

MOTION NO. M2017-164

Citizen Oversight Panel Appointment

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Board	12/21/2017	Final Action	Kathy Albert, Strategic Business Officer Katie Flores, Board Administrator

PROPOSED ACTION

Appointing Mr. Chris Karnes to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning January 1, 2018, and expiring December 31, 2021.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The purpose of this action is to fill one vacancy on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) representing Pierce County. This appointment will fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea.
- This appointment will bring the membership of the COP up to 14 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, ST2, and ST3.

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 two vacancies. This appointment will fill one vacancy. Recruitment is underway to fill one vacancy in North King County.

Candidate qualifications include:

- Being a registered voter within the Sound Transit District.
- Residing and/or working 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.
- Being able to attend meetings twice each month during normal business hours.

Mr. Karnes is a resident of Tacoma and a Data Engineer with Accumula LLC. Mr. Karnes is currently the chair of the Pierce Transit Community Transportation Advisory Group. In addition, he has previously served on the Pierce Transit Pacific Avenue HCT Study Technical Advisory Commission, the Tacoma Sustainable Tacoma Commission, the Pierce Transit System Redesign Advisory Group, and the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council. He has experience with business management, public facilities and services, public policy development/review, and government processes.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Not applicable to this action.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Board and current members of the COP have been actively recruiting members for the North King County and Pierce County vacancies since June 2017. Outreach efforts included sending a news release to a wide variety of media, libraries, colleges, and interested individuals, as well as posting it on the Sound Transit website.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the COP membership.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 12/20/17

LEGAL REVIEW

AJP 12/20/17

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MOTION:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Mr. Chris Karnes is appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning January 1, 2018, and expiring December 31, 2021.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 21, 2017.



Dave Somers
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator