

**Central Puget Sound  
Regional Transit Authority**

**June 12, 1997  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Board Chair Drewel in the Olympic Room of the Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, Washington.

**Attendance**

**Chair**

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

**Vice Chairs**

(A) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(A) 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

(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

(P) Renee Montgelas for Sid Morrison, WSDOT

(A) Norm Rice, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) 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 member arrived after roll call:

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

**Public Comment**

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

**APTA Conference Report**

Mr. Earling reported that he, Mr. McIver and Mr. Miller recently returned from The American Public Transit Association (APTA) conference on rapid transit in Washington, D.C. While there, they met with delegates from Washington State's Congressional delegation and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) representatives, including Administrator Lynton. Following the meetings, the board members felt confident that the RTA is well positioned.

They also met with the Banking Committee in the Senate as well as the Senate Transportation Appropriations Committee staff. He stated that it was interesting to see their reaction to a 20/80 funding

split when the 80% funding is being contributed locally. It is apparent that the RTA's funding request rises to the top rather quickly.

### **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Drewel reported that the board was working from a revised agenda today, which included proposed action on Motion No. 36, in response to action taken by the Executive Committee at its last meeting.

He announced that at its recent meeting held at the University of Washington, the board approved a verbal motion to include funding for projects included in "First Moves" as part of the remaining 1997 budget and the 1998 budget. It also authorized the Executive Director to begin negotiating interlocal agreements for those projects and to be sure costs are reflected in the upcoming budget revisions. This was not a commitment to the full funding levels in Sound Move, but to a cost sharing agreement to be acted on later this year by the board. Copies of the written motion were made available.

Mr. Drewel suggested that the Board schedule a full-day retreat to revisit how the board is conducting its business to make certain it serves the organization well and reflects to the community that the RTA is capable of building a high-quality transit system. This retreat would also be used to clarify policy and executive actions by the board.

He announced that he would not be able to attend the next meeting and either Mr. Nickels or Mr. Miller would chair in his absence.

### **Executive Director Report**

Mr. White introduced Mr. Desmond Brown, the RTA's chief legal counsel.

(Board member Sullivan arrived at this time.)

Mr. Sutherland reminded the Board that he would not be at the next meeting either. Mr. Drewel indicated that at least five board members would be unavailable for the June 26 meeting, therefore he canceled the meeting and announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, July 10.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Finance Committee**

##### **June 5, 1997 Meeting**

Ms. Gates provided the meeting report, in the absence of Finance Chair, Nickels. She reported that the Committee had received a status report on the RTA's objectives and work plans. Ms. Agnes Govern and Mr. Paul Price reviewed the objectives and action plans for the regional bus/HOV and commuter rail. Policy decisions the Board will face include bus and fare policy development, funds for planning purposes for other jurisdictions, reimbursement of funds and interlocal agreements. With regard to the commuter rail project, upcoming policy decisions have to do with property acquisition, project implementation and product development.

The committee also discussed a motion looking at maximizing economic development and benefit for local businesses for construction and operation of the regional transportation system (also in the Executive Committee report).

The committee went into executive session to discuss leasing possibilities for the RTA headquarters.

Motion No. 33 - Extending the adopted January 1 to June 30, 1997 budget through to July 31, 1997.

**It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all board members present that Motion No. 33 be approved as presented.**

### **Executive Committee**

#### **Report of June 6, 1997 Meeting**

Mr. Drewel reported that at the June 6 Executive Committee meeting, ways to maximize economic benefits to local businesses was discussed. Mr. Nickels had advanced the idea earlier, and with Mr. Nickels' concurrence, Mr. Drewel suggested the motion go to the next Finance and Executive Committee meetings for additional review to ensure the intent is understood and discussed with the board and staff. Following those reviews, the motion will come back to the board for action.

The Executive Committee also went into executive session to discuss leasing possibilities for the interim RTA headquarters. Following that session, the Committee approved a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease and implement a move to these interim headquarters. The funds necessary are within the level of action delegated by the board to the Executive Committee.

Motion No. 36 - Approving the formation of a Transit-Oriented Development Task Force of the Board, identifying key questions and issues to be addressed, and establishing a timeline for completion

Mr. Drewel asked Ms. Sullivan to comment. She indicated that this motion has come about as a result of discussions around the region that none of the governments operate in isolation. The RTA, by its finest definition, is an implementation strategy for growth management efforts. She explained that the RTA has opportunity around its transit stations to increase ridership by coordinating with cities in unincorporated areas; opportunity to help urban centers develop in a graceful fashion by coordinating and leveraging assets around a common goal.

Motion No. 36 asks three questions: What should the RTA's role be? What should the RTA's level of investment be? And when the RTA invests, what should returns look like?

Mr. Drewel asked Ms. Sullivan to chair the task force. In response to Mr. Hansen's comment that a recent study had been conducted on this topic, Ms. Sullivan said that one of the early efforts of the task force would be to look at all of the information that has been developed. Mr. Earling indicated that while meeting with Mr. Lynton, FTA Administrator, it was clear the FTA would be favorable to projects with an element like this

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Hansen and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 36 be approved as presented.**

### **Commuter Rail Action Plan**

Mr. Paul Price, Director of Commuter Rail gave the presentation (copy on file).

**Regional Express Bus/HOV Action Plan**

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Express Bus/HOV gave the presentation (copy on file).

**Next Meeting**

June 26, 1997 meeting cancelled. Next meeting will be held on July 10, 1997.

**Other Business**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Bob Drewel  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marcia Walker", written over a horizontal line.

Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator