

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 49

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing submittal of a Project Justification Report (3J) to the Federal Transit Administration for the rail component of the Regional Transit System.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 RCW, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA), is responsible for finalizing and implementing a system and financing plan for high capacity transportation within the RTA's service area; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 40, the RTA Board has adopted a Master System Plan and Phase I element; and

WHEREAS, the recommended Master Plan and Phase I element includes rapid rail service as a component of an integrated public transportation system; and

WHEREAS, such Master Plan and Phase I element envisions that funding to implement a regional transit system must include federal grants and calls on the RTA to pursue such grants as well as other potential sources; and

WHEREAS, the current Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) authorization (1992-1997) designates \$325 million from the Section 3, New Start funding category for the rail component of the Regional Transit Project which is incorporated within the Master Plans and Phase I element; and

WHEREAS, of this amount \$25 million has been appropriated by Congress for the commuter rail component but the remaining \$300 million, which is identified for the rapid rail component of the Project, has not yet been appropriated; and

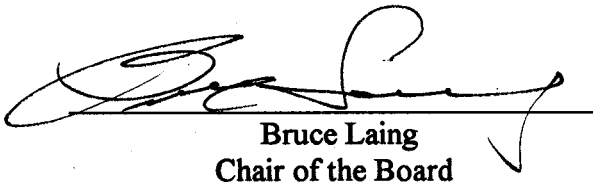
WHEREAS, submittal of a Project Justification Report is prerequisite to Congressional appropriation of federal funding for the rapid rail component in the 1995 appropriations cycle; and

WHEREAS, submittal of this document would put the RTA in a position to request funding from such an appropriation but would not obligate the RTA to make such a funding request; and

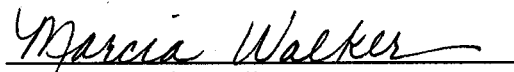
WHEREAS, the deadline prescribed by the Federal Transit Administration for submittal of this document for consideration in the 1995 appropriations cycle is late December 1994;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority that the RTA Board hereby authorizes submittal to the Federal Transit Administration of a Project Justification Report covering the Phase I rail element approved by the Board on October 29, 1994 as the rail segments for federal funding.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Counties region at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of September 1994.


Bruce Laing
Chair of the Board

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator