# SOUND TRANSIT STAFF REPORT

#### **MOTION NO. M2008-83**

# Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Board	8/14/08	Discussion/Possible Action	Kathy Albert, Deputy Director, Executive Administration	(206) 398-5456

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
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 Appointments

#### PROPOSED ACTION

Approving the appointments of Mr. Josh Benaloh, Mr. Michael Murphy, Mr. Stuart Scheuerman, Mr. Bruce Seiber and Mr. Vic K. Sood to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning September 2008 and expiring September 2012.

#### **KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION**

- The purpose of this action is to fill five vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP). To fulfill the
  minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea, at least one of the new
  members should represent Snohomish County and one of the new members should represent
  Pierce County. The other three may reside or work in any subarea of the Sound Transit District.
- Letters and resumes were mailed to Board members on August 7, 2008. Mr. Marchione is sponsoring Mr. Benaloh; Mr. Conlin is sponsoring Mr. Murphy; Mr. Enslow is sponsoring Mr. Scheuerman; Ms. Thomas is sponsoring Mr. Seiber and Mr. Reardon is sponsoring Mr. Sood.
- This motion is being brought directly to the Board for action prior to the next Executive Committee
  meeting scheduled on September 4, 2008 in order to expedite the appointment process and enable
  the Panel to fully represent the community.

#### **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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With these five appointments, the COP will have a full panel of 15 members.

## **Prior Board/Committee Actions**

Motion/Resolution Number and Date	Summary of Action
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**

A two-week delay in approving this action would not create any undue hardship; approval of this action, however, will insure a full panel enabling the COP to equitably distribute the tasks incumbent upon them to sufficiently represent the community.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

Not applicable to this action.

#### **LEGAL REVIEW**

JW 8/7/08

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#### Motion:

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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 14, 2008.

Aaron Reardon Board Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker Board Administrator