

Agenda Item: 6
RESOLUTION NO. 05**Staff Contact: David Kalberer**
Phone No.: 684-1409**ACTION:**

Approve Resolution No. 05 endorsing the execution of interlocal agreements by Metro and SNO-TRAN passing through state high capacity transit planning funds to local agencies and jurisdictions, and authorizing related local planning work to proceed.

DISCUSSION:

On September 24, 1993, the RTA Board was given materials which reviewed the financial resources available to fund the work program of the RTA. A major fund source is the State High Capacity Transit (HCT) account from which Metro, SNO-TRAN, and Pierce Transit have received grants. Metro and SNO-TRAN have historically passed through some of these HCT funds to local agencies and jurisdictions for work related to the Regional Transit Project. These pass-through grants allowed local jurisdictions to evaluate issues and come to conclusions about their position on various aspects of the Regional Transit System Plan.

As stated in briefing materials, the HCT account was created with the expectation that the RTA would eventually exercise policy oversight on the use of the funds. At this point in time, local jurisdictions and agencies have prepared scopes of work and the state has awarded grant funds for the twelve month period of July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994. Metro is poised to execute interlocal agreements with local jurisdictions in order to begin the work. SNO-TRAN is in a similar situation with its grants.

BUDGET ISSUES:

The local agencies and jurisdictions are prepared to proceed with their planning work upon execution of interlocal agreements. Metro and SNO-TRAN are awaiting action of the RTA to authorize the planning work to proceed. The proposed work assumes the RTA will be performing commuter rail and rapid rail work during 1994. If the grant funds to be passed-through are not used by June 30, 1994, they will be returned to the state which may reprogram the funds for other uses in this or other regions.

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 5

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing the execution of interlocal agreements by Metro and SNO-TRAN with local transit agencies and jurisdictions for the purpose of passing through State High Capacity Transit funds for planning in support of the Regional Transit Project ("RTP"), and authorizing the planning work to proceed.

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 Washington State Legislature ("Legislature") has over the past five years established various requirements and programs for High Capacity Transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the High Capacity Transportation Account under the direction of the Department of Transportation ("WSDOT") for implementing a program for high capacity transportation coordination, planning, and technical studies with appropriations from the High Capacity Transportation Account; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature in its 1992 regular session adopted engrossed substitute house bill 2610 which amended Chapter 81.104 RCW to generally transfer local government powers related to high capacity transportation to the RTA including the right to adopt, in whole or in part, and to complete, modify, or terminate any planning, environmental review, or procurement processes related to the high capacity transportation system that had been commenced by the joint regional policy committee or a city, county, county transportation authority, metropolitan municipality, or public transportation benefit area prior to the formation of the authority; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Regional Policy Committee on March 26, 1993 authorized Metro and SNO-TRAN to submit high capacity grant applications to the WSDOT on behalf of the local jurisdictions and agencies for planning related to the Regional Transit Project for the 1993-1995 biennium; and

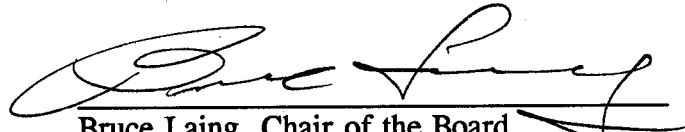
WHEREAS, the WSDOT has awarded grant funds for the first fiscal year of the 1993-1995 biennium, from July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994, affecting those transit agencies and jurisdictions listed in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Metro and SNO-TRAN are prepared to enter into interlocal agreements for interagency coordination and planning on high capacity transit with the jurisdictions and local transit agencies listed in Exhibit A;

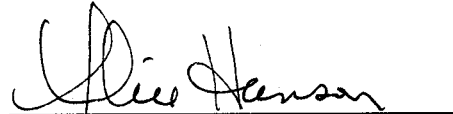
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority that the Board endorses and consents to actions of Metro and SNO-TRAN to enter

into interlocal agreements with the jurisdictions and local transit agencies listed in Exhibit A for the first fiscal year of the 1993-1995 biennium.

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