

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**October 9, 1997
Board Meeting Summary Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Board Vice-Chair Paul Miller in the Olympic Room of the Seattle Center, 305 Harrison Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(A) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

(A) 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

(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) 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

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(A) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

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

The following board members arrived after roll call:

Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Ron Sims, King County Executive

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

Public Comment

None.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Miller indicated that he would chair the meeting in Mr. Drewel's absence. He then asked Mr. Earling to report on his recent trip to Washington, DC.

Mr. Earling reported that the Transportation Appropriations Committee with the Senate and House in Washington, D.C. met last week and the RTA and Puget Sound basin received an earmark of \$18 million.

He indicated that the competition for new starts funding was fierce. The RTA is at the preliminary engineering stage now; only one other project nationally in the new starts preliminary engineering category received more funding than the RTA. He stated that the \$18 million for the RTA signals to the Puget Sound basin that the federal government understands the commitment on the part of the region, and indicates a commitment that the federal government will be a funding partner in the RTA project.

Mr. Earling expressed his appreciation to the full delegation, particularly Senators Murray and Gorton, as well as Representative Dicks, who worked hard in the House for the highest figure possible for the RTA.

Mr. Earling concluded his report by stating that the House had passed a six-month extension of the current ISTEA legislation; the Senate took a six-year package to the floor. He indicated it is still unclear how the ISTEA reauthorization will turn out.

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Earling for his efforts.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White reported that Mr. Lynton, Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), was in Seattle for the American Public Transit Association (APTA) conference on transit-oriented and joint development. He indicated that he was encouraged by Mr. Lynton's knowledge of the RTA program.

Executive Director White reported that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is currently designing improvements on SR 525 at 164th in Snohomish County. The Sound Move project includes two access ramps and expansion of the park-and-ride lot. To avoid conflicts and to save money, WSDOT has asked whether the RTA would be interested in partnering with them in completing the environmental work on the highway improvements and access to the park-and-ride lot.

As a result of the request, Executive Director White reported that he used his delegated authority to enter into the agreement to include environmental assessments of RTA projects with WSDOT's analysis. The commitment is to an expenditure of \$100,000. Including the RTA's three projects as part of the environmental analysis will result in overall savings of funds. He indicated that the costs would be reflected in the proposed 1998 budget, which is when the actual payment would occur.

Commuter Rail Vehicle Selection

Mr. Price presented slides and a discussion paper regarding the Sounder commuter rail vehicle type (copy on file). He indicated that it takes 18 to 24 months to procure the equipment from the time an order is placed. He stated that the RTA had released a request for proposals (RFP) to select consultants to develop specifications for the equipment. He indicated that he was seeking policy input from the board regarding the preferred commuter rail vehicle type.

After outlining vehicle type options, Mr. Price stated that the staff recommendation would be to write the equipment specifications for the acquisition of trains consisting of conventional passenger service locomotives and bi-level cars. In conversations with the railroad, Mr. Price indicated that they also

recommended bi-level cars as state of the art and felt they would be most beneficial to operate in a freight corridor to assure movement of goods and passengers remains consistent to an optimum degree.

(Mr. Hansen arrived at this time.)

Board members accepted the staff recommendation of writing the equipment specifications for the acquisition of trains consisting of conventional passenger service locomotives and bi-level cars.

Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Miller stated their opinion that food service should be contracted for at the station sites themselves, rather than on board the train.

(Mr. White and Mr. Nickels arrived at this time.)

Consent Agenda Items

Minutes of August 14, 1997 Board Meeting

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the period January 1, 1997 through August 31, 1997, totaling \$9,294,696.03.

Mr. Miller reported that the board packets included a corrected version of the August 14, 1997 minutes (copy on file). The mailed version of the minutes recorded in error that Mr. Earling abstained from one of the votes on the common system name.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the consent agenda items be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Resolution No. 98 - Authorizing a contract for the issuance and use of credit cards for official government purchases and acquisitions, and adopting a system for credit card use by the RTA.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Earling that Resolution No. 98 be approved as presented. The motion to approve Resolution No. 98 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Mr. Nickels reported that the only other item discussed by the Finance Committee at its October 2, 1997 meeting was voucher certification, which was acted upon through the consent agenda.

Transit-Oriented Development Task Force

Report of September 16 and October 8, 1997 Meetings

Ms. Sullivan reported that the task force has developed a goal and mission statement and has drafted principals that have been submitted to board members for review.

Ms. Sullivan reported that the October 8, 1997 transit-oriented development conference was exceptionally well attended and well received.

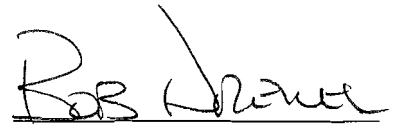
Convene Executive Session to Discuss Railroad Negotiations

Mr. Miller indicated that the board would recess into executive session to discuss railroad negotiations. Public discussion of this subject would cause the likelihood of increased costs, he noted. He stated that the executive session was expected to last for approximately 30 minutes, after which the board would reconvene the board meeting and adjourn.

The board convened executive session at 3:55 p.m.

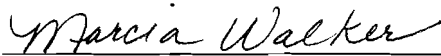
Reconvene Open Meeting/Adjourn

The board reconvened the meeting at 4:25 p.m. and adjourned.



Bob Drewel
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator