

## SOUND TRANSIT

### MOTION NO. M2004-120

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority selecting a preferred alternative for a potential fare increase for ST Express Bus service of 20%, with necessary adjustments to the nearest 25-cent increment and the FTA half-fare requirement for the elderly/disabled, for public review and comment and directing staff to conduct public outreach regarding a potential fare increase.

#### **Background:**

Sound Transit's fare policy structure is established through Resolution No. R99-2-2. In summary, the resolution establishes a fare zone structure for the agency's buses and trains; defines fares to be charged; authorizes ride-free zones to be honored; describes transfer rules, a proof of payment system and a schedule of fines and penalties for civil infractions for non-payment of fares.

Since Sound Transit began service in September of 1999, the agency has not increased or changed its basic fare structure. The only time a fare change has occurred is on Sound Transit's route 550, which is currently aligned with the King County fare structure but will change to the Sound Transit fare structure effective February 2005, per Board Motion No. M2004-54.

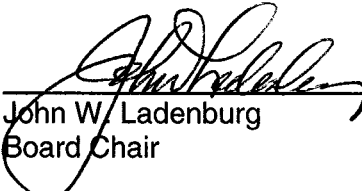
Board Motion No. M2004-53 outlines the process for public involvement prior to initiating an increase in the fare structure. Once the Board selects a preferred alternative for a fare increase, staff will begin the process of soliciting public comment. Results of that outreach would be used by the Board to finalize its decision on the amount and timing of a fare increase.

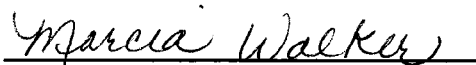
#### **Motion:**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that a fare increase for ST Express Bus service of 20%, with necessary adjustments to the nearest 25-cent increment and the FTA half-fare requirement for the elderly/disabled, is the preferred alternative for a potential fare increase for public review. It is further moved that staff is directed to conduct public outreach on the preferred alternative for a potential fare increase and report the results to the Board early in 2005.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 9, 2004.

ATTEST:

  
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John W. Ladenburg  
Board Chair

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator