

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 3

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing performance of feasibility studies for commuter rail services between Seattle and Everett and between Tacoma and Lakewood and related funding and staffing arrangements.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 RCW, the Regional Transit Authority ("RTA"), is responsible for finalizing and implementing a system and financing plan for high capacity transportation within the RTA's service area; and

WHEREAS, as provided by RCW 81.112.030(1), the Joint Regional Policy Committee for High Capacity Transportation has adopted and recommended a system and financing plan entitled Regional Transit System Plan ("Plan") to the RTA for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the recommended Regional Plan includes commuter rail service as an element of an integrated public transportation system; and

WHEREAS, said Plan also recommends that before making a final commitment to the Seattle- Everett commuter rail segment, the RTA should complete detailed technical analysis of the segment's feasibility comparable to that already completed for the Tacoma-Seattle segment; and

WHEREAS, said Plan also recommends that both rapid rail service and commuter rail service for the Tacoma-Lakewood/McChord segment should be evaluated before determining how to best serve that market; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 1993 the RTA Board adopted Resolution No. 02 authorizing the RTA to file an application for Central Puget Sound Transportation Account funds for the purpose of project level planning for these two commuter rail segments pending completion of feasibility studies and a determination by the RTA to proceed with project level planning; and

WHEREAS, completion of these feasibility studies will provide information necessary for the RTA's determination of whether to proceed with further planning of either one or both of these commuter rail segments; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds for performing these feasibility studies are included within the available local transit agency budgets for the Regional Transit Project which includes grants received by the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle ("Metro"), the Snohomish County Transportation Authority ("SNO-TRAN") and Pierce Transit; and

WHEREAS, consultant services are available to support these feasibility studies under existing contracts for the Regional Transit Project with Metro;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority as follows:

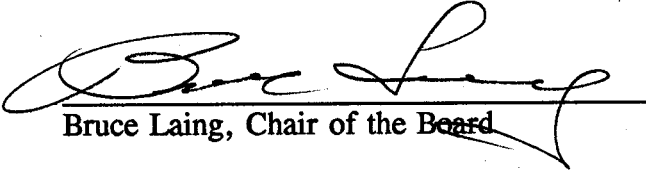
Section 1. The RTA Board hereby authorizes the performance of feasibility studies for commuter rail service between Seattle and Everett and between Tacoma and Lakewood and establishes a preliminary budget of \$200,000 for such studies.

Section 2. The RTA Board hereby assumes responsibility for policy oversight for these feasibility studies pursuant to Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 RCW.

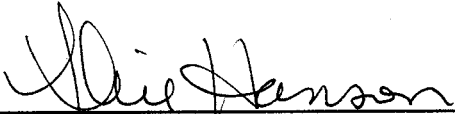
Section 3. The RTA Board requests that the Metro Council authorize and implement any contract amendments determined necessary to obtain consultant services in support of these studies within budgeted funds available for such studies.

Section 4. The RTA Board further authorizes the development of appropriate arrangements for staffing assignments from Metro, Pierce Transit and local transit agencies in Snohomish County to assist in the development of these feasibility studies.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region this 8th day of October, 1993.


Bruce Laing, Chair of the Board

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board