

MOTION NO. M2011-16
Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Board	2/24/11	Final Action	Kathy Albert, Deputy Director Executive Administration	206-398-5456

PROPOSED ACTION

Appointing Mr. Harold Wirch and Mr. Philip Lovell to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning March 2011 and expiring March 2015.

KEY FEATURES

- The purpose of this action is to fill two vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP). These appointments will fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea.
- Letters and resumes were mailed to Boardmembers on February 18, 2011.
- This motion is being brought directly to the Board for action prior to the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled on March 3, 2011 in order to expedite the appointment process and enable the Panel to fully represent the community.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Sound Transit COP is a 15-member panel of citizen volunteers appointed by the Sound Transit Board to monitor and report on Sound Transit performance in delivering on the commitments it made in Sound Move and ST2.

The COP is an advisory committee charged with an annual review of Sound Transit's performance and financial plan, and provides reports and recommendations to the Board. Under Sound Move, the COP monitors Sound Transit's performance in the following areas:

- adherence to its public commitments
- open and timely involvement of citizens
- the process of evaluating project alternatives
- capital and operating budgets and finance plans
- management of the regional fund
- equity in subarea budgets and reporting
- adherence to schedules and budgets
- review of annual performance audits

FISCAL INFORMATION

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.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

Not applicable to this action.

BACKGROUND

The Sound Transit Board created a Citizen Oversight Panel in 1996 to monitor Sound Transit's performance in carrying out its commitments under Sound Move. 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.

The Citizen Oversight Panel has two current vacancies and three members who's terms will expire in March. This appointment will fill the two vacancies. The remaining vacancies will be filled through a future Board action.

To fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea, the two appointments represent Snohomish County. Of the future appointments, one of the new members should represent South King County and the other two may reside or work in any subarea of the Sound Transit District. Following all five appointments, the COP will have a full panel of 15 members.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SK 2-17-11

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2002-87 – Regarding the terms of Citizen Oversight Panel members.

Motion No. 18 – Committed to the timely establishment of a Citizen Oversight Panel.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one month delay would not create a significant impact to the COP membership, a delay beyond one month would affect the subarea allocation of the panel and would impact the COP's ability to sufficiently represent the community.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Board and current members of the COP have been actively recruiting members since December. Outreach efforts also included sending a news release to a wide variety of media and interested individuals as well as posting it on the Sound Transit's website.

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 2/18/11

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MOTION:


It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Mr. Harold Wirch and Mr. Philip Lovell are appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning March 2011 and expiring March 2015.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on February 24, 2011.



Aaron Reardon
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator