

SOUND TRANSIT

RESOLUTION NO. R2001-08

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority fulfilling the requirement of RCW 81.112.040(1) to reconstitute the governing board of a regional transit authority with regard to the number of representatives from each of the three counties (King, Pierce, Snohomish) in the year following an official federal census.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit), and formerly known as the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has been created for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish County region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, RCW 81.112.040(1) specifies that membership on the governing board of a regional transit authority is based on population from that portion of each county which lies within the service area and board members would be appointed initially on the basis of one for each one hundred forty-five thousand population within the county. In addition, the Secretary of Transportation shall serve as a member of the board; and

WHEREAS, RCW 81.112.040(1) requires that the governing board [of a regional transit authority] shall be reconstituted with regard to the number of representatives from each county, on a population basis, using the official Office of Financial Management population estimates, five years after its initial formation and, at a minimum, in the year following each official federal census; and

WHEREAS, the initial composition of the RTA Board on the basis of one board member per population of one hundred forty-five thousand within each of the three counties participating in the RTA district resulted in ten (10) board members representing King County, four (4) board members representing Pierce County, and three (3) board members representing Snohomish County and the Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, representation on the Sound Transit Board of Directors based on one board member per population of one hundred forty-five thousand from that portion of each county which lies within the service area of the district and the April 2000 population estimates from the Office of Financial Management and the 2000 official federal census maintains the representation of ten (10) board members representing King County, four (4) board members representing Pierce County, and three (3) board members representing Snohomish County, and the Secretary of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority hereby reconstitutes and maintains the board with regard to the number of representatives from each county with ten (10) board members representing King County, four (4) board members representing Pierce County, and three (3) board members representing Snohomish County, and the Secretary of Transportation.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26th day of July 2001.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

David Earling
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Board Chair

STAFF REPORT

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Fulfilling requirement of RCW 81.112.040(1) to reconstitute the governing board of a regional transit agency regarding the number of representatives from each of the participating counties

| Meeting: | Date: | Type of Action: | Staff Contact: | Phone: |
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| Executive Committee | 6/20/01 | Action to Recommend Board Approval | Marcia Walker, Board Administrator | (206) 398-5015 |
| Board of Directors | 6/27/01 | Action | | |

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of Resolution No. R2001-08 will fulfill the requirement of RCW 81.112.040(1) to reconstitute the Board of Directors with regard to the number of representatives from each of the three counties (King, Pierce, Snohomish) in the year following an official federal census.

KEY FEATURES

Highlights of Proposed Action:

- ◆ Fulfills the requirement to reconstitute Sound Transit's governing board regarding the number of representatives from each county.
- ◆ Calculates board representation based on one board member per population of one hundred forty-five thousand from that portion of each county which lies within the service area of the Sound Transit district and the Office of Financial Management population estimates based on the 2000 federal census.
- ◆ 2000 federal census results:

| Population: | | Board Representation: | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| King County | 1,574,791 | King County | 10 |
| Pierce County | 562,871 | Pierce County | 4 |
| Snohomish County | 393,218 | Snohomish County | 3 |
| | | WSDOT Secretary | 1 |
| Total Board Membership | | | 18 |

Data for each of Sound Transit's five subareas is included for information purposes:

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| North King County | 629,541 |
| South King County | 504,653 |
| East King County | 440,596 |
| Pierce County | 562,871 |
| Snohomish County | 393,218 |

BACKGROUND

State legislation (RCW 81.112.010) enacted in 1993 provided for the creation of a regional transit authority:

“...two or more contiguous counties each having a population of four hundred thousand persons or more to create a local agency [a regional transit authority] for planning and implementing a high capacity transportation system within that region.”

RCW 81.112.040(1) establishes membership on such a governing board to be based on population from that portion of each county that lies within the service area. In addition, the Secretary of Transportation shall serve as a member of the board.

RCW 81.112.040(1) further states:

“...the governing board [of a regional transit authority] shall be reconstituted with regard to the number of representatives from each county, on a population basis, using the official office of financial management population estimates, five years after its initial formation and, at a minimum, in the year following each official federal census. The board membership may be reduced, maintained, or expanded to reflect population changes but under no circumstances may the board membership exceed twenty-five.”

LEGAL REVIEW

MBL 7/05/01