

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**February 27, 1997
Board Meeting Summary Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Board Chair Drewel in the sixth floor Conference Room of the Puget Sound Regional Council offices, 1011 Western 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) Sarah Casada, Pierce 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) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Renee Montgelas for Sid Morrison, WSDOT

(P) Norm Rice, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(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 present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Ron Sims, King County Executive

Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

Minutes of November 22, December 6 and December 13, 1996 Board Meetings

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of November 22, December 6 and December 13, 1996 be approved as mailed.

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Philip Grega read a letter into the record (copy on file).

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

(Board member Sims arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Drewel welcomed new Board members Mr. Ron Sims and Mr. Richard McIver.

Executive Director Report

Mr. White reported that the RTA has entered into contracts with the Department of Licensing (DOL) and the Department of Revenue (DOR) to begin tax collections. He asked Ms. Jan Hendrickson to give an update on the implementation of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) tax collection.

Ms. Hendrickson explained that approximately 150,000 April license renewal notices were mailed last week in the RTA district. She indicated that the news media has focused on reports that individuals outside the RTA district have received notices indicating that must pay the RTA tax. It is the position of the RTA Board and the DOL that no individual will pay a tax that they have not voted on or that they are not legally required to pay. She indicated that the RTA and DOL are working together to be sure any errors are straightened out as soon as possible.

Committee Reports

Public and Government Affairs Committee

Mr. Earling reported that brainstorming sessions to help the RTA develop its public involvement program have been held in each of the five subareas. Mr. Earling expressed his appreciation to Mr. McIver, Mr. Russell and Mr. Miller for participating in those meetings. Representatives from each of those five sessions have been invited to report back to the committee at its next meeting.

Mr. Earling indicated that the RTA issued a request for proposals (RFP) for a communications consultant. He stated that he would report back on this topic at a later date.

Mr. Earling reported that he, Mr. Drewel and Mr. White attended a Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee meeting in Washington D.C. Mr. Drewel gave a report requesting \$22.7 million for light rail start-up and \$22.9 million for commuter rail. Following the testimony, the RTA representatives met with several members of the Congressional delegation, hosted by Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn. In attendance were Norm Dicks, Jennifer Dunn, Jack Metcalf, Jim McDermott and Linda Smith. Business representatives in attendance were Mr. Mike Vaska from the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Julie Inma, representing the Microsoft Corporation, and Bob Vilhauer from Boeing. Mr. Earling referred Board members to a letter signed by members of the delegation (copy on file).

Mr. Earling reported that the State Senate Transportation Committee held a hearing on SB 5816. He expressed appreciation to Board members who testified: Mary Gates, Paul Miller, Jim White and Dave Russell. In addition, the following elected officials testified on behalf of the RTA: Gordy Edberg, Mercer Island City Council; Barb Fahey, Mayor of Edmonds; and John Garner, Chair of the Snohomish County Council. Mr. Earling also thanked several private citizens who spoke against the bill, including Reid Shockey (Snohomish County), Mike Luis (Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce), and Tom Jones (East King County).

(Board member McKenna arrived at this time.)

Executive Director White referred Board members to a letter dated February 20, addressed to Senator Metcalf and signed by Mr. Drewel (copy on file), which transmits the description of the proposal that the RTA is submitting as part of the ISTEA reauthorization process.

Executive Committee

Citizen Oversight Panel Selection

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Sutherland and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. 27, appointing the Citizen Oversight Panel, be approved as presented.

Ms. Virginia Gunby and Mr. Anoop Batra, COP members present in the audience, introduced themselves.


Resolution No. 81 - Revising the code of ethics for Board members, officers and employees of the Authority and superseding Resolution No. 20

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 81 be approved as presented.

Next Meeting

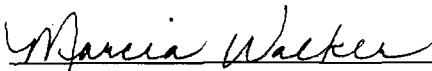
The RTA Board meeting scheduled for March 13, 1997 has been canceled to allow attendance at the PSRC's general assembly meeting. The next regular meeting of the RTA Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 1997.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



Bob Drewel
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator