. Craig Stone, who has been selected to coordinate DOT activities with the RTA for the first six months of the project.

(Board member Nickels arrived at this time.)

Committee Reports

Public and Government Affairs Committee

Mr. Earling gave a status report on current bills pending in Olympia. One bill would consider HCT and other transportation facilities "essential public facilities" in the GMA. Committee members believe the RTA should testify in support if it.

Mr. Earling indicated that a variety of lobbying groups have approached the legislature asking to be excused from the taxes the public approved in November. Those include the hotel/motel operators, car dealers and the car and truck rental association. Mr. Earling pointed out that excusing those taxes would limit the RTA's financing package and would make it impossible to construct the plan approved by the voters.

Mr. Earling reported that there will be a hearing February 17 centering around the LTC (Legislative Transportation Committee) Public Transportation Assessment study.

Mr. Earling concluded his legislative report by affirming the Board's support for a statewide transportation plan. The legislature is expected to bring forward a package. Mr. Earling hoped that the Board would continue to be supportive of that concept.

Mr. Earling gave a report on public involvement activities. The RTA has held subarea meetings in Seattle and Kent to begin to define policy for public involvement. Three more meetings are scheduled, after which the Committee will hold a workshop to get input from the five subareas and come to the Board with a final recommendation.

Mr. Earling concluded his report by stating that Ms. Regina Glenn will work with Mr. Alec Stephens to work on the RTA's Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (M/W/DBE) program. The first phase of that effort will concentrate on architecture and engineering contracts.

Executive Committee

Resolution No. 80 - Adopting and amending rules and operating procedures for the Board and superseding Resolution No. 1

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 80 be approved as presented.

Citizen Oversight Panel Selection Process

Mr. Drewel reported that the Executive Committee met with four "good government" representatives who were solicited to participate in the citizen oversight panel selection process. Those individuals are Pat Matteson, League of Women Voters of King County; Ms. Joella Campbell, Snohomish County League of Women Voters; Mr. Kurt Jacobsen; and Mr. Bob Roegner. The Executive Committee expects to recommend a slate of 15 names at its next meeting, for presentation to the Board for action at its February 27 meeting.

Finance Committee

Resolution No. 79 - Adopting a budget for the period January 1 to June 30, 1997

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Earling that Resolution No. 79 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels reported that the current version of the proposed budget (copy on file) reflects amendments recommended by the Finance Committee. In addition, some staff positions budgeted for the first six months have been moved to the second six months to reflect a more practical hiring schedule. Mr. Nickels explained that the budget detail covers the first six months of 1997 only, with a mid-year correction scheduled based on the adoption of the implementation program.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 79 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Mr. Nickels reminded the Board that the action to approve Resolution No. 79 required a super-majority vote.

Ms. Walker indicated that with Board membership currently at 16, a super-majority is 11. All of the 11 members in attendance voted in favor of passing Resolution No. 79.

Resolution No. 82 - Imposing taxes authorized pursuant to a vote of the electorate to implement the Ten-Year Regional Transit Plan; levying, fixing, and imposing a motor vehicle excise tax, a retail sales and use tax, and a sales and use on retail rental cars, all for the sole purpose of providing high capacity transportation services through implementation of the Ten-Year Regional Transit Plan; and authorizing the Executive Director to enter into contracts with the state for tax collection and administration.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. White that Resolution No. 82 be approved as presented.

Mr. Rick Lucas, Vice President and General Manager of Thrifty Car Rental, presented comments to the Board at this time.

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 82 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Mr. Nickels referred Board members to memorandums regarding interim headquarters location criteria (copies on file).

State Legislative Report

Mr. Earling introduced Mr. Ron Main, one of the RTA's two state lobbyists.

Mr. Main reported that Senate Bill (SB) 5816 had been introduced that day by Senators McDonald, Harvey, Johnson and Ross, and was referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. The bill would change the make-up of the Board to limit the total membership to 10, two to be appointed from each subarea. Major decisions, which under current law require a two-thirds vote, would also, under SB 5816, require approval by the county council of each county within the RTA boundary.

The bill would remove the RTA's authority to operate a system and would limit its authority to funding and constructing the system. In addition, it would codify some of the Board-adopted financial policies. Deadline for completion of the system would be December 31, 2007, and the bill would require that all taxes be rolled back to a level sufficient to support operations at that time.

Board members asked that Mr. Main analyze the bill further and prepare a report.

Issue The Implementation Program for Sound Move for Public Review

A slide show was presented at this time.

Ms. Barbara Gilliland gave a presentation, referring to a handout entitled "Implementation Program Discussion Draft" (copy on file).

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 1997 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Puget Sound Regional Council offices in Seattle.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



Bob Drewel
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator