

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**March 27, 1997
Board Meeting Summary Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Board Chair Drewel in the sixth floor conference room of the Puget Sound Regional Council offices, 1011 Western Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

(P) Sarah Casada, Pierce 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

(A) Ann Kirk Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(A) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(A) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Norm Rice, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(A) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

Ron Sims, King County Executive

Public Comment

The following individual presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Philip Grega

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Drewel referred Board members to the correspondence provided in the agenda packet (copy on file), and restated his appreciation for those who testified regarding SB 5816.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White reported that the initial interviews for the positions of Chief Counsel and Director of Commuter Rail have been completed. He indicated that, once those positions are filled, the next priority will be to hire a Bus and HOV Director. The final position will be the Director of the Light Rail line of services.

Executive Director White reported that there is a project under way by local transit agencies, the DOT, the ferry system and Kitsap Transit, which is the Regional Fare Coordination Project, or the SMART card project. He explained that the RTA has been asked to participate, but has limited that participation to monitoring the work due to financial resources. He indicated that the RTA will continue to monitor the progress in the program.

Committee Reports

Public and Government Affairs Committee

Legislative Update

(Board member Sims arrived at this time.)

Mr. Earling reported that while he, Mr. Nickels and Mr. Drewel attended an American Public Transit Association (APTA) conference in Washington, D.C, Mr. Drewel testified before the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation to present the RTA's five year authorization request for federal funds as part of the next ISTEA authorization. They also met with several key Congressional staff and several Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) officials. The message they received was that the RTA would be in a very competitive position to receive federal funds, with an 80% local match and a stable and dependable funding source.

Mr. Earling reported that State Senate Bill (SB) 5816 died in committee. The RTA's legislative lobbyists are tracking other bills in which the SB 5816 language may appear.

Other issues the RTA is monitoring include House Bill (HB) 1872, which was transmitted to the Senate Transportation Committee. The bill would set targets for local transit agencies to meet and would deduct the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) from their portion of the revenues if those targets are not met. Mr. Earling indicated that members of the Public and Government Affairs (PGA) Committee have been polled and unanimously oppose HB 1872. The RTA's lobbyists have been asked to transmit that message.

Mr. Earling indicated Board members may be asked to make phone calls to show support for the bipartisan transportation revenue package. The Board is on record in supporting an enhanced revenue package for the entire state.

Motion No. 26 - Adopting policies to implement guiding principles for employment and contracting on architectural and engineering (A&E) contracts, and authorizing the Executive Director to proceed with policy implementation

It was moved by Mr. Earling, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. 26 be approved as presented.

Release of Implementation Guide for Public Review

Ms. Dougherty and Ms. Gilliland reviewed the Implementation Guide with the Board (copy on file).

It was moved by Mr. Earling, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Implementation Guide be released for public review.

Finance Committee

Mr. Nickels reported that the first meeting of the Citizens Oversight Panel (COP) will be held April 3. He indicated that he and Mr. Drewel would be in attendance at that meeting.

Resolution No. 83 - Establishing and revising policies relating to the authorization of per diem allowances for Board members and reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred by Board members, officers and employees of the RTA, appointing an auditing officer and superseding Resolutions 15 and 21.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. White that Resolution No. 83 be approved as presented. The motion to approve Resolution No. 83 was carried unanimously by all Board members present.

Resolution No. 84 - Authorizing award of banking services contract

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. White that Resolution No. 84 be approved as presented.

(Board member McKenna arrived at this time.)

The motion to approve Resolution No. 84 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Resolution No. 85 - Establishing RTA Board voucher approval procedures; confirming the Executive Director's responsibility as auditing officer and establishing a bond; authorizing the Finance Director to serve as the Authority's treasurer; and repealing Resolution No. 9.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Miller that Resolution No. 85 be approved as presented. The motion to approve Resolution No. 85 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Resolution No. 86 - Authorizing the issuance and sale to Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, doing business as Seafirst Bank, of a limited tax general obligation bond in the principal amount of not to exceed \$8,000,000.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Miller that Resolution No. 86 be approved as presented. The motion to approve Resolution No. 86 was carried unanimously by all Board members present.

Motion No. 28 - Expressing gratitude to the City of Tacoma for serving as the RTA's treasurer

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Sutherland that Resolution No. 28 be approved as presented. The motion was approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Mr. Nickels reported that the Finance Committee's April 3 meeting has been canceled; the next meeting will be April 17, 1997.

Mr. Drewel thanked Mr. Nickels and the Finance Committee for the work that has been done.

Next Meeting

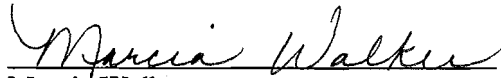
Mr. Drewel indicated that the next RTA Board meeting is scheduled for April 10, 1997, but that the meeting will likely be canceled.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



Bob Drewel
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator