

**Regional Transit Authority
Executive Committee Meeting Highlights**

March 6, 1998

Call to Order

1:33 by Board Chair Bob Drewel.

Attendance

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

Report of the Chair

None.

Executive Directors Report

Mr. White stated that the Board had been informed via e-mail regarding the agreement for phase 2 & 3 of the Regional Smart Card project. This agreement is with Pierce Transit, King County Metro, Community Transit, Everett Transit, Kitsap Transit, and the Washington State Ferries. He also stated that while the cost of this project is within his delegated authority for approval, he wants to keep the board informed about the project.

Public Comment

None.

Motion No. 98-14 – Approving the award of a contract to Berger/Abam Engineers, Inc. for the Lakewood-to-Tacoma commuter rail combined environmental document

Contact: Paul Price, Director Commuter Rail at 689-4760

Mr. David Beal, CR Project development Program Manager presented the background for Motion No. 98-14 and stated that 8 firms had submitted statements of qualifications. The panel selected Berger/Abam Engineers, Inc. Mr. Beal stated that Berger/Abam had done the environmental assessment for the Tacoma Dome Station, as well as other relevant engineering. He also stated that the project was eligible for 80% federal funding.

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. 98-14 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 98-5 – Memorandum of Understanding for planning, coordination and cooperation between the RTA, Puget Sound Regional Council and Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Department of Transportation, Kitsap Transit and Pierce Transit

Contact: Ms. Sheila Dezarn Government Relations Manager at 684-1730

Ms. Dezarn gave a brief report on the background for Resolution No. 98-5, stating that this MOU (copy on file) is similar to the one that the RTA and Puget Sound Regional Council had agreed to in 1994 except for the right-of-way preservation review process. She also stated that this process is consistent with state and federal requirements.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present to approve Resolution No. 98-5 as presented and moved to the full board on March 12, 1998 with a do pass recommendation.

Link Light Rail Memorandums of Agreement and Understanding: A. Motion No. 98-15 – authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle, B. Motion No. 98-16 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Tukwila, C. Motion No. 98-17 – authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of SeaTac, D. Motion No. 98-18 – authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Bay emphasized the importance of these agreements and called the contracts “good news.” He stated that the RTA can now move forward to implement the LRT plan and work with the cities that the light rail will pass through.

The committee agreed on one minor change to the City of Seattle MOA. Delete the last sentence on page 12, Section 8, paragraph D: The RTA acknowledges that the City of Seattle has policies and processes pertaining to EEO and M/W/DBE, that such policies and processes are the same or substantially similar to those that the RTA has adopted, and that the City may use such City policies and processes, subject to the approval of the RTA.

Mr. Bay stated that the MOU with the City of Tacoma involves all three agencies. It will serve as an umbrella to establish a managing process in order to bring all segments together.

Board members, at this time, suggested a compilation of the MOU’s that could be readily available to them for reference purposes.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Motion Nos. 98-15, 98-16, 98-17 and 98-18 be adopted with the stated change and moved to the full board with a do pass recommendation.

Link Light Rail Evaluation Criteria and Test Application

Contact: Valerie Rosenkrantz, Project Development Manager at 689-3542

Ms. Rosenkrantz gave an outline of the Link Project Development-Discussion Item (copy on file) and stated that the Board will be asked to select light rail alignments to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statements at the May 14 board meeting. Ms. Rosenkrantz also informed committee members that staff was prepared to make special arrangements for board field trips. She also invited members to let staff know which LR issues need to be studied.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting

Friday, March 20, 1998 from 1:30 to 3:00 at the RTA Conference Room, 1100 2nd Avenue, Suite 400, Seattle, WA.

As there was no other business, Mr. Drewel adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Recorded by Bernie Wagar
Board Administrative Assistant