

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 98-10

Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Kent for the Commuter Rail Project BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Meeting:	Date:	Agenda Item:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Executive Committee	4/3/98	No. 10	Paul Price, Commuter Rail Director	(206) 689-4760
Board Meeting	4/9/98	TBD	Val Batey, Commuter Rail Project Development Manager	(206) 684-1591

ACTION:

The Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of agreement for the commuter rail project with the City of Kent.

BACKGROUND:

The RTA has made a commitment to develop Sounder commuter rail service and facilities consistent with the regional service goals and within the budget and schedule adopted in *Sound Move*. In addition, *Sound Move* includes public involvement principles making a commitment to "work with local public transportation agencies, local jurisdictions and agencies to create an open public involvement process with ample opportunities to inform and involve the community." As a component of the implementation of Sounder, the RTA is endeavoring to give local jurisdictions an active role in the project development process. This is consistent with and subject to the requirements of the state High Capacity Transit Legislation, as well as the commitments made in *Sound Move*.

Sounder staff is working with the staff of each of the cities to be served by commuter rail to establish agreements addressing the design, construction and implementation of each of the commuter rail stations. One of the stations for the Tacoma-to-Seattle line will be located in downtown Kent. RTA staff and City of Kent staff have worked together to draft an agreement which will guide the process for designing, developing and implementing the commuter rail station in Kent.

The agreement addresses the need for cooperation between the City of Kent and the RTA in order to achieve shared goals on schedule and within budget. The City of Kent Council has reviewed the agreement and has approved the Mayor's signature of the agreement.

RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:

Sound Move (Adopted May 31, 1996)

Implementation Guide Adopted, June 12, 1997 (Motion No. 32)

Commuter Rail Action Plan, presented at Board Meeting July 24, 1997
Commuter Rail Station Design Criteria, presented at Board Meeting, October 23, 1997
Transit Oriented Development Task Force Mission Statement and Principles, November 13, 1997 (Motion No. 45)

KEY FEATURES:

The agreement establishes that the City of Kent and Sound Transit have common goals in achieving the completion of a commuter rail station on schedule in accordance with the Implementation Guide and within the established budget for the RTA. The agreement sets forth the responsibilities of the respective agencies and establishes the Technical Advisory Committee, which will be involved in the station design process.

FUNDING:

The adopted budget for the Tacoma-to-Seattle Commuter Rail project and the Kent Commuter Rail Station includes all the elements addressed in the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Kent.

ALTERNATIVES:

The RTA could choose to not have an agreement with the local jurisdictions that will have a station and be granting development permits. The RTA could choose to negotiate a different agreement.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY:

The Sounder Commuter Rail Schedule may not be attainable without agreements with the permitting authorities in the jurisdictions in which we plan to build commuter rail facilities. Adequate community and jurisdiction involvement would be difficult without an agreement such as this in place.

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the City of Kent, Washington, for planning, coordination and cooperation in the development and implementation of a commuter rail station in downtown Kent.

WHEREAS, a Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") has been created for the Pierce, King and Snohomish County region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, Central Puget Sound area voters approved local funding for *Sound Move*, the ten-year plan for regional high capacity transit in the Central Puget Sound Region; and

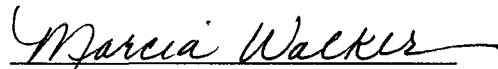
WHEREAS, it is desirable to formalize the RTA's relationship with the City of Kent to achieve our mutual goals in the planning and development of a commuter rail station in downtown Kent:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute, administer and implement the memorandum of agreement on behalf of the RTA.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit

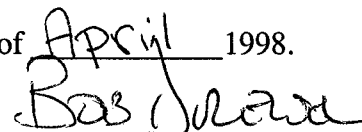
Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 9TH day of April 1998.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

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Bob Drewel
Board Chair