

**Regional Transit Authority
August 11, 1995**

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Chair:

Bruce Laing, King County Council

Vice Chairs:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember

Paul Miller, Tacoma Deputy Mayor

King County:

Don Davidson, Bellevue Mayor

Mary Gates, Federal Way Mayor

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

Jim White, Kent Mayor

Pierce County:

Bill Stoner, Pierce County Councilmember

Ken Madsen, Pierce County Councilmember

Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

Washington State Department of Transportation:

Sid Morrison, Secretary

The following Board member arrived after roll call:

King County:

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Sutherland and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of April 28, May 12 and May 26, 1995 be approved as presented.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Laing mentioned that three caucus rooms would be available for use by representatives of each of the three counties following the regular board meeting.

Committee and Task Force Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Miller reported that the Finance Committee had met on August 3, 1995 and brought no action items forward to the Board at this meeting. He mentioned three issues that the committee had discussed:

1) Review of the state audit. The Board had received some preliminary information, however, the Finance Committee went through the audit in more detail. The audit points out the complexity of having a financial accounting system that is related to two separate systems: King County Metro and the City of Tacoma financial system. The report from the state auditor is favorable, showing no significant findings. There are some recommendations for improvements related to administrative issues. Those will come to the Board at a future meeting.

(Board member Sullivan arrived at this time.)

2) January-June financial performance indicating the RTA is on target as far as financial budgeting, cash forward and current roll-over. He predicted the authority should be able to maintain and achieve the established budget.

3) Possible formation of a regional financial roundtable. Staff recommended the concept and it was the opinion of those present that it would be very beneficial to bring expertise of several agencies together, while reviewing the finances of the RTA and the revenue and expenditure. The areas of greatest significance are revenues projections, sales tax and MVET revenues. Roundtable members would bring expertise in order to substantiate those numbers.

Interim Executive Director Search Committee

Mr. Laing noted that the timeline approved by the Board was being met. He asked Ms. Walker to review the outreach. She reported that outreach had been based on the decision of the Board to limit the search to the region. Notice was published in the major newspapers in the three counties, as well as the minority and business publications. 150 position announcements were sent to governmental entities within the RTA boundaries. Letters were sent and follow up telephone calls were made to those individuals who had been identified as potential candidates. Applicants have resulted from all areas of the outreach.

Mr. Laing continued that the Search Committee would be meeting on August 16, 1995 to conduct interviews. He anticipated concluding the meeting no later than 8:00 p.m. He reminded the Board of the Search Committee members, himself, the two Vice Chairs, the three county

executives, Mr. White and Ms. Choe. Some of those members have schedule conflicts with the August 15 interviews, and he suggested that the Board authorize him to appoint alternates from the Board to the Search Committee. He stated that it was his intention to continue to have broad geographical representation on the committee.

It was moved by Ms. Hague and seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Board authorize the Chair to appoint alternates to the Search Committee for the purposes of having a full contingent available to evaluate Executive Director applicants on August 16.

Mr. Laing indicated that the full Board is scheduled to meet and conduct interviews of the finalists on August 23 and to act on the decision on August 25.

Legislative Task Force

Mr. Madsen asked Mr. Matsuoka to report. Mr. Matsuoka referred the Board to two documents, "Federal Financial Status" and a letter from Congressman Tait. Both are on file with the Board Administrator.

He asked Mr. Tim Lovain to describe the federal environment for funding any transit infrastructure. Mr. Lovain stated that it has been a challenging environment. There is pressure to reduce and balance the federal budget. The House Budget Committee recommended an end of the Federal Transit Administration and terminating all operating assistance and providing funds for no new starts until the federal budget is balanced. All 1993 money not obligated is in trouble and probably will be redistributed September 30.

Items for Board Action

Nominating Committee

Temporary Extension of Board Chair and Vice Chairs Terms

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the terms of the current Chair and Vice Chairs be temporarily extended through the end of 1995.

Motion No. 6 - Authorizing RTA staff to establish, use and maintain a roster of consultants to provide on-call and as-needed "pro bono consultant services" to the Authority

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Gates that Motion No. 6 be approved as presented.

Mr. Miller asked if legal counsel had reviewed the recently revised ethics law of the State of Washington. Mr. Laing responded that while Mr. Gunter was not in attendance at the Board meeting, however, he had performed a legal review of the issue. Mr. Adam Gravely was in

attendance for Mr. Gunter and responded that he would review the statutory authority to receive gifts and report at the next Board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that action on Motion No. 6 be delayed for two weeks.

Items for Board Information/Discussion

RTA Master Plan Implementation Flow Chart

Mr. Matoff asked Mr. Matsuoka to explain the decision diagram with the Board. (Diagram is on file with the Board Administrator).

Mr. Laing commented that the Board has been discussing the revised proposition within a broader discussion of other investments to implement the regional transit plan. He indicated that nothing up to this time suggests the RTA should divert from the current objective, but the RTA is open to the proposition of listening to ways to work with others and join with others for a broader investment.

Mr. Morrison responded that he sensed during the legislative session that many people weren't aware of the mechanism that existed for regional planning and the years of work that have gone in, starting at the local government level, and building a comprehensive overall state transportation plan.

Mr. Davidson agreed that the RTA should stay on course, but urged the Board to keep in mind the need to have flexibility to incorporate recommendations for a broader picture.

Ms. Hague commented that she agreed with Mr. Morrison and Mr. Davidson, however, proposals that include things outside the RTA charter may come in that would require some augmentation. She asked about the second summit and whether extensions to the charter would be a topic of discussion.

Mr. Miller agreed that the RTA needs to move forward to determine the next ballot measure. However, the RTA needs to identify elements that are missing. He stated that in his opinion it is a mistake to return to the ballot without clearly identifying the integration with those other issues. He said he believes it is incumbent to reach out and identify how the RTA will integrate. He encouraged the RTA to undertake that outreach between now and November, so that by the second summit, there would be constructive decisions made that allow integration.

Mr. Morrison characterized the common denominator of the two summits is additional authority to provide capacity, particularly in HOV lanes. He concurred with having the RTA staff work with the PSRC and suggested that the Office of Urban Mobility be included. He thought that one area of RTA interest with the best chance of funding by the legislature would be the completion of the HOV core system.

Mr. Laing asked the Legislative Task Force to consider ways to approach the two committees of the legislature and to identify the appropriate people to do the outreach.

Department of Transportation HOV Completion Status Report

Ms. Renee' Montgelas and Mr. Rob Fellows discussed the HOV program. Reports are on file with the Board Administrator.

Fall 1995 Board/Citizen Workshop Schedule

Mr. Earling announced that the proposed date for the Board/Citizen Forum is Thursday, September 21 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Seattle Center. Proposals under consideration by independent citizen groups will be presented.

Next Meeting

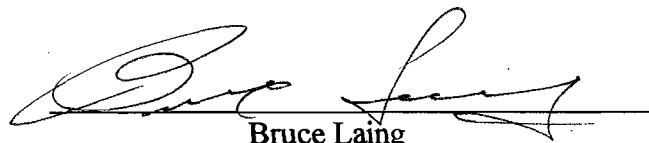
Friday, August 25, 1995 to interview interim executive director candidates. The interviews will be held in the offices of Preston, Gates and Ellis on the 50th floor of the Columbia Center, 701 5th Avenue in Seattle.

Other Business

There was no other business.

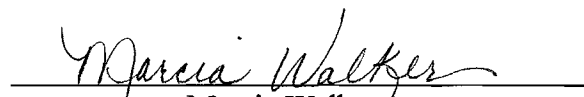
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Bruce Laing
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

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