

## REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### MOTION NO. 98-10 BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Meeting:	Date:	Agenda Item:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Executive Committee	1/16/98	No. 6-A	Paul Matsuoka	(206) 684-6761
RTA Board	1/22/98	No. 7D-2		

#### **ACTION:**

To endorse WSDOT's general approach described in the attached "Framework Document" for the Trans-Lake Washington Study, and to encourage broadly inclusive stakeholder processes to identify reasonable and feasible alternatives to improve Trans-Lake Washington mobility.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Safety, rehabilitation, expansion, and mitigation proposals for the SR 520 Floating Bridge have long been a controversial topic. Most recently, the corridor has been the subject of intense discussion due to the public/private initiative of the state, and the possible inclusion of a study in the draft RTA Plan during early 1996. Interested groups have urged a broadening of scope to not just focus on SR 520 but also on all Trans-Lake options that may cross or go around Lake Washington. There are also numerous groups that would like a "seat at the table" when this topic is discussed. In response, WSDOT has proposed a \$2.8 M study involving a broadly inclusive process whose outcome is hoped to be a set of reasonable and feasible options to be carried into the next phase of the study. Since the RTA may be affected by the outcome, WSDOT is seeking the RTA's endorsement of the study before it begins.

#### **RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- During Sound Move's formulation in 1996, the Draft Plan included a \$10 M study of SR 520 options. This element was deleted as the final Sound Move Plan was adopted.
- Sound Move does include several Regional Express bus routes across and around Lake Washington which may be affected by this study.

#### **KEY FEATURES:**

WSDOT has proposed a Study Committee to guide its work. The RTA Board will be asked to appoint member(s) to serve on the Committee to represent the RTA's interests.

#### **CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY:**

WSDOT is seeking RTA endorsement and to report such to the State Transportation Commission. WSDOT could initiate the study with or without RTA endorsement, but prefers to proceed with our endorsement.

**Regional Transit Authority  
Motion No. 98-10**

A motion of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region endorsing WSDOT's general approach, described in its Draft Framework Document, for the Trans-lake Washington study.

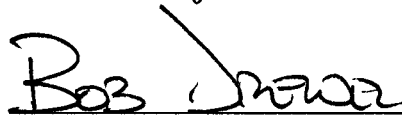
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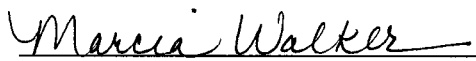
**Motion:**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority that the general approach proposed by WSDOT, as described in its Draft Framework Document dated 11/21/97, for its Trans-Lake Washington Study be endorsed, and that the Board encourages the use of broadly inclusive processes to identify reasonable and feasible alternative solutions to Trans-Lake Washington mobility.

Approved by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region at a regular meeting thereof on the 22nd day of January, 1997.

  
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Bob Drewel  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator