REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 41

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region expressing its intention to place a ballot proposition before the voters at a special election on March 14, 1995, and recommending that elections officials conduct said election by use of a mail-in ballot.

WHEREAS, a Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") has been created for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the RTA is in the final stages of considering for adoption a modified system and financing plan denoted as the Regional Transit System Master Plan which identifies an initial phase for implementation; and

WHEREAS, after adoption, said Plan must be transmitted to the legislative authorities of the RTA's participating counties to act to confirm or rescind their continued participation in the Authority as provided in RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, implementation of said Plan and its initial phase will require the imposition of taxes which must be approved by a majority of the voters within the boundaries of the Authority pursuant to various requirements in Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 RCW; and

WHEREAS, election officials of the RTA's participating counties previously requested that the Board of the RTA provide as much notice as possible concerning details of the proposed election; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 37 adopted September 23, 1994, the Board of the RTA established and fixed the boundaries of the Authority and authorized the Executive Director to submit such information to the election officials of said counties; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of Plan adoption and confirming county council actions, the Board of the RTA has reviewed the available election dates and methods of conducting the election; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Task Force of the RTA Board has considered alternative election dates in 1995 and available methods of election, including traditional polling place balloting and mail-in balloting as authorized by Chapter 29.36 RCW, and has recommended that a special election on March 14, 1995, and the use of mail-in ballots would be in the best interests of the Authority and the citizens of the Central Puget Sound region;

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

Section 1. The Board of the Regional Transit Authority hereby indicates its intention to place a ballot proposition before the region's voters at a special election on March 14, 1995, to authorize the imposition of taxes to support the implementation of the initial phase of its Regional Transit System Master Plan.

<u>Section 2</u> The Board of the Regional Transit Authority hereby recommends to the election officials of Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties that said election be conducted using mail-in balloting procedures as provided by Chapter 29.36 RCW.

Section 3. The Board of the Regional Transit Authority hereby authorizes the Executive Director to take such steps as may be necessary to work collaboratively with election officials to implement the policies and determinations of this resolution in anticipation of the completion of steps prerequisite to a special election for the purposes set forth in RCW 81.112.030 and RCW 81.104.140.

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ADOPTED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region at its meeting held on October 28, 1994.

By Chair of the Board

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