REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MOTION NO. 98-9 BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Meeting:	Date:	Agenda Item:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	1/15/98	No. 5-C	Jan Hendrickson	206-689-3148
Executive Committee	1/16/98	No. 7-E	John Goforth	206-689-4935

ACTION:

A motion of the Executive Committee of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing the Executive Director to purchase all necessary furnishings and equipment to complete the occupancy of the first phase, 3rd floor at RTA 1100 Second Avenue headquarters.

BACKGROUND:

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RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:

Motion No. 35, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a lease for interim space and to implement the move to new interim headquarters, including provision of necessary furnishing and equipment.

Motion No. 52, authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the existing lease for RTA office space to include floors 2 and 3.

FUNDING:

The funding will be provided through the adopted 1998 Link Light Rail design/pre-engineering budget, which totals to \$48.2 million.

ALTERNATIVES:

Continue to be billed at the 162% overhead rate.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY:

Based on the current overhead rates, RTA would incur an additional \$90,000/month if the consultants were located at their facilities.

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Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Executive Committee of the Regional Transit Authority that:

The Executive Director is authorized to purchase all furnishings and equipment necessary for occupancy of the first phase, 3rd floor located at 1100 Second Avenue substantially as outlined in the attached draft budget.

Approved by the Executive Committee of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region at a regular meeting thereof on the ______ day of _______, 1998.

Bob Drewel Board Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker

Board Administrator