

## Regional Transit Authority

April 14, 1995  
Board Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:42 p.m. by Chairman Laing. It was held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington.

### Attendance

#### Chairman:

Bruce Laing, King County Councilmember

#### Vice Chairs:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember

Paul Miller, Tacoma Deputy Mayor

#### King County:

Martha Choe, Seattle Councilmember

Don Davidson, Bellevue Mayor

Mary Gates, Federal Way Mayor

Jim White, Kent Mayor

#### Pierce County:

Sharon Boekelman, Bonney Lake Councilmember

Ken Madsen, Pierce County Councilmember

#### Washington State Department of Transportation:

Renee' Montgelas, representing Sid Morrison, Secretary

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

#### King County:

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

Gary Locke, King County Executive

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

#### Snohomish County:

Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

### Report of the Chair

Mr. Laing stated that the Board would enter into a workshop related to budget options, following the report of the Finance Committee.

(Board member Sullivan arrived at this time.)

## Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Richard Haase  
Mr. Bill Stenson, Seattle  
Mr. James McCoy  
Mr. Paul W. Locke  
Mr. Mark Dublin, Ballard  
Mr. Harry "Gus" Wall  
Mr. Gregory Hill

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

(Board members Hague and Drewel arrived at this time.)

## Executive Director Report

Mr. Matoff indicated that Board members had received a memorandum from Bob White regarding the Commuter Rail Demonstration Project Final Report. He said that it incorporates a summary of the major lessons learned from the project and that a presentation would be made in May.

## M/W/DBE Task Force Report

### M/W/DBE Work Program and Timeline

Ms. Choe asked Mr. Stephens, M/W/DBE manager, to cover this agenda item. He explained that the work program relates to Resolution No. 54 -- the initial proposal of an overall work program, including a DBE program and goal submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). It is the intent of the task force to submit the goal to the FTA and begin the process for public comment in mid-May. Hearings on the program and goal would be held to gather information from the M/W/DBE community and other interested parties, during the 60-day public comment period, which would end in July. The program and goal would then be revised based on comments.

Resolution No. 54 also called for the RTA's participation in a disparity study, which is currently being conducted. The lead agency is King County, with the City of Seattle, the School District, the Port of Seattle and the RTA participating. The task force will report back to the Board in mid-May, with the disparity study agreement and final RFP for Board approval. The study will be completed in nine months to a year's time. After that, a program for non-federal funds would be appropriate.

Ms. Choe stated that the task force is very excited and committed to the various approaches to the M/W/DBE goals, and as the Board is revising a Phase I plan, there would be opportunity for continued discussions.

### Resolution No. 63 - Agreement for a Joint Study of Discrimination in Contracting

Ms. Choe suggested that action on Resolution No. 63 be held at a future Board meeting, when the RTA's 1995/96 budgeting is further along.

## Rules Committee Report

### Resolution No. 64 - Confirming Signature Authority

Mr. Gunter, legal counsel, reported that the Board's interim procedures did not stipulate who would sign contract revisions, etc. The Chair has been signing these kinds of documents. Resolution No. 64 would be authorized to sign in the Chair's absence. It specifies the Finance Committee Chair, followed by either of the Board Vice Chairs. Mr. Laing indicated that this resolution would come before the Board for action at its next meeting.

### Resolution No. 65 - Expressing Support for Amtrak as a Critical Component of Transportation Mobility in Central Puget Sound

Mr. Matoff pointed out that while Resolution No. 65 was not shown on the Board agenda, due to a time constraint he would be proposing action on it.

He informed the Board that Amtrak is hosting a series of seven nation-wide public forums. Next Wednesday evening one will be held at Union Station, hosted by the Cascade Alliance and Amtrak. Presentations and resolutions of support for continued federal funding will be offered. He stated that if there a rail system were to be developed in the Puget Sound region, it would involve cooperation with Amtrak.

**It was moved by Ms. Choe, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 65 be approved as presented.**

### Board Meeting Day/Time Survey Results

Ms. Walker, board administrator, summarized that the survey results showed the majority of Board members preferred to continue meeting on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

## Legislative Task Force

### Status Report on State Legislature

Mr. Madsen remarked that at this point the two Transportation Committees of the Legislature had not finalized the transportation budget and that the HCT account is in that budget.

## Finance Committee

In Mr. Nickels absence, Ms. Choe gave the finance committee report. She discussed the challenges the committee had while trying to give guidance to staff in developing the budget.

The committee felt it would be more productive to identify issues of policy brought forward during the workshop that would help write the budget. There was strong support for a zero-based budgeting approach rather than looking at the 1994 budget as a guide, and staff has responded very well.

Mr. Laing commented that the fundamental proposition would be for the Board to develop a budget and work program for the next year or two years. However, there has been a dilemma relating to developing a work program when the amount of resources available and the time frame in which to complete a work program are matters that are in flux. At the same time parties who are making decisions regarding RTA's future resources want a work program to be the basis for their decisions.

**Workshop on 1995/96 Budget and Work Program**

Ms. Hendrickson, finance director, covered three potential budget plans. A copy of the study document is on file.

At 3:18, Mr. Laing broke the Board into small discussion groups.

At 4:20, Mr. Laing brought the Board back into full session and indicated that this workshop would be continued at the earliest possible date, to close the budget and work program decisions.

**Other Business**

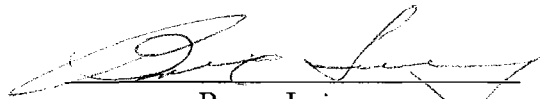
There was no other business.

**Next Meeting**

April 28, 1995 from 1:30 to 4:30 in the Edmonds Public Library Plaza Room, 650 Main Street, Edmonds.

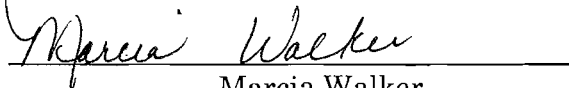
**Adjourn**

Mr. Laing adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.



Bruce Laing  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator