REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 17

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 Statewide Surface Transportation Program grant funds from the Washington State Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation ("WSDOT") has provided grant application guidelines for requesting funds from the Statewide Surface Transportation Program ("STP") for Federal Fiscal Year 1995, and further indicated that approximately \$17 million is expected to be available for distribution; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the STP is to provide grant funding for projects and programs that develop, improve, and/or preserve, an integrated transportation system that encourages multimodal choices to the public; and

WHEREAS, said guidelines state that the Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") is an eligible applicant for STP grant funds, and further stated that grant applications for the Federal Fiscal Year 1995 must be submitted by March 18, 1994 to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the RTA 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, by Resolution No. 12, adopted January 28, 1994, the Board authorized adoption of a preliminary budget for the RTA for calendar year 1994, for the development of an initial phase of the Regional Transit System Plan to place on a ballot for voter approval; and

WHEREAS, additional analysis is needed to address issues primarily related to system access in areas not being analyzed under an anticipated Federal Transit Administration

Section 3 funds grant, the resolution of which will enhance the acceptance of the recommended initial phase system; and

WHEREAS, the RTA will require additional funding to undertake the necessary review, analysis and public involvement efforts to address such issues working in coordination with local jurisdictions; 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 and jurisdictions 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 grant funds from the Statewide Surface Transportation Program ("STP") 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 Executive Director is hereby authorized to apply for a Statewide Surface Transportation Program grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation for federal fiscal year 1995, based on the anticipated needs of the Authority and to accept any grant on behalf of the Board.

Section 3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute interlocal agreements, in such form as may be approved by legal counsel, with such local jurisdictions which may be included as participants in the grant request for the performance of the grant work program.

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 11th day of March, 1994.

Bruce Laing.

Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

Delores Grubbs

Clerk of the Board