

SOUND TRANSIT

RESOLUTION NO. R99-3

Fulfilling requirement of RCW 81.112.040(1) to reconstitute the governing board of a regional transit authority regarding the number of representatives from each of the participating counties five years after its initial formation

BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Executive Committee	February 19, 1999	Deferred	Marcia Walker, Board Administrator	206-398-5015
Executive Committee	September 17, 1999	Recommend Board Action		
Board	September 23, 1999	Action		

ACTION:

To adopt Resolution No.R99-3 to fulfill the requirement of RCW 81.112.040(1) to reconstitute the Sound Transit Board of Directors with regard to the number of representatives from each county five years after the initial formation of the authority.

EFFECT OF THE ACTION:

- ◆ Fulfills the requirement of RCW 81.112.040(1) to reconstitute Sound Transit's governing board with regard to the number of representatives from each county...five years after its initial formation.
- ◆ Calculates board representation based on population only from those portions of King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties that lie within the service area of the Sound Transit district.

County	District Population Estimates – 1998*	District Population Estimates – 1999*	Board Representation**
King	1,496,120	1,516,130	10 members
Pierce	551,306	563,336	4 members
Snohomish	369,255	384,992	3 members
Secretary of Transportation	N/A	N/A	1 member

Data for each of the five subareas is included for information purposes:

Subarea	District Population Estimates – 1998*	District Population Estimates – 1999*
North King	620,938	605,330
East King	422,077	431,438
South King	453,105	479,361
Pierce	551,306	563,336
Snohomish	369,255	384,992

*Office of Financial Management population estimates – published annually in April

**One boardmember per 145,000 people.

BACKGROUND:

State legislation (RCW 81.112.010) enacted in 1993 provided for the creation of a local regional transit agency:

“...two or more contiguous counties each having a population of four hundred thousand persons or more to create a local agency [a regional transit authority] for planning and implementing a high capacity transportation system within that region.”

RCW 81.112.040(1) establishes membership on such a governing board to be based on population from that portion of each county which lies within the service area. In addition, the Secretary of Transportation shall serve as a member of the board.

The initial appointment of boardmembers would occur prior to any action of a governing board to establish and fix a district's service area boundaries. Therefore, the legislation allowed for representatives to be appointed initially on the basis of one for each 145,000 population within each participating county in its entirety.

RCW 81.112.040(1) further states:

“...the governing board [of a regional transit authority] shall be reconstituted with regard to the number of representatives from each county, on a population basis, using the official office of financial management population estimates, five years after its initial formation and, at a minimum, in the year following each official federal census. The board membership may be reduced, maintained, or expanded to reflect population changes but under no circumstances may the board membership exceed twenty-five.”

RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ◆ Adoption of Resolution No. 37 establishing and fixing the Authority's boundaries (September 23, 1994)
- ◆ Adoption of Resolution No. 53 calling a special election to approve local taxes to implement the initial phase of the regional transit system; describing the proposed high capacity transportation system improvements; declaring an emergency; setting the ballot title for the special election; revising the Authority's boundaries (January 13, 1995)
- ◆ Adoption of Resolution No. 75 calling an election to approve local taxes to implement a Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan; describing the proposed high capacity transportation system improvements; setting the ballot title for the election; fixing the Authority's boundaries (September 23, 1996)
- ◆ Adoption of Resolution No. R98-35 redrawing the Authority's district boundary to exclude the City of Covington effective January 1, 1999 (July 23, 1998)
- ◆ Adoption of Resolution No. R98-52 amending the legal description of the Authority's district boundary effective January 1, 1999 (December 10, 1998)

LEGAL REVIEW:

The Legal Department has reviewed and approved the Background and Comments and the Resolution.

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority fulfilling the requirement of RCW 81.112.040(1) to reconstitute the governing board of a regional transit authority with regard to the number of representatives from each of the three counties (King, Pierce, Snohomish).

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

WHEREAS, RCW 81.112.040(1) specifies that membership on the governing board of a regional transit authority is based on population from that portion of each county which lies within the service area and board members would be appointed initially on the basis of one for each one hundred forty-five thousand population within the county. In addition, the Secretary of Transportation shall serve as a member of the board; and

WHEREAS, RCW 81.112.040(1) states that the governing board [of a regional transit authority] shall be reconstituted with regard to the number of representatives from each county, on a population basis, using the official office of financial management population estimates, five years after its initial formation and, at a minimum, in the year following each official federal census; and

WHEREAS, the initial composition of the RTA Board on the basis of one boardmember per population of one hundred forty-five thousand within each of the three counties participating in the RTA district resulted in ten (10) boardmembers representing King County, four (4) boardmembers representing Pierce County, and three (3) boardmembers representing Snohomish County and the Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, representation on the Sound Transit Board of Directors based on one boardmember per population of one hundred forty-five thousand from that portion of each county which lies within the service area of the district and the April 1999 population estimates from the Office of Financial

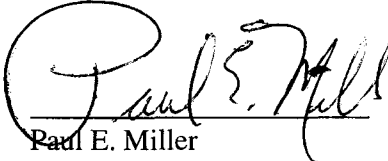
Management maintains the representation of ten (10) boardmembers representing King County, four (4) boardmembers representing Pierce County, and three (3) boardmembers representing Snohomish County and the Secretary of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority hereby reconstitutes and maintains the board with regard to the number of representatives from each county with ten (10) boardmembers representing King County, four (4) boardmembers representing Pierce County, and three (3) boardmembers representing Snohomish County and the Secretary of Transportation.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of September 1999.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
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Board Administrator


Paul E. Miller
Board Chair