

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority
November 3, 1995**

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:43 p.m. in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington by Chairman Laing.

Attendance

Chair:

Bruce Laing, King County Councilmember

Vice Chairs:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember

Paul Miller, Tacoma Councilmember

King County:

Martha Choe, Seattle Councilmember

Don Davidson, Bellevue Mayor

Mary Gates, Federal Way Mayor

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

Gary Locke, King County Executive

Norm Rice, Seattle Mayor

Washington State Department of Transportation:

Sid Morrison, Secretary

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

King County:

Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

Snohomish County:

Ed Hansen, Everett Mayor

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of September 22, 1995 be approved as presented.

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Mark Dublin, Ballard
Mr. Dean Claussen, Bellevue

(Board members Nickels and Hansen arrived at this time.)

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Laing reported that at the last meeting the Board discussed the results of a Board poll related to appointing a nominating committee for electing new officers. The results indicated the majority of Board members would prefer to hold the election of new officers after the first of the year when the Board has its new composition.

The Board will need an interim Chair for its meetings in January. After consultation with the two Vice Chairs, Mr. Laing proposed that Mr. Dave Earling be accepted as interim Chair for the month of January.

There were no objections to this proposition.

Mr. Earling stated that he would be pleased to serve as Chair on an interim basis.

Executive Director Report

Mr. White indicated that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is preparing an annual report to Congress that summarizes the status of rail starts throughout the United States. It includes those under construction and those expected to be under construction in the near term. The RTA has regularly been included in this report. RTA staff is updating any previous transmissions with a status report. Any interested Board members will be provided a copy of this report.

Mr. White concluded his report by stating that Mr. Tony Venturato, who has been under contract to the RTA as a primary engineering resource, has given his six month's notice. His contract has a six-month provision for notification. Within that context, he will continue to be available to the RTA through the preparation of a new plan.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Resolution No. 69 - Amending the Authority's adopted Budget and Work Plan for FY '96 to extend through the period December 31, 1996 - Action

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Miller that Resolution No. 69 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels indicated that the RTA's current budget is through June 30, 1996. However, the recent passage of Motion No. 8 precludes the Board from seeking voter approval before the fall of 1996. The Board asked staff to develop a budget plan through the fall election. This was discussed at the Finance Committee's October 5 meeting and at the Board's October 13 meeting. The Finance Committee decided at its November 2 meeting to refer Resolution No. 69 to the Board with a do pass recommendation (copies of Resolution and revised budget on file).

The motion to approve Resolution No. 69 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Resolution No. 70 - Authorizing a Contract for 1996 Support Services with King County

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Miller that Resolution No. 70 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels stated that this Resolution extends a contract the RTA had in 1994 and 1995 with King County Metro (copies of Resolution and contract on file).

The motion to approve Resolution No. 70 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Rules Committee

Guiding Principles for a New RTA Phase I Proposal

Mr. Laing referred the Board to the Guiding Principles for a New Phase I Proposal, as recommended by the Rules Committee (copy on file).

After the March election this year, the Board invited comments from the public and various interest groups on the proposition of establishing a smaller, starter system that would cost less and be built over a shorter period of time, serving high ridership characteristics. Based on the input received, staff, at the direction of the Board, prepared a set of draft principles that reflected the input heard during that time. The Rules Committee reviewed those principles and presented them to the full Board on October 27 for review and comments. The Rules Committee then reworked the proposed principles based on comments and revisions suggested by the Board.

It was moved by Ms. Gates and seconded by Ms. Choe that the Guiding Principles for a New Phase I Proposal, as recommended by the Rules Committee, be adopted.

Mr. Laing reported that the representation at the Rules Committee meeting included the Chair, the two Vice Chairs, Mayor Gates and Councilmember Choe.

It was moved by Ms. Hague and seconded by Mr. Hansen that paragraph two be amended to substitute the word "subregion" for "local."

The motion to insert the word "subarea" in place of "local" was defeated by the majority vote of all Board members present. (Those voting in the minority were Mr. Davidson, Mr. Earling and Mr. Rice.)

It was moved by Ms. Hague, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the word "recognize" be inserted in place of the word "address" in paragraph two.

The guiding principles, as amended, were approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

1996 Stage Legislative Strategy

Mr. Laing referred the Board to the proposed 1996 state legislative strategy (copy on file).

These proposed items are the start of a legislative program and are the same as those presented at the October 27 Board meeting. They have been reviewed by the Rules Committee, and it was the Rules Committee's conclusion that the RTA needs to have conversations with the legislature and recognize that more decisions will be made after that point.

Mr. Laing suggested utilizing a "preamble" to the legislative program as a statement that this is a work in progress (copy on file).

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Choe that the preamble for the 1996 state legislative program be adopted.

Mr. Hansen stated that there is no mention in the guiding principles that the HOV lane funding being provided to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is a loan. He would like to see that clarified, and indicated there should be a funding mechanism to be sure the WSDOT has a source of funds with which to repay the loan.

Mr. Laing responded that in paragraph three, the legislative program mentions a variety of ways of providing these funds, either through loans, etc. Should loans be utilized, a sentence needs to be added that would indicate the RTA would ask the legislature for funding for the WSDOT to repay such loans.

Mr. Morrison suggested that this language can be kept flexible at this time.

Mr. Nickels registered his concern over approaching the legislature at all when the RTA's enabling legislation is broad enough to carry out a work program.

The motion was approved by the majority vote of all Board members present. (Mr. Nickels voted in the minority.)

Mr. Davidson clarified that the Board may want to refine this legislative program at the December 8 meeting.

Mr. Laing indicated that Mr. Davidson's suggestion is consistent with the intent of the Rules Committee.

Other Business

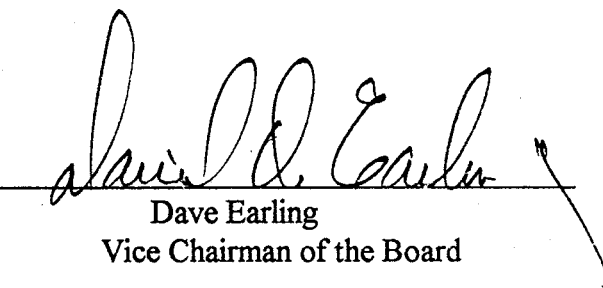
There was no other business.

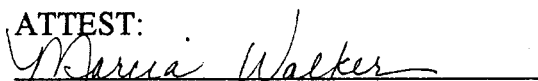
Next Meeting

Friday, December 8, 1995.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.


Dave Earling
Vice Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator