## **SOUND TRANSIT**

## Motion No. M2005-135

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending Resolution 81 to revise the ethics code governing political campaign contributions.

## **Background:**

Resolution 81 establishes a code of ethics for the Sound Transit Board of Directors, officers, and employees. Consistent with state law, this motion clarifies the rules applicable to the solicitation and making of campaign contributions.

## Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Section 5.C. of Resolution 81 is amended to read as follows:

C. Board members shall foster an environment where Sound Transit officers and employees can provide objective counsel to Sound Transit Board members. Board members shall comply with applicable provisions of state law concerning political activities including, but not limited to, Chapter 42.17 RCW.

Board members and their agents shall not solicit funds or in-kind contributions from Sound Transit officers or employees for political purposes except as part of general campaign solicitation made to the general public (e.g., mass mailings) in which (a) the employee or officer is not specifically identified for solicitation, and (b) the board member does not participate in the solicitation and is not informed of the result of the solicitation. Board members shall not accept more than \$250 in campaign contributions from a Sound Transit officer or employee. Restrictions on Board member solicitations are not intended to restrict Sound Transit's officers' and employees' right to engage in the permitted political activities listed in Section 5.A. or otherwise guaranteed by law, including unsolicited financial contributions to support a Board member's political campaign.

Approved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 8, 2005.

John W. Ladenburg

Board Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker

**Board Administrator**