RESOLUTION NO. 2

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties Region authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Washington State Department of Transportation for Central Puget Sound Public Transportation Account funds.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Transportation Funding Act of 1990 established the Central Puget Sound Public Transportation Account (CPSPTA) for public transportation programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, during the 1993 legislative session, Substitute House Bill 2036 was passed which further defined the CPSPTA, amended eligible programs and projects, outlined a methodology for distribution of funds, established a Multimodal Transportation Programs and Projects Selection Committee (hereinafter the "Committee") with the responsibility for the final selection of programs and projects to be funded from the CPSPTA for specific public transportation programs and projects, and directed the Committee to award the CPSPTA grant funds for the 1993-95 biennium no later than November 1, 1993; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1993, the Committee provided grant application guidelines for requesting funds from the CPSPTA that require grant applications to be filed by existing public transit systems in Snohomish, King, Pierce and Kitsap counties, and by the RTA; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has set aside \$2.3 million of CPSPTA grant funds for use by the RTA during the 1993-95 biennium, pending receipt and approval of an appropriate grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has set a deadline date of October 1, 1993 for the RTA to submit a request for CPSPTA grant funding for the 1993-95 biennium; and

WHEREAS, the RTA is currently developing, but has not yet determined, its work program; and

WHEREAS, said work program may include project level planning for commuter rail service between Everett and Seattle and between Tacoma and Lakewood pending the results of feasibility studies and a determination by the RTA that such project level planning should proceed; and

WHEREAS, these feasibility studies are currently underway and within six months will provide the RTA cost and ridership estimates for deciding whether or not to proceed to project level planning for such commuter rail service; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible at this time to determine the adequacy of non-CPSPTA funds to complete the RTA work program, including possible project level planning for said commuter rail service; and

WHEREAS, there are no other funds currently identified for the RTA to conduct project level planning for said commuter rail service; and

WHEREAS, in order to reserve the \$2.3 million of CPSPTA grant funds to conduct such project level planning, pending a decision PAGE 2 OF RESOLUTION NO. 2

of the Board to proceed with such planning, it is necessary to apply for said CPSPTA grant funds by October 1, 1993;

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Board of the Regional Transit Authority has determined that it is both appropriate and necessary to submit an application for Central Puget Sound Public Transportation Account funds by the October 1, 1993 deadline.

Section 2. The Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to execute and file such application on behalf of the Board with the Washington State Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of the Board's public transportation program to conduct project level planning for commuter rail service between Everett and Seattle and between Tacoma and Lakewood, contingent upon a determination by the RTA to proceed with such project level planning.

Section 3. Prior to acceptance of a grant for project level planning for commuter rail service between Everett and Seattle and between Tacoma and Lakewood, the Board of the Regional Transit Authority shall review estimated costs and ridership projections from feasibility studies of those two elements to determine whether or not to proceed with project level planning, and the Board shall further determine whether or not other resources available to the Regional Transit Authority are adequate to conduct such project level planning.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of September, 1993.

Bruce Laing

Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

Bonnie Matter

Clerk of the Board