

MOTION NO. M2016-107

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority establishing a process to consider inclusion of the name Scott White in the naming convention associated with the U District or Roosevelt stations and to consider including the name Joni M. Earl in the naming convention associated with an appropriate Sound Transit station or facility, and directing staff to return in six months with recommendations for Board consideration.

BACKGROUND:

RCW 81.104.140 requires that when a regional transit authority "imposes a motor vehicle excise tax... a property tax, or increases a sales and use tax to more than nine-tenths of one percent, it must undertake a process in which the authority's board formally considers inclusion of the name, Scott White, in the naming convention associated with either the U District or Roosevelt stations."

State Senator Scott White served in the Washington State House of Representatives and Washington State Senate representing the 46th Legislative District and helped shape the future of transportation in the central Puget Sound region through his sponsorship and support of legislation important to achieving Sound Transit's mission. In 2011, the Sound Transit Board recognized Senator Scott White through Resolution No. R2011-17.

The Sound Transit Board selected Joni M. Earl as the Sound Transit chief executive officer in 2000 at the time the agency faced serious challenges in the effort to begin building the regional mass transit system. During her 15 year tenure, Ms. Earl established a culture of integrity, accountability and excellence that achieved results and restored public confidence in the agency. Under her leadership, Sound Transit opened light-rail service from downtown Seattle to SeaTac Airport in 2009 on the schedule and under the budget Ms. Earl proposed to the Board after becoming chief executive officer. Her retirement in 2016 coincided with the agency's under-budget and ahead-of-schedule opening of the light-rail extension to the University of Washington.

MOTION:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that a process be established to (1) consider inclusion of the name Scott White in the naming convention associated with the U District or Roosevelt stations and (2) to consider including the name Joni M. Earl in the naming convention associated with an appropriate Sound Transit station or other facility. Consistent with the naming policy established by the Board in Resolution No. R2012-02, Sound Transit staff will identify naming opportunities at the stations and facilities that meet the criteria and work with stakeholders as appropriate to develop options for Board consideration. Results of the process should be presented to the Board by April 27, 2017.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 27, 2016.

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ATTEST:

Kathryn Flores Board Administrator

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