

**Regional Transit Authority
Executive Committee Meeting Highlights
August 8, 1997**

Call to Order

2:10 by Board Chair Bob Drewel.

Attendance

(P) Bob Drewel, Chair	(A) Greg Nickels
(P) Paul Miller, Vice Chair	(P) Ron Sims
(P) Dave Earling	(A) Cynthia Sullivan
(P) Mary Gates	(P) Doug Sutherland
(A) Jane Hague	

Report of the Chair

None.

Public Comment

Mr. Phillip Grega addressed the committee. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

RTA Classification/Compensation System – Action

Contact: Paul Matsuoka at 684-6761

Mr. Matsuoka introduced Ms. Lilly Aguilar, the RTA's new Human Resources Manager. He presented a memorandum to the committee regarding the RTA's proposed classification/compensation/performance management system (copy on file). He then asked the committee whether, based on the board discussion at the July 24 retreat, the committee would take action on this item or whether it should appear before the full board for action.

Committee members expressed support for the proposed system, with the clarification that the system would be considered a "living document." An extensive review with the possibility of adjustments would take place after one year of implementation.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the proposed classification/compensation/performance management system be forwarded to the board for adoption at the August 14 meeting with a do pass recommendation from the committee.

Resolution No. 92 – Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce Transit for the Tacoma-Seattle Express bus service – Action

Contact: Agnes Govern at 684-1673

Ms. Govern presented the resolution and a one-page summary outlining background information, relevant board policies and previous actions taken, key features, funding, alternatives and consequences of delay (copies on file).

Mr. Kevin Desmond, Director of Development at Pierce Transit, indicated that Pierce Transit was pleased to be the first transit agency to work with the RTA to put service on the street.

Mr. Miller pointed out that the RTA needs to gain exposure for delivering services, particularly before the legislative session begins. He urged that the service be marketed as an RTA service, rather than as a Pierce Transit one.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Earling and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. 92 be forwarded to the board at the August 14 meeting as a consent agenda item.

(Mr. Earling registered his view that Resolution No. 92 should be highlighted, and not placed on the consent agenda, as it represents the first service provided by the RTA.)

System Identity and Naming - Discussion

Contact: Barbara Dougherty at 684-1357

Ms. Barbara Dougherty reviewed the following materials with the committee: 1) a memorandum regarding the system identity; 2) a one-page summary of the decisions that need to be made regarding the RTA system and product identity; 3) a list of names that staff and consultants have considered; and 4) a list of names that listeners suggested during the Dave Ross show (copies on file).

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Earling and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the board adopt a popular name for the RTA system.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the agency continue to identify itself in a corporate sense as the RTA.

It was moved by Mr. Earling, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Executive Committee recommend that the board choose new names for the three modes of transit (light rail, commuter rail and regional express bus service).

The committee directed staff to design a process by which the board could make decisions on the RTA's system identity and naming at the August 14 board meeting.

Follow-up to July 24, 1997 Board Retreat - Discussion

Contact: Bob White at 684-1627

Executive Director White referred members to a memorandum from him regarding follow-up to the July 24 retreat and an attachment that sorts the flip chart materials from that retreat into

categories (copy on file). Staff is recommending that the board schedule another retreat in October to review and finalize the Executive Committee recommendations, as well as to formalize an RTA contract with the community and board mission statement.

Mr. Drewel asked that members review the retreat follow-up materials and to contact the Executive Director with additions or corrections.

Next Meeting

The next meeting had originally been scheduled for Friday, August 15, but committee members asked that an abbreviated meeting be held directly before the board meeting on August 14, 1997 instead. Therefore, the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on **August 14, 1997 from 2:15 to 2:45 at Highline Community College, Building 7.**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Recorded by Amy Ebersole
Board Coordinator