

RESOLUTION NO. R2017-14

Adopting a Security, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Management Policy

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Executive Committee	04/06/2017	Recommend to Board	Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations
Board	04/27/2017	Final Action	Ken Cummins, Director of Public Safety

PROPOSED ACTION

Adopting a Security, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Policy

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- This action adopts a comprehensive security, law enforcement and emergency management policy for the agency.
- The policy enhances Sound Transit’s commitment to providing a safe and secure transit system, requires the systemic identification and mitigation of risk to the agency’s assets, and directs the agency to optimize resilience to natural and manmade disasters.
- The policy requires the agency to:
 - Maintain risk, threat and vulnerability identification, analysis and evaluation activities
 - Promote a culture that encourages individual and collective responsibility
 - Train emergency responders, employees and passengers
 - Measure performance and periodically update goals
 - Provide security and/or enhanced law enforcement as necessary to address quality of life issues and promote community confidence
 - Improve processes to enhance performance
 - Require contractors to adhere to goals and processes
- The policy delegates administrative policy and procedures to the CEO, which will help ensure the continued implementation of the Board-adopted policy while providing the CEO the flexibility to change security-related procedures at Sound Transit facilities in response to changing operating conditions.

BACKGROUND

The Board has provided previous guidance regarding integration of security measures into the agency’s design of facilities, accountable security and law enforcement services, and procedures for the enforcement of fares and suspension or exclusion of individuals from transit service. This policy strengthens previous guidance and prior directives from the Board and reaffirms the agency’s commitment to provide safe and secure transit services.

FISCAL INFORMATION

While there is no direct fiscal action associated with the proposed action, occurrence of security issues or emergencies may have fiscal impacts to the agency. Those impacts will be addressed as they are presented.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Resolution No. R2010-07: Adopted an Expulsion and Suspension Policy.

Resolution No. R2009-02: Adopted an updated Sound Transit rail fare enforcement policy that would provide for fare enforcement by Sound Transit police, Sound Transit fare enforcement officers, and commuter train conductors. Policies contained in this action supersede the proof-of-payment system in Sound Transit's Fare Policy as adopted in Resolution No. R99-2-2.

Motion No. M2000-32: (1) Adopted guidelines to guide the staff's development of a proposal to provide security services for Sound Transit; (2) directed staff to issue Request(s) for Proposals to procure security services for Sound Transit for a contract term not to exceed three years, soliciting proposals from both local law enforcement agencies and private vendors; (3) directed staff to issue Request(s) for Proposals for security services for Sounder Commuter Rail to be in place at the time of initial service in September 2000, for a contract term not to exceed three years, soliciting proposals from both local law enforcement agencies and private vendors; (4) provided for appropriate Board and/or Committee review and action prior to execution of negotiated contracts.

Motion No. M1998-64: Established policy for station/facility design issues common to all three Lines of Business with respect to Security.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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LEGAL REVIEW

JW 4/3/2017

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Security, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Policy

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting a Security, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Policy.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under RCW Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.020; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct and permanently operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority district on November 5, 1996, November 4, 2008 and November 8, 2016, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security issues directives or recommendations regarding public transit security; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit recognizes the responsibility of primary territorial jurisdictions for general law enforcement within those jurisdictions' boundary limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that a Security, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Policy is adopted as follows.

1.0 Scope

1.1 This policy applies to all agency activities.

2.0 Policy

2.1 Sound Transit is committed to:

2.1.1 Providing a safe and secure environment for passengers, employees, contractors, emergency responders and the public,

2.1.2 Mitigating risks to the agency's assets,

2.1.3 Increasing the agency's resilience to natural and manmade disasters and

2.1.4 Complying with applicable legal regulations, industry best practices and other requirements.

2.2 The chief executive officer is accountable for security, law enforcement and emergency management programs or procedures that:


2.2.1 Maintain risk, threat and vulnerability identification, analysis and evaluation activities to eliminate or mitigate risks and liability using the most effective means or controls, such as but not limited to facility access controls, security awareness and workplace violence prevention.

- 2.2.2 Promote a culture that encourages individual and collective responsibility for implementing security, law enforcement and emergency preparedness in the agency's core business processes.
- 2.2.3 Train emergency responders, employees and passengers about the inherent hazards found on the transit system.
- 2.2.4 Measure performance using audits and realistic, data-driven performance indicators and targets, which are periodically evaluated and updated.
- 2.2.5 Provide security and/or enhanced law enforcement services as necessary to address quality of life issues and promote community confidence.
- 2.2.6 Continually improve security, law enforcement and emergency management processes to enhance performance.
- 2.2.7 Require contractors to adhere to the agency's security, law enforcement and emergency management goals and processes.

3.0 References

- 3.1 Board Resolution No. R2017-13 Safety Policy
- 3.2 Board Resolution No. R2009-02 Fare Enforcement Policy
- 3.3 Board Resolution No. R2010-07 Expulsion and Suspension Policy

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 27, 2017.


Marilyn Strickland
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator