

MOTION NO. M2011-69

Citizen Oversight Panel Reappointment

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Board	8/25/11	Final Action	Kathy Albert, Executive Programs Advisor

PROPOSED ACTION

Reappointing Mr. Joseph D. Wessling to the Citizen Oversight Panel to serve a second term of four years beginning September 2011 and expiring September 2015.

KEY FEATURES

- Mr. Wessling was appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) for a four-year term from September 2007 through September 2011. Mr. Wessling has completed one four-year term and is eligible and willing to serve a second four-year term.
- Mr. Wessling represents North King County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel is a 15-member panel of citizen volunteers appointed by the Sound Transit Board to monitor and report on Sound Transit performance in delivering on the commitments in Sound Move and ST2.

The COP is an advisory committee 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

FISCAL INFORMATION

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.

BACKGROUND

The Board created a Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) in 1996 to monitor Sound Transit's performance in carrying out commitments in Sound Move. Motion No. M2002-87 established the terms of service for those appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel as well as the process for reappointing members to serve on the Panel. The motion allows panel members to serve two, four-year terms. The Board appointed Mr. Wessling to his first term was approved as a result of adoption of Motion No. M2007-95.

This action will reappoint Mr. Wessling to a second term which will end in 2015. This appointment will maintain representation for North King County.

Mr. Wessling retired in July 2005 as chief financial officer at Cascade Natural Gas Corp. where he served for over 11 years. Following retirement, Mr. Wessling and his wife volunteered with the Peace Corps and were assigned to the Republic of Moldova where they worked in community and organizational development. Prior to Cascade Natural Gas, Mr. Wessling held senior level executive positions with a number of large public and private companies. His experience includes structuring major equity and debt offerings, interacting with Wall Street bankers and analysts, planning, budgeting, information technology, and policy development. He began his 40-year financial management career with Arthur Andersen where he earned his CPA certificate. Mr. Wessling is a long time resident of downtown Seattle and, among other activities, is a past board member and Treasurer of the Pike Place Market Foundation, and an avid tennis player.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

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PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2007-95: Appointing Chris Elwell, Andrew Reay-Ellers and Joseph D. Wessling to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each beginning September 2007 and expiring September 2011.

Motion No. M2002-87: Regarding the terms of Citizen Oversight Panel members.

Motion No. 18: Committing to the timely establishment of a citizen oversight panel.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one month delay would allow Mr. Wessling's term to expire and would create corresponding vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

LEGAL REVIEW