

**Regional Transit Authority
Executive Committee Meeting Highlights
December 5, 1997**

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Call to Order

1:35 by Board Chair Bob Drewel.

Attendance

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

Report of the Chair

None.

Executive Director Report

Mr. White reported that Motion No. 52 was adopted at the last Executive Committee meeting. Motion No. 52 will allow the RTA to occupy the space on floors two and three, enabling the staff to co-habitate with consultants and insure better productivity and efficiency.

Public Comment

Mr. Paul W. Locke cautioned the committee on the possibility of excess costs in the 401 and 457 pension plans.

Motion No. 53 – Appointment of an individual to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Anoop Batra to the Citizen Oversight Panel

Contact: Barbara Dougherty, Communications and Marketing Manager, at 684-1357

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, reported that she and Ms. Kathy Elias have followed up with board members to solicit names of potential candidates to the Citizens Oversight Panel. She distributed a list (copy on file) of the nominations. Mr. Al Stipe was the candidate receiving the most votes.

Mr. Miller re-emphasized the need to find avenues within the RTA to involve the other very highly qualified candidates

It was moved by Ms. Mary Gates and seconded by Mr. Paul Miller that Mr. Al Stipe's name be recommended to the Board for appointment to the Citizen Oversight Panel at the December 11 meeting.

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Motion No. 51 – Establishing an economic development budget and calling for an Economic Development Program to be developed in 1998

Contact: Paul Matsuoka, Deputy Executive Director, at 684-6761

Mr. Matsuoka referred to his memo to the Finance and Executive members, dated November 25, 1997 (copy on file).

Committee members discussed having the dollar amount and the source of the expenses placed on an addendum to be presented to the full board at the December 11 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. McIver that Motion No. 51, with the addendum, be sent to the board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. 50 – Endorsing a Project Management Plan for use during the preliminary engineering phase of the light rail transit project

Contact: Paul Bay, Light Rail Director, at 689-4761

Mr. Bay stressed the need for the Project Management Plan in order to insure adequate control for the quality of the Light Rail Plan. He also emphasized that citizen outreach and public involvement would be a top priority in implementing the plan.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McIver and carried by a unanimous vote of all committee members present that Motion No. 50 be adopted as presented.

Motion No. 54 – Amending Resolution No. 95, by increasing the amount reimbursed to Community Transit for construction of the Ash Way Park and Ride Lot by \$350,000

Contact: Mike Normand, Community Connections Program Manager, at 684-3528

Mr. Normand gave the Background and Comments for Motion No. 54 (copy on file).

Committee members expressed concern and were assured by Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Dept. Director, that, in the future, the board would be informed about contingencies of contracts that had not been finalized.

Criteria and Process for Amending Sound Move

Contact: Barbara Gilliland, Bus/HOV Program Manager, at 684-1630

Mr. Drewel emphasized that the board to needs be ready to help staff frame the policy for such amendments.

Ms. Gilliland reported on the Background and Proposal for Discussion Purposes (copy on file), and stated that she would like to come back to the Executive Committee and board with proposals in January.

Mr. Desmond Brown, Chief Legal Counsel, stated that staff is looking for ways to incorporate changes but that he has reviewed relevant case laws and courts have been very strict about change to voter approved issues.

Other Business

Mr. Drewel announced that the 1998 budget would be voted on at the board meeting on December 11 and that the addenda had been adopted unanimously at the previous day's Finance Committee meeting.

Next Meeting

Friday, January 16, 1998 from 1:30 to 3:00 at the RTA Conference Room, 1100 2nd Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Recorded by Bernie Wagar
Board Administrative Assistant