

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 43

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute certain agreements required to implement the Commuter Rail Demonstration Project.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 81.104.120, the Regional Transit Authority for the Central Puget Sound region ("RTA") is authorized to operate or contract for commuter rail service; and

WHEREAS, at the Board's direction, staff analyzed the technical feasibility of a limited service Commuter Rail Demonstration Project and said analysis determined that service was feasible and could provide an opportunity to safely demonstrate the characteristics of passenger rail service to a wide audience using existing freight rail trackage; and

WHEREAS, by motion, adopted August 12, 1994, the RTA Board authorized the allocation of \$200,000 for completion of engineering and operational planning to implement a Commuter Rail Demonstration Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, by motion on September 9, 1994, the Board of the RTA determined to proceed with a Commuter Rail Demonstration Project including rush hour commuter service, service to Sonics games and other events and excursions, and authorized the Executive Director to pursue Project funding and to continue planning for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration is expected to extend a grant to the RTA to provide approximately \$800,000 in funding for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the settlement of an antitrust lawsuit involving the State of Washington will result in the distribution of \$1.5 million to the RTA in support of the Project and it is anticipated that such funds may be available prior to the end of 1994; and

WHEREAS, due to prior uncertainty on Project funding, a significant amount of contracting activity will have to be concluded in a short period of time so as to commence Project service on January 28, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the staff and consultants of the RTA have determined that GO Transit is the only feasible source of suitable bi-level cars and locomotive equipment for the term of the demonstration Project and that operating agreements must be entered into with Burlington Northern and Union Pacific who own the trackage rights necessary to conduct the Project; and

WHEREAS, additional agreements will be required with Burlington Northern, Union Pacific, Amtrak and other rail lines and carriers to provide for the transport, maintenance and operation of the necessary equipment which agreements will have to be negotiated and executed within an abbreviated time period in order to implement the Project in late January as currently contemplated; and

WHEREAS, in order to be ready to implement Project service by January 28, 1995, the RTA pursuant to the procedures required in Resolution No. 19 has already advertised for bids under Contract CR-FSX-94-003 to install temporary station platforms;

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

Section 1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute operating agreements with the Burlington Northern and Union Pacific railroads to provide for the necessary crews, track usage, maintenance and storage of equipment necessary to perform the Project.

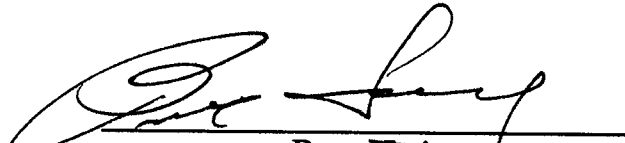
Section 2. The Executive Director is further authorized to enter into such station and platform use and development agreements with Amtrak, the Freighthouse Square development and local governments along the Project alignment as may be necessary to secure permission to install platforms and to secure access rights required for passenger use of the Project services. The Executive Director is further authorized to award one or more contracts to construct station platforms to low responsive bidders under Contract CR-FSX-94-003 after said bids and the needs of the Project have been evaluated.

Section 3. The Executive Director is further authorized to enter into a lease with GO Transit for up to twelve bi-level passenger cars, two bi-level passenger cab cars, three APCUs and two F-59 locomotives for the term of the Project. The Executive Director is further requested to continue to pursue alternate locomotive or other support equipment capable of expanding or supplementing the planned Project services and to contract for such alternate or supplementary equipment if it can cost-effectively benefit the Project.

Section 4. Prior to the execution by the Executive Director of any of the agreements delegated to his authority as provided above, the Executive Director shall review the agreements with the RTA's Rules Committee to ensure that the financial


obligations and projected services to be provided are consistent with the approved Project budget and prior Board authorizations.

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 18th day of November 1994.



Bruce Laing
RTA Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

RTA Public Involvement/Communications Program: 1/95 - 6/95

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Program tasks:	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Public information:						
Voters system plan report	◆					
Video	◆					
Interpretive displays	◆					
Interactive video kiosk	◆					
On Board report	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Choices	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Fact sheets						
Subarea/community fact sheets	----- AS NEEDED ----->					
Voters pamphlet*			◆			
Community outreach:						
Speakers bureau	██					
Displays in public places	██					
Commuter rail demonstration*		██				
Commuter rail hearings*				██		
Develop Phase I activities				██		
Media relations:						
Special events		◆	██			
News releases	██					
PSA's	◆	◆		◆		
Media briefings		██				
Op-ed/guest articles	██					
Paid communication:						
Public notice ads	██					
Direct mail report to voters	██					
Direct mail voters pamphlet*		██				
Commuter rail demo marketing:						
Radio/newspaper ads	██					
Brochures/bus cards/flyers	██					
Signs/banners	██					
Rider materials	██					

*Borrowed in other departments