REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 16

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing the filing of an application for and the acceptance of Washington State High Capacity Transportation Account grant funds and the negotiation of related interlocal agreements.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation ("WSDOT") has provided grant application guidelines for requesting funds from the High Capacity Transportation ("HCT") Account for state fiscal year July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and further indicated that approximately $6 million is expected to be available for distribution; and

WHEREAS, said guidelines state that the Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") is the sole, eligible applicant for HCT grant funds in the central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, HCT grant contracts for state fiscal year July 1, 1993, through June 30, 1994 funds were awarded by WSDOT to the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle ("Metro"), the Puget Sound Regional Council, the Snohomish County Transportation Authority ("SNO-TRAN") and Pierce Transit; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2, adopted October 8, 1993, the Board authorized the execution of interlocal agreements by Metro and SNO-TRAN with local transit agencies and jurisdictions for the purpose of passing through State HCT funds for planning in support of the Regional Transit Project for the state fiscal year 1994; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 12, adopted January 28, 1994, the Board authorized adoption of a preliminary budget for the RTA for calendar year 1994, which budget assumes use of HCT grant funds to be assigned to the RTA from Pierce Transit, Metro and SNO-TRAN through interlocal agreements or contracts; and
WHEREAS, the RTA is responsible for submitting a coordinated application for HCT funds for the central Puget Sound region based on its own needs and those of other applicants from within its service area; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board has invited current recipients of HCT grant funds within the RTA's service area to indicate their need to utilize unexpended HCT grant funds from the current state fiscal year 1994, if legally feasible, and to submit requests for any additional HCT funds in state fiscal year 1995; and

WHEREAS, the RTA also is responsible for reviewing and submitting to the voters a system and finance plan for a recommended high capacity transportation system within the RTA's service area; and

WHEREAS, the RTA will require additional funding to complete the anticipated review, analysis and public involvement efforts necessary to develop such plan; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Board is in the process of developing and refining its work plan program for the remainder of 1994 and for 1995, in coordination with the local transit agencies within the RTA's service area;

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

Section 1. The Board of the Regional Transit Authority has determined that it is both necessary and in the public interest to submit a grant application for High Capacity Transportation Account grant funds to aid in the financing of the Board's public transportation program to develop a system and finance plan for a recommended high capacity transportation system within the service area of the Regional Transit Authority.

Section 2. The Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to apply for a High Capacity Transportation Account grant for state fiscal year July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, based on the anticipated needs of the Authority and other applicants within the central Puget Sound region, and to accept any grant on behalf of the Board.
Section 3. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized to commence negotiations with other applicants included in the grant request to develop new interlocal agreements or to secure the assignment to the RTA of existing interlocal agreements as may be necessary to appropriately allocate any unexpended and available state fiscal year 1994 HCT grant funds and new HCT grant funds as may be awarded for state fiscal year 1995.

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 25th day of February, 1994.

Bruce Laing
Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

Delores Grubbs
Clerk of the Board