Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority

March 29, 1996 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Chairman Drewel. It was held in the Puget Sound Regional Council Conference Room, 1011 Western Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Attendance

Chairman:

Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs:

Paul Miller, Tacoma Councilmember

King County:

Martha Choe, Seattle Councilmember Mary Gates, Federal Way Councilmember Jane Hague, King County Councilmember Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember Dave Russell, Kirkland Councilmember Jim White, Kent Mayor

Snohomish County:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember Ed Hansen, Everett Mayor

Pierce County:

Ann Kirk Davis, Lakewood Councilmember

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

King County:

Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember Gary Locke, King County Executive Norm Rice, Seattle Mayor

Pierce County:

Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

The Board Administrator indicated that a quorum of the Board was not yet present.

Public Comment

The following individuals offered public comment:

Mr. Jorgan Bader, President of the Seattle Community Council Federation

Mr. Paul Demitriades

(Board member Rice arrived at this time.)

(Board member Locke arrived at this time.)

Mr. Daniel Bray, Bellevue, read a letter into the record (copy on file).

Mr. Louis Williams, Puget Infrastructure Group

Mr. Jean Amick, Seattle

Ms. Carolyn Corson, read a written statement (copy on file).

Mr. Roger Pence, President of People for Modern Transit

(Board member Nickels arrived at this time.)

Ms. Nancy McCormick, Chair of the Eastside Transportation Program Steering Committee

Mr. Dick Ford, Chairman of Regional Outreach Committee

Ms. Shirley Mesher, Roanoke Park

Mr. Stuart Case, Clyde Hill, Chair of the Steering Committee of TRUST, read a letter into the record (copy on file).

Report of the Chair

Mr. Drewel thanked the Board members noted that a number of position statements from various local jurisdictions were included in Board packets (copies on file).

Executive Director Report

Mr. White brought the Board's attention to a memo describing changes made in the capital cost estimates for the commuter rail project.

Briefing on The Regional Transit System Long-Range Vision

Mr. Paul Matsuoka reminded the Board of its intention to take the Master Plan developed in late 1994 and split it into two documents: 1) a long-range vision for the next 20 to 25 years; and 2) a first phase 10 year construction program to implement the long-range vision.

Before reviewing the long-range vision, he explained that the long-range vision has essentially the same content of the Master Plan from but it has been written in the same style and tone of the 10-year plan.

(Board member Sutherland arrived at this time.)

<u>Issue Draft Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan and Regional Transit System</u> <u>Long-Range Vision for Public Review</u>

It was moved by Ms. Choe and seconded by Mr. Rice that the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region approve the Draft Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan and the

Regional Transit System Long-Range Vision for the purposes of obtaining public review for comment.

It was moved by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the motion be amended to incorporate the schedule, including the tentative date for Board action on a draft plan.

Mr. Nickels indicated that he would be giving a reluctant no vote to send a signal that it is his belief that the proposal for electric light rail is too little too late. Phase I needs to include service from Northgate to SeaTac Airport, at a minimum.

Ms. Choe called the Board's attention to Resolution No. 29329 passed by the City of Seattle (copy attached) and stated its consistency with the statement made by Mr. Nickels. She stated that she supports this draft going forward with the resolution on the record.

The motion to approve the Draft Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan and the Regional Transit System Long-Range Vision, as revised, for the purposes of obtaining public review for comment was carried by the majority vote of all Board members present. (Mr. Nickels voted in the minority.)

Mr. Drewel indicated that the Draft 10-Year Plan would be transmitted to the Transportation Committee of the Puget Sound Regional Council to assess its consistency with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Mr. Sutherland pointed out that the assessment by the PSRC is to be done by the Transportation Policy Committee and the Board of Directors. Mr. Drewel chairs the Transportation Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board.

Public Involvement Opportunities

Mr. Earling reported that public hearings have been scheduled for April 24, 25 and 26. We will hold public hearings in all five subregions.

Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Bob Drewel

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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