

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MOTION NO. 10

A MOTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region to amend the RTA's 1996 Legislative Program.

WHEREAS, public response following the RTA's first election on March 14, 1995 indicated a desire by some for the RTA to expand its authority to assist in developing highway improvements supportive of the RTA's proposed high capacity transportation system through an increase in the local option fuel tax; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Board included in its 1996 Legislative Program a request for the Legislature to consider adding to the RTA's enabling legislation a local option fuel tax to finance highway improvements; and

WHEREAS, this element of the 1996 Legislative Program has proven to be controversial and potentially detrimental to the ability to address Statewide transportation funding needs and to other interests of the RTA; and

WHEREAS, local option fuel taxes are currently authorized in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties upon voter approval and could be potentially voted upon at the same election date as the RTA; and

WHEREAS, there has not been substantive public support for the concept of local option fuel taxes during the current effort to develop a new Phase I; and


WHEREAS, the RTA Board finds it in the Authority's best interests not to request the legislative authorities of the three counties to place the counties' local option fuel tax on the ballot with the RTA proposal; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Board concurs with State legislative leadership that the best way to address unfunded transportation needs is through a comprehensive Statewide transportation financing program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED that the RTA Board amend its 1996 Legislative Program to remove the local option fuel tax proposal and cease any further pursuit or advocacy of a local option fuel tax through a new RTA mechanism.

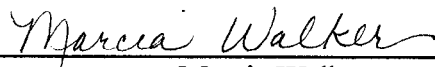
BE IT FURTHER MOVED THAT the RTA Board continue to work with State legislative leadership to identify a supportive strategy which will address the Central Puget Sound's mobility needs within the larger Statewide transportation context.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region at a regular meeting thereof held on the 9th of February 1996.



Bob Drewel
Chair of the Board

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator