

**SOUND TRANSIT  
STAFF REPORT**

**MOTION NO. M2007-41**

**Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Type of Action:</b>	<b>Staff Contact:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
Board	3/22/07	Action	<b>Marcia Walker, Board Administrator</b>	(206) 398-5015

<b>Contract/Agreement Type:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Requested Action:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Competitive Procurement		Execute New Contract/Agreement	
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)		Budget Amendment	
Real Estate		Property Acquisition	

**PROJECT NAME**

Citizen Oversight Panel Appointment

**PROPOSED ACTION**

Approving the appointments of David A. Russell and Robert M. Goldstein to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning March 2007 and expiring March 2011.

**KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION**

- The purpose of this action is to fill two vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP). In December 2006, Bertha Eades retired after service of the maximum two terms expired. Ms. Eades represented the East King County subarea. In April 2006 Lynn Guttman, who represented the Seattle/North King subarea, resigned.
- Applications and accompanying resumes were mailed to Board members on November 20, 2006. Ms. Burleigh and Mr. Phillips have placed their support for Mr. Russell's appointment. Mr. Phillips has placed his support for Mr. Goldstein's appointment.
- This motion is being brought directly to the Board for action prior to the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled on April 5, 2007 to expedite the process to fill two of four vacancies enabling the Panel to sufficiently represent the community. Staff is currently conducting a new recruiting effort.

**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 and FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSION**

Not applicable to this action.

## **BUDGET TABLE**

Not applicable to this action.

## **SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

Not applicable to this action.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION**

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The Sound Transit Board and current members of the Citizen Oversight Panel have been actively recruiting members since August of 2006. Outreach efforts included press releases, notification of community leaders and posting on Sound Transit's website. Mr. Russell's appointment fills the vacancy left by Bertha Eades who represents the East King County subarea. Mr. Goldstein's appointment fills the vacancy left by Lynn Guttmann who represented the Seattle/King County subarea. Mr. Goldstein's appointment also fulfills the minimum representation requirement of two members for the Seattle/King County subarea.

Larry Shannon who also represents the East King County subarea will be retiring in April from COP after completing his maximum two years of service. In addition, two COP members recently submitted resignations; one from the South King County and one from Pierce County subareas. The South King County subarea is now under-represented by the required minimum two members.

With these two appointments and Mr. Shannon's departure in April, the COP will be operating with 12 of the required 15 members. A new recruiting effort to fill the remaining vacancies is currently underway.

### **Prior Board/Committee Actions on this Project and Relevant Board Policies**

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

## **CONSEQUENCES of DELAY**

Timely appointments of Mr. Russell and Mr. Goldstein will enable the COP to equitably distribute the tasks to sufficiently represent the community.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

Not applicable to this action

**LEGAL REVIEW**

JW 3/19/2007

## **SOUND TRANSIT**

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority appointing David A. Russell and Robert M. Goldstein to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each beginning March 2007 and expiring March 2011.

#### **Background:**

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#### **Motion:**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to appointment David A. Russell and Robert M. Goldstein to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each beginning March 2007 and expiring March 2011.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 22, 2007.



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Mark Olson  
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator