Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority

Board Meeting Summary Minutes December 13, 1996

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Drewel in Room 310 of the University of Washington Husky Union Building (HUB) in Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs

- (P) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember
- (A) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember
- (P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Council President
- (P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember
- (A) Jane Hague, King County Council Chair
- A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor
- (P) Ann Kirk Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember
- (A) Gary Locke, King County Executive
- (A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember
- (P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary
- (A) Norm Rice, City of Seattle Mayor
- (P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember
- (A) Bill Stoner, Pierce County Councilmember
- (P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember
- (P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive
- (P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

The Board Administrator indicated there was not a quorum of Board members present at roll call.

Public Comment

The following individual presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Paul W. Locke, Seattle

Mr. Mark Dublin, Ballard

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Drewel reported that he had met with Senator Slade Gorton. Dan Evans and Executive Director White were also in attendance. Next week a meeting is planned with Senator Murray and Senator Metcalf, who has been appointed to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White reported that he had met with individual Board members and representatives of many agencies around the region regarding implementing Sound Move. There may be opportunities to accelerate implementation of some of projects in the RTA plan and to do so in a way that could save money. Staff is proposing to develop a set of criteria for evaluating some of those early implementation projects for presentation to the Board next month.

On behalf of Mayor Rants of Tukwila, Ms. Gates announced that Tukwila has committed to absolute support of the RTA and to working in an open-minded manner with the RTA on the routing of light rail.

(Board members Sullivan and White arrived at this time.)

Public and Government Affairs Committee

Motion No. 19 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region committing to the development of a public involvement program

It was moved by Mr. Earling and seconded by Ms. Davis that Motion No. 19 be approved as presented.

Mr. Earling indicated that the Public and Government Affairs Committee considered this motion at its last meeting and is recommending its passage.

The motion to approve Motion No. 19 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Motion No. 25 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region adopting a 1997 federal and state legislative program

It was moved by Mr. Earling and seconded by Mr. White that Motion No. 25 be approved as presented.

Mr. Earling reviewed the recommended federal and state legislative program with the Board (copy on file).

The motion to approve Motion No. 25 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Executive Committee

RTA Mission Statement

Mr. Drewel read the proposed Mission Statement into the record (copy on file).

It was moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the RTA Mission Statement be approved as presented.

Motion No. 23 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing the Executive Director to execute the interim personnel policies as summarized in a workshop presentation to the Board at the December 6, 1996 RTA Board Meeting

It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Miller that Motion No. 23 be approved as presented.

Mr. Drewel referred Board members to a single page of amendments to the personnel policies as recommended by the Executive Committee (copy on file).

The motion to approve Motion No. 23 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Resolution No. 20 - A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King And Snohomish Counties region amending the code of ethics for Board members, officers and employees of the Authority

Mr. Gunter provided a status report on the Executive Committee's continuing work to refine the language in Resolution No. 20. He indicated that both Resolution No. 20 and Resolution No. 1 would need to be changed due to changes in the Board structure.

Mr. Drewel indicated that the Board would continue its discussion of Resolution No. 20 in early 1997.

Finance Committee

Resolution No. 78 - Proposed Revisions to Resolution No. 19 - Establishing Revised Procedures for Procurement of Materials, Work and Services and Property Rights

Ms. Gates reviewed the three items supporting the resolution: 1) a summary of the draft procedures; 2) a matrix; and 3) a copy of Resolution No. 78 itself (copies on file).

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Davis that Resolution No. 78 be approved as presented.

Mr. Miller requested a clarification of the matrix, stating that it reflected a conflict between the first and second pages having to do with real property acquisition.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend the other acquisitions section of Resolution No. 78 to clarify that the Executive Committee would have authority for amounts above \$250,000, up to \$5 million, and anything above \$5 million would come back to the Board for approval.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 78, as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Resolution No. 79 - 1997 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Gates reviewed the 1997 Preliminary Budget (copy on file).

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the RTA be allowed to continue operating under its 1996 adopted budget until the Board adopts the 1997 budget.

Selection Process for Citizen Oversight Panel

Mr. Earling referred Board members to the Selection Process as proposed by the Public and Government Affairs and Executive Committee (copy on file).

It was moved by Mr. Earling, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the selection process for the citizen oversight panel be approved as presented.

Motion No. 24 - A Motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing the Board chair to amend the employment agreement with the Executive Director to amend the employment agreement with the Board Administrator

Mr. Drewel indicated that the Board held an executive session at its last meeting to undertake a performance review of the Executive Director and the Board Administrator.

Mr. Sutherland referred Board members to Motion No. 24 and its attachments: 1) objectives, action plans and budget detail for the Executive Office; and 2) 1997 objectives for the Board Administrator (copies on file).

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Russell and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. 24 be approved as presented.

Other Business

Mr. Drewel announced that two members would be leaving the Board. Mr. Stoner is retiring from the Pierce County Council, and Mr. Locke has accepted a new job as Governor of the State of Washington. Mr. Drewel thanked both Mr. Stoner and Mr. Locke for their service.

Next Meeting

The next RTA Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 1997 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The location is still to be determined.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Bob Drewel

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker

Board Administrator

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