

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2000-117

Motion:


It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority directing Sound Transit staff as follows:

- 1) Suspend negotiations with Modern Transit Constructors until December 14, 2000 at which time the Board shall consider options for proceeding; and
- 2) Work with the Federal Transit Administration and our Congressional delegation to maintain federal funding commitments; and
- 3) Report back to the Board at the December 14, 2000 meeting with the following:
 - An explanation of why the tunnel cost estimate is different than what was budgeted for the project. The report should include not just why the numbers are different, but also a review of the process that brought Sound Transit to this point.
 - Alternatives for getting light rail to at least the University District. The alternatives, whether design/build or design/bid/build, should include approaches for reducing the tunnel cost and options for crossing Portage Bay, including a bridge, that are affordable within Sound Transit's financial policies, including respecting subarea equity.
 - An estimate of the total cost to complete an operating light rail system between Sea-Tac and the University District.
 - An open process for discussing alternatives and for involving the public in that discussion.

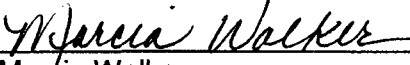
It is further moved that:

The Sound Transit Board of Directors thanks Norm Rice for his willingness to serve as chairman of an independent review of the tunnel contract and Sound Transit's financial capability. Due to the changed circumstances of the tunnel contract and the Board's direction to staff on exploring alternatives, it seems that the services of Mr. Rice and his committee are at the very least premature and may not be needed at all. The Board acknowledges Mr. Rice's generous offer to delve into this important and complex issue.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of November 2000.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator