

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 8

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing adoption of procedures to maximize Federal Commuter Rail funds.

WHEREAS, the 1994 Federal Transportation Appropriations law contains the following language, " Sec. 326 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except for fixed guide way modernization projects, funds made available by this Act under 'Federal Transit Administration, Discretionary Grant' for projects specified in this Act, or previous Acts, or identified in reports accompanying this Act, or previous Acts, not obligated by September 30, 1996, shall be made available for other projects under section 3 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended"; and,

WHEREAS, in 1993 the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Administration "Recission" bill which targets unauthorized but appropriated projects whose appropriation amounts have not been obligated or expended; and,

WHEREAS, the "Report of the National Performance Review" (Re-inventing Government) by Vice President Gore and his task forces pinpointed \$7.8 Billion in transportation ear marks, appropriation and authorizations which have not been obligated or expended; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the House was to merge the Administration's recission package with the NPR proposal; and,

WHEREAS, clearly the trend is to eliminate projects which are not convincingly demonstrating progress; and,

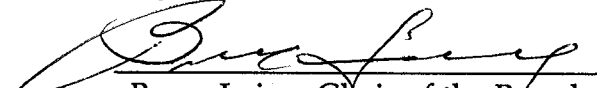
WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Board of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to explore the feasibility of committing the remaining approximately \$18.5 million in appropriated FTA funding for rail infrastructure improvements between Tacoma and Seattle; and,

WHEREAS, of the \$20.3 million of appropriated Federal Transit Administration grant funds available for commuter rail, only \$1.88 million is currently obligated. (These funds are being utilized to complete the environmental assessment and alternative analysis for commuter rail service.) By obligating the remaining approximately \$18.5 million, the RTA would ensure that the funds are not lost to the region; and,

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

1. That the RTA's Legislative Task Force contact the Washington State Congressional delegation for support of the proposed alternative approach for utilization of the federal funds; and,
2. That the RTA's Legislative Task Force identify sources of funds to provide the 20% required local match (approximately \$4.6 million) to the approximately \$18.5 million in available federal funds; and,
3. That the RTA's Legislative Task Force refine the list of infrastructure improvements to maximize expenditures throughout the region; and,
4. That the RTA's Legislative Task Force report back to the RTA within 30 days on the specific issues identified above and include a recommendation on the feasibility of implementing a proposal.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region this 10th day of December, 1993.


Bruce Laing, Chair of the Board

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board