

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 76

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region expressing appreciation to the voters of Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties.

WHEREAS, the RTA's ability to implement a high-capacity transportation system for the Puget Sound region is dependent on the public to authorize necessary taxes; and

WHEREAS, following defeat of the RTA 1995 ballot proposition, the Board sought public comment on changes to the proposed plan and conducted numerous workshops, public hearings and informal meetings with citizens and concerned organizations; and

WHEREAS, after considering this public input and further assessing the public transportation needs of the region, by Resolution No. 73, the Board approved a new high-capacity transportation plan entitled "Sound Move" and called for an election on November 5, 1996; and

WHEREAS, prior to the election, citizens concerned about future public transportation in the region organized into committees to advocate support of and to advocate opposition to the revised plan; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the RTA diligently and honestly responded to requests for information from the Board and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board's assessment of transportation needs benefited from the work of the Regional Outreach Committee and included representatives of labor, environmental interests, transportation, business and the interest groups which both supported and opposed the original proposition; and

WHEREAS, the RTA's efforts to plan a new system were ably assisted by Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro and Pierce Transit; and

WHEREAS, individual citizens and more than one hundred community organizations, professional groups and local governmental legislative bodies endorsed "Sound Move;" and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996 voters within the boundaries of the RTA approved the necessary taxes to implement "Sound Move" by a positive vote of 58% to 42%; and

WHEREAS, the level of confidence expressed by the voters has reinforced the public interest in critical public transportation improvement and the trust given to the RTA Board and staff to implement the system with continued integrity and efficiency;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority as follows:

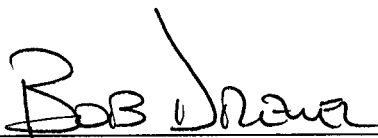
Section 1 The Board of the Regional Transit Authority hereby expresses its appreciation to the voters of Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties for approving Ballot Proposition No. 1, and to the many citizens, organizations, committees, and local jurisdictions which supported and advocated the plan.

Section 2 The Board of the Regional Transit Authority recognizes its responsibilities to the citizens within the RTA's boundaries to diligently and efficiently use public funds now entrusted by the November 5, 1996 vote to implement "Sound Move" in the public interest and consistent with the commitments to meet budget and scheduled goals.

Section 3 The Board hereby requests that citizens and organizations previously opposed to the plan join with the RTA in this effort so that the Puget Sound community can benefit from the interest and counsel of the entire community as the RTA begins this critical endeavor.

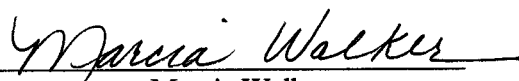
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the RTA Board convey the Board's appreciation to such citizens, organizations, committees and local jurisdictions through proclamations authorized by this resolution.

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 8th day of November 1996.



Bob Drewel
Chair of the Board

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator