

MOTION NO. M2013-17
Citizen Oversight Panel Appointment

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Executive Committee Board	03/07/2013 03/28/2013	Discussion Final Action	Kathy Albert, Executive Programs Advisor	206-398-5456

PROPOSED ACTION

Appointing Mr. Michael D. Garrity to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning April 2013 and expiring April 2017.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The purpose of this action is to fill one vacancy on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) representing the Pierce County. This appointment will fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea.
- At the March Executive Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the current vacancies and asked that an action be prepared for the March Board meeting to consider Mr. Garrity's appointment to the COP.
- This appointment will bring the membership of the COP up to 12 members.

BACKGROUND

The Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) is a 15-member advisory committee 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 charged with an annual review of Sound Transit's performance and financial plan, and provides reports and recommendations to the Board. 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

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 currently has four vacancies with an additional vacancy opening in April. This appointment will fill one of the four remaining vacancies. Recruitment is underway to fill two vacancies in South King County, one vacancy in East King County, and the future vacancy in North King County.

Candidate qualifications include:

- Being a registered voter within the Sound Transit District;

- Residing and/or work in King County, Pierce County or Snohomish County within the Sound Transit district boundary;
- Having experience/skills in one or more areas of expertise related to the panel's responsibilities-business and finance management, engineering, large projects construction management, public facilities and service, government processes, and public policy development or review; and
- Being able to attend meetings twice each month during normal business hours.

Mr. Garrity is a resident of Tacoma and serves as the conservation director for American Rivers, which advocates for the protection and restoration of our nation's rivers. He is well-versed in state and regional land use issues and has experience in public policy development and review. Mr. Garrity holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California at Berkely School of Law.

FISCAL IMPACT

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.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Board and current members of the COP have been actively recruiting members since mid-2012. Outreach efforts 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.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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LEGAL REVIEW

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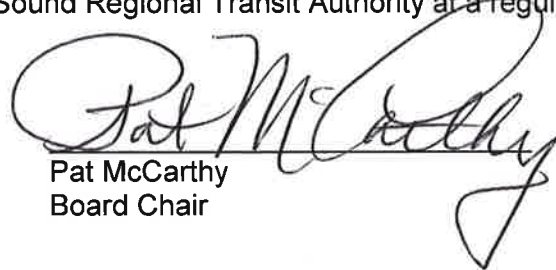
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MOTION:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Mr. Michael D. Garrity is appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning April 2013 and expiring April 2017.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 28, 2013.



Pat McCarthy
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator