

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**Board Meeting Summary Minutes
March 8, 1997**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Board Chair Drewel in the Snohomish County PUD Auditorium, 2320 California Street, Everett, Washington.

Attendance

Chair

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs

(A) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(A) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

(A) Sarah Casada, Pierce County Councilmember

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Council Chair

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Ann Kirk Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(A) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(A) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Norm Rice, city of Seattle Mayor

(A) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(A) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(A) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

The Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was not present at roll call.

The following Board member arrived after roll call:

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

Public Comment

Mr. Drewel invited public comment at this time, and there was none.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Drewel said he had no report at this time.

Executive Director Report

Mr. White:

I have one announcement to make. Most of you have received this information. This week I offered, and my offer was accepted, the position of Light Rail Transit Director to Mr. Paul Bay. We are fortunate to have someone with his experience. He has over 35 years experience in transportation engineering and management of light rail transit. He is nationally recognized not only for his technical capabilities, but also for working effectively with communities. He dealt with many issues in the implementation of a system like this, as well as integrating public transportation investments into the community. He was the Executive Director of Planning and Development for Tri-Met, and has been involved in the MAX systems. He has continued in that vein as the principal in charge of the westside light rail line, which includes a tunnel segment. He is also currently working on a civil engineering project with the Utah Transit Authority in Salt Lake.

As the Director of Light Rail with the RTA he will put his style and information capabilities and technical skills to work in developing 26 miles of light rail from Seattle to Tukwila to SeaTac and Tacoma, along with the development of 26 stations. He will work with the other two directors announced two weeks ago, Mr. Desmond Brown, Director of Commuter Rail Programs, and Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Bus/HOV Systems. With these four new hires, adding to the current staff of Ms. Jan Hendrickson and Mr. Paul Matsuoka, we have managed to have a team of professionals and managers capable of fulfilling the commitments we made to the citizens of the region. I feel very good about having these employees in place.

As a result of these hires, we have removed one of the constraints in moving forward. I think you will see a great deal more activity from us in implementing the system. In June I hope to describe in some detail our approach to staffing and consultant support for the project. You will see that reflected in the revised 1997 budget we will be beginning to review with the Finance Committee in June.

Another major constraint we have been facing in the staff level is that of office space. Frankly, we have not figured out where Mr. Bay will sit. We will work that out. We hope that as early as next week the Finance and Executive Committees may be able to discuss interim office space. This could be on their agendas next week.

Mr. Drewel:

I would like to introduce a member of the Citizens Oversight Panel (COP), Mr. Reed Shockey. I would also like to extend our welcome to Mr. Paul Bay.

Committee Reports

Public and Government Affairs Committee

Mr. Earling:

I would like to welcome Mr. Paul Bay to the RTA staff.

Report of May 7, 1997 Meeting

Mr. Earling:

At our meeting yesterday, the Committee had a report on the communications program we will be looking at over the next several months, including the scope of work and details of how to do outreach to the public and to better define messages we need to deliver to the public as we move into this important implementation process.

We also had a status report on the Light Rail Task Force being formed in the north corridor to do analysis of the routing between Seattle and the University District. Letters of invitation have gone out and we talked about how we could best get the word out that this task force is being formed, and the charge they have in making recommendations for that corridor.

We also had a report on the public review of the draft implementation guide. There is an update in your packets today from our committee, including several letters we have received from jurisdictions in the RTA suggesting or requesting some variation in the implementation guide. There are four or five bullets giving the proposed changes. We reviewed that yesterday in the Public and Government Affairs Committee (PGA) and based on that discussion, we have asked staff to do an analysis of the kinds of changes might be possible and report back to the PGA. Because of the financial implications, we have sent this to the Finance and Executive Committee for their review as they make progress in their recommendations. We need to have those

recommendations from all three committees prior to the Board's May 22 meeting. We hope to have the suggested changes analyzed by then so we can include all of them in that discussion.

Executive Committee

Report of May 2, 1997 Meeting

Mr. Drewel:

The first issue discussed by the Committee had to do with a memo Mr. White shared, giving an outline for interlocal agreements. This is a general framework. At the next meeting of the Executive Committee we will review outlines for local permitting jurisdictions, local transit agencies, DOT and the PSRC. The memo was sent to all Board members. If you need any more information, I believe Mr. Matsuoka is the contact point as Mr. White will be out of town for 10 days. I am also available to respond to questions.

Resolution No. 87 - Establishing policy and procedures for reporting improper governmental actions and protecting employees against retaliation

Mr. Drewel:

The Executive Committee discussed this item but as there is not a quorum of the Board present today, no action may be taken. Resolution No. 87 will establish policies and procedures for reporting improper governmental actions and protecting employees against retaliation. Mr. Gunter has provided his advice on this matter.

(Board member Sullivan arrived at this time.)

Other Business

Mr. Drewel:

I apologize to those who travelled to today's meeting anticipating action by the Board. Thank you for being here today, and another welcome to Mr. Bay.

Next Meeting

Mr. Drewel said the Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 1997 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the HUB at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Bob Drewel
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

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