

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**August 14, 1997
Board Meeting Summary Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Board Chair Bob Drewel in Building 7 of Highline Community College, South 240th & Pacific Highway South, Des Moines, Washington.

Roll Call

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) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood 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

(A) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(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) 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 the Board was present at roll call.

Public Comment

The following individual presented comments to the board:

Mr. Phillip Grega

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Drewel announced that he and RTA Commuter Rail Director Paul Price would be visiting with Mr. Krebs of Burlington Northern/Santa Fe in Fort Worth, Texas the following week.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White gave a brief report on the Meeting for Interested Consultants that was held on August 11 at the Tacoma Sheraton. There were over 900 in attendance. He referred board members to supporting materials included in the agenda packets (copies on file).

Mr. White also introduced Lilly Aguilar, RTA Human Resources Manager, and announced that Michael Normand from Community Transit would join the RTA as BUS/HOV Community Connections Program Manager.

Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Drewel explained that the Executive Committee, during the meeting that was held just prior to this board meeting, decided to add two items to the consent agenda. Therefore, the consent agenda now includes four items:

- A. Minutes of April 24, May 8, May 22 and June 12, 1997 Board Meetings
- B. Resolution No. 92 – Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce Transit for the Tacoma-Seattle Express bus service
- C. Motion No. 39 – Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for surveying, mapping, and photogrammetry services
- D. Resolution No. 95 – Authorizing the execution of an agreement with community Transit for the construction and operation of the Ash Way Park and Ride lot

Items C and D were added by the Executive Committee; A and B had originally been noticed as consent agenda items.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all board members present that consent agenda items A and C (minutes of April 24, May 8, May 22 and June 12, 1997 Board meetings and Motion No. 39, authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for surveying, mapping, and photogrammetry services) be approved as presented.

Mr. Paul Bay, Director of Light Rail, provided an overview of Motion No. 39 to the full board, since the Motion had just been added to the consent agenda by the Executive Committee at the meeting held just prior to this board meeting.

Mr. Sutherland asked if it would be possible to make mapping available to the counties and to the regional jurisdictions. Mr. Bay responded in the affirmative as it is in the public domain.

Mr. Earling requested that consent agenda item B (Resolution No. 92 – Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce Transit for the Tacoma-Seattle Express bus service) be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

It was moved by Mr. Earling and seconded by Mr. Russell that Resolution No. 92, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce Transit for the Tacoma-Seattle Express bus service, be approved as presented.

Mr. Earling indicated that he asked to have Resolution No. 92 acted upon separately by the board because of the importance of it being the RTA's first service. He introduced Don Monroe, Executive Director of Pierce Transit, and expressed appreciation to him and his staff for their work on the RTA's first First Move.

Mr. Earling asked Ms. Govern, RTA Regional Bus/HOV Access Director, to provide an overview of Resolution No. 92.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 92 as presented carried unanimously by all board members present.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland and seconded by Ms. Gates that Resolution No. 95, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Community Transit for the construction and operation of the Ash Way Park and Ride Lot, be approved as presented.

Mr. Russell noted that information was missing on page 4 of Exhibit A and asked that it be provided (copy on file).

Ms. Govern, Regional Bus/HOV Access Director, responded, saying that under Section 6, Budget and Schedule Objectives, the second sentence of the second paragraph should read: "CT will notify RTA of any change order that will cause the costs to be reimbursed by RTA to exceed \$675,000. Under Section 7, Funding, the first two sentences should read: "RTA will reimburse CT for expenses related to the construction of the Ash Way Park and Ride Lot not to exceed \$725,000. RTA shall not be obligated to reimburse CT for any costs that exceed \$725,000.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 95, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Community Transit for the construction and operation of the Ash Way Park and Ride Lot, was carried unanimously by all board members present.

Executive Committee

Motion 38 - Relating to the establishment and implementation of a human resource system for the RTA.

Mr. Drewel expressed his excitement about the proposed Human Resource System, calling it innovative, creative and responsible (copy on file). The Executive Committee has reviewed the policy and unanimously recommended passage by the board. He emphasized that this should be considered a living document and that staff would review and measure the performance of the system.

Mr. Sutherland commented that he couldn't let this opportunity go by without complimenting Executive Director White and the RTA leadership team on developing an innovative incentive program for the entire employee team. He said he was looking forward to seeing that the program works and works well.

Mr. Russell indicated that he was very impressed with this approach and surmised that there are very few, if any, other models like this in the public sector.

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Gates and approved unanimously by all members present that Motion No. 38 be approved as presented.

RTA System and Product Identity

Mr. Drewel reported that the Executive Committee passed the following motions: that the board continue to identify itself in a corporate sense as the Regional Transit Authority; that the board choose a popular name for the system; and that the board choose new names for the three modes of transit (light rail, commuter rail and regional express bus service).

Ms. Barbara Dougherty, Communications and Marketing Manager, provided background information on the process used to name the system (copies on file). She indicated that Sound Transit and Regional Transit were the two most popular names in the polls taken. The three proposed product names are Sounder (commuter rail), Link (light rail) and Regional Express (express bus).

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland and seconded by Mr. Earling that the corporate name remain the Regional Transit Authority; the common name for services be RT; and the product names be RT Sounder, RT Link and RT Regional Express. The vote was tied at 5 to 5, and therefore was defeated.

Mr. Earling expressed interest in voting again and Mr. Drewel asked for a show of hands in favor of the common system name Regional Transit – RT. Davis, Russell, Sutherland and White raised their hands. Mr. Drewel asked for a show of hands in favor of the common system name Sound Transit – ST. Earling, Hansen, Morrison and Drewel raised their hands. Ms. Gates and Ms. Casada abstained.

Mr. Drewel again asked for a show of hands in favor of the common system name Sound Transit – ST. Davis, Earling, Gates, Hansen, Morrison and Drewel raised their hands. Mr. Drewel again asked for a show of hands in favor of the common system name Regional Transit – RT. Russell, Sutherland and White raised their hands. Ms. Casada abstained.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Hansen and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the corporate name remain Regional Transit Authority, the common system name be Sound Transit (ST) and the product names be ST Sounder, ST Link and ST Regional Express.

Board Retreat Follow up

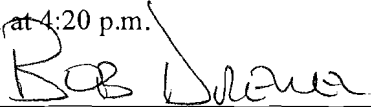
Executive Director White gave a brief follow up to the July 24th board retreat and suggested that the board schedule a retreat date for October. Ms. Walker suggested a six-hour retreat on October 9. The date would be tentative until confirmed on board members' calendars.

Next Meeting

The next RTA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 28, 1997 at the Edmonds Public Library.

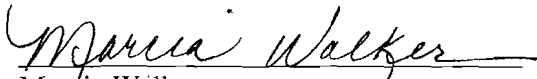
Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



Bob Drewel
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator