

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority
October 27, 1995**

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:42 p.m. in the Edmonds Public Library Plaza Room, Edmonds, Washington by Chairman Laing.

Attendance:

Chair:

Bruce Laing, King County Council

Vice Chairs:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember

Paul Miller, Tacoma Councilmember

King County:

Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Pierce County:

Bill Stoner, Pierce County Councilmember

Snohomish County:

Ed Hansen, Everett Mayor

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

King County:

Don Davidson, Bellevue Mayor

Pierce County:

Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

The Board Administrator indicated that a quorum was not yet present. Mr. Laing stated that a quorum was expected. Nine members constitutes a quorum with the present Board make-up.

(Board member Davidson arrived at this time.)

Public Comment

Mr. Paul W. Locke, Seattle

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

(Board member Sutherland arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Laing acknowledged the presence of Mr. Dick Ford, Facilitator for the Regional Outreach Committee.

He stated that a copy of a letter of resignation received from Councilmember Ken Madsen had been distributed for the Board's information (copy on file).

Executive Director Report

Mr. White indicated that the Board had received a letter from Mayor Hansen asking for an evaluation of the use of passenger ferries in the north corridor as an alternative to commuter rail. Staff will perform a preliminary assessment within the next three weeks.

Mr. White asked Mr. Matsuoka to report on the summary of proposals for a new Phase I plan received by the RTA over the summer.

Mr. Matsuoka reviewed a written summary of proposals for a new Phase 1 Plan (copy on file).

Draft Process for Developing New Phase I System Proposal

Mr. White reported that the Board passed Motion No. 8 at its last meeting, directing staff to develop a new schedule. A draft schedule was distributed (copy on file).

Mr. Laing stated that the process will appear before the Board at the November 3 meeting for action. He indicated that under the report of the Rules Committee the Board would discuss the Guiding Principles for a New Phase I System Proposal and the 1996 State Legislative Strategy. Mr. Laing pointed out that the action taken on those two items would be significant factors in the RTA's presentation at the Mobility Task Force of the Legislative Transportation Committee on November 15 and the Transportation Summit on November 21.

Committee Reports

Public Involvement Committee

Mr. Earling reported that the Public Involvement Committee had the opportunity to discuss and review the Guiding Principles.

Mr. Earling continued to say the Committee reviewed a draft document for how to interface public involvement activities with the Board schedule. The Committee hopes to have recommendations by the Board's November 3 meeting.

The Public Involvement Committee also would like to meet with Mr. Ford and his group to see how each of the groups might interface and work independently.

Rules Committee

November and December Meeting Dates

Mr. Laing indicated that the Rules Committee is recommending that the Board meet once in November and once in December, as outlined in the distributed November and December calendars (copy on file). This schedule is proposed due to elections, local budget processes, and holidays.

Mr. Davidson asked that either the requirements for a quorum be reevaluated or the Board look at holding fewer meetings.

Mr. Hansen suggested that the Board act as a Committee of a Whole, since it is difficult to attend committee meetings.

Guiding Principles for a New Phase I System Proposal

Mr. White reported that the Rules Committee discussed these principals extensively at its last meeting. The Rules Committee plans to review a third draft at its next meeting and to make a recommendation to the Board on November 3.

Mr. White reviewed the preliminary draft of the Guiding Principles for a New Phase I Proposal (copy on file). Board members discussed the principles and presented topics for the Rules Committee's consideration.

1996 State Legislative Strategy

Mr. Matsuoka referred the Board to a cover sheet outlining the proposed 1996 RTA State Legislative Program (copy on file). The proposed program is the product of an earlier Rules Committee meeting where members went through a list of potential legislative items and selected a few for the Board's consideration. The entire list of proposed legislative changes is included in a memorandum from Mr. Metcalf (copy on file).

Mr. Laing asked that any Board members with suggestions submit them to the Board Administrator for discussion by the Rules Committee. The package will come back to the Board at its meeting Friday, November 3.

Process for Selection of RTA Board Chair and Vice Chairs

Mr. Laing stated that the current Chair and Vice Chairs were elected at the Board's original meeting in September 1993. These were two year terms, and they would have expired in

September 1995. A motion was made to extend the terms of the existing officers through the end of this calendar year. Based on that recommendation, Mr. Laing had intended to appoint a Nominating Committee to have nominations before the end of the year.

However, the issue was raised by some Board members as to whether it was appropriate to hold those elections this year since there will be some new members after the first of the year. A poll of 16 Board members indicated a preference of 11 to 5 that the vote be taken after the first of the year.

Mr. Laing suggested that the Board consider appointing an interim Chair to conduct business until the election of a new Chair.

Mr. Miller asked that Mr. Laing initiate a process that would result in a timely election. The new officers will need to be elected soon after the first of the year. The legislative session will already be in progress.

Mr. Laing responded that he would suggest such a process. He will also ask the County Executives to fill any vacancies as soon as possible. Both Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Drewel have stated a willingness to join Mr. Laing and the subsequent Chair in an outreach to the legislature once the session begins.

Other Business

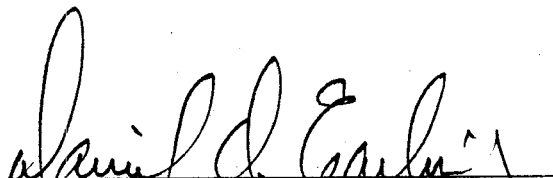
Mr. Laing indicated that the election of new officers would provide an opportunity for the Board to review its bylaws in response to the requests of Mr. Hansen and Mr. Davidson.

Next Meeting

Friday, November 3, 1995.

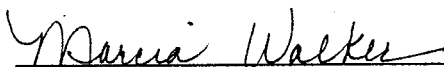
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



Dave Earling
Vice Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator