

**Regional Transit Authority  
Executive Committee Meeting Highlights  
October 17, 1997**

**Call to Order**

1:45 by Board Vice-Chair Paul Miller.

**Attendance**

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

**Report of the Chair**

None.

**Executive Director Report**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Resolution No. 99 – Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) establishing a cooperative relationship for the construction, ownership and operation of high capacity transportation capital facilities.**

Contact: Agnes Govern, Regional Express Department Director, at 684-1673

Ms. Govern recognized Mr. Craig Stone and Mr. Bill Guenzler and thanked them for their hard work on putting together this agreement. She then went on to give an overview of Resolution No. 99, highlighting the fact that this resolution does not financially commit the RTA.

Committee members suggested the following:

- ◆ Clarify that speed and reliability standards are to be negotiated for HOV lanes, as opposed to general purpose lanes (page 8).
- ◆ Clarify that the clause indicating that WSDOT will be given the opportunity to purchase surplus land before the RTA markets to other parties is not intended to preclude opportunities for private/public partnerships (page 9).
- ◆ Communicate that the RTA is particularly interested in WSDOT being held to its funding responsibility for joint rail projects (page 15). Committee members didn't think a language change in the agreement would be necessary.

## Draft Policy Timetable

Contact: Bob White, Executive Director, at 684-1627

Ms. Kathy Elias presented a draft policy timetable to the committee (copy on file).

Committee members asked that the following changes be made to the draft policy timetable:

- ◆ policy discussion topics be made more specific
- ◆ items within the staff domain be included
- ◆ preliminary committee assignments be included
- ◆ action calendar be separated from policy calendar

Members indicated they would like the full board to have an opportunity to review the draft policy timetable at the October 23, 1997 meeting. The full board will have a chance to discuss the document at its November 13, 1997 retreat.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Recorded by Bernie Wagar  
Board Administrative Assistant