

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MOTION NO. 14

A MOTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority of Pierce, King and Snohomish counties, directing the staff of the Authority to engage in discussions and planning activities with Amtrak and the Washington State Department of Transportation to determine the potential for partnerships for reducing and sharing costs through the establishment of a joint maintenance facility in the general area south of the Seattle King Street Station.

WHEREAS, the Board of the RTA intends to adopt a Final Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan and Vision on May 31, 1996, and

WHEREAS, the Board of the RTA wishes to find practical means of achieving cost efficiencies during the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan, and

WHEREAS, Amtrak plans for an increase in their inter-city rail services to/from the central Puget Sound region and faces likely impacts at its current maintenance facility because of construction of a new Seattle baseball stadium, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Public Transportation and Rail Division has a program to expand inter-city rail service, and improve and modernize rail facilities in the central Puget Sound metropolitan area pursuant to passenger service increases in the Pacific Northwest Corridor, and

WHEREAS, Amtrak management has contacted the Authority to investigate a potential partnership to reduce the overall public investment in rail vehicle maintenance and storage yards, and

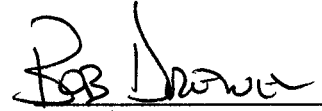
WHEREAS, Amtrak has similarly invited WSDOT to participate in evaluating partnership potential to reduce both the costs of rail yard and shops (both initial capital and on-going operating costs) through development of a joint facility, and

WHEREAS, a jointly developed, shared facility has significant potential to reduce public sector costs, and would therefore be a prudent investment of the public's resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS MOVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:**

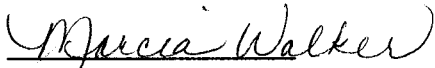
The staff of the Authority is hereby directed to participate with Amtrak, WSDOT and any other potential partners in discussion, analysis and evaluation of a joint rail vehicle maintenance and storage facility for the purpose of identifying the potential reduction in the overall public sector investment in such facilities within the central Puget Sound region. It is understood that such discussions will focus on the general area to the south of the Seattle King Street Station.

PASSED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish region at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of May, 1996.



**Robert Drewel
Chair of the Board**

ATTEST:



**Marcia Walker
Board Administrator**