

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2004-35

Appointments for Citizen Oversight Panel

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Board	4/8/04	Action	Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer	206-398-5070

OBJECTIVE OF ACTION

Appointment of three new members to the Citizen Oversight Panel.

ACTION

Approve the appointment of three new Citizen Oversight Panel members to a term of four years, beginning April 2004 and expiring April 2008. These new appointments are to replace three current members whose final terms have expired.

KEY FEATURES

- Fills open positions on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP).
- Meets the Board's requirements that each subarea is represented by at least two COP members.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

There would be no budget impact as a result of the appointment of these three new Citizen Oversight Panel members.

REVENUE, SUBAREA, AND FINANCIAL PLAN IMPACTS

Not applicable to this action.

BUDGET TABLE

Not applicable to this action.

M/W/DBE – SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

HISTORY OF PROJECT

The Sound Transit Board and the COP have been actively recruiting four new members. On January 28, 2004, a press release went to more than 150 media outlets around the region. In addition, a letter and application materials were mailed to community leaders, the Sound Transit Board, and current COP members. The recruiting documents were also posted on the Sound Transit website.

When a vacancy arises on the panel, every attempt is made to fill it with an individual whose skills, experience, and demographic characteristics maintain the panel's geographic balance and diversity. COP members must live or work in the Sound Transit district and be registered voters within the district.

To fulfill the subarea requirement, the panel needs at least one person from Seattle/North King County. The remaining appointment can be among the remaining subareas, depending on the experience and skills desired.

The Sound Transit Board and current members of the COP are actively recruiting new members to fill the remaining vacancy.

Prior Board or Committee Actions and Relevant Board Policies

Motion or Resolution Number	Summary of Action	Date of Action
M2002-87	Authority regarding the terms of Citizen Oversight Panel members.	7/11/02
Motion 18	Committing to the establishment of a citizen oversight panel	12/13/96

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

The COP would have vacancies, reducing the current membership from 13 to 12. Not appointing new members in a timely manner will adversely affect the orderly transition of outgoing and incoming members. Appointing new members in April will allow an overlap of outgoing and incoming members, facilitating orientation and knowledge transfer.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

LEGAL REVIEW

DB 4/1/04

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority approving the appointment of Kevin Grossman from North King County, Paul Masten from Snohomish County, and Jessyn Schor from North King County to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each beginning April 2004 and expiring April 2008.

Background:

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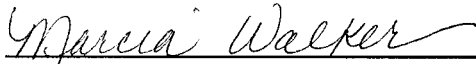
Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the appointment of Kevin Grossman from North King County, Paul Masten from Snohomish County, and Jessyn Schor from North King County to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each beginning April 2004 and expiring April 2008 be approved.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 8, 2004.


John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator