

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2002-58

Adopting the Recommendations of the Regional Fund Task Force

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Executive Committee	5/2/02	Deferred	Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer	(206) 398-5070
Executive Committee	6/6/02	Discussion/Possible Action to		
Board	6/13/02	Recommend Board Approval Action		

Contract/Agreement Type:	Requested Action:
Competitive Procurement	Execute New Contract/Agreement
Sole Source	Amend Existing Contract/Agreement
Memorandum of Agreement	Contingency Funds Required
Purchase/Sale Agreement	Budget Amendment Required

- Applicable to proposed transaction.

Objective of Action

- To provide an update on the Regional Fund Task Force activities and recommendations.
- To approve a revised work plan for the Research and Technology program.

Action

- Approve Task Force recommendations.
- Approve revised work program for Research and Technology Fund.
- Authorize next steps outlined for future actions.

KEY FEATURES

Task Force Recommendations

1. Agency Administration and System-wide Contingency – referred to Finance Committee
2. Fare Integration
 - Keep fund intact; no reductions
 - Review rationale for maintaining the fund with the Executive Committee (see separate discussion same meeting)
3. Phase II Planning
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4. Research and Technology

- Keep fund but at a reduced level
- Eliminate Alternative Transit Technologies category (\$7 million); cancel and reduce 2002 projects (approx. \$2 million); reduce Transit System Enhancements category (\$10 million); total reduction of approximately \$19 million
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Next Steps

1. Executive Committee review of Fare Integration program direction.
2. Finance Committee reviews budget amendments for 2002 – Research and Technology program and change to Sound Move for Board adoption.
3. Finance Committee discussion on budget changes to Agency Administration; System-wide Contingency and reprogrammed revenues from Research and Technology; recommend budget and Sound Move changes for Board adoption.
4. Executive Committee to review completed Technology Plan and approve specific new Research and Technology projects.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

Adopted 2002 Budget

Fund Category	Total Project Budget^{(1) (A)}	Expenditures to Date^{(2) (B)}	Funds Available through 2006 (A - B)	2002 Adopted Budget
Fare Integration	\$59,345	\$3,026	\$56,319	\$4,908
Research & Technology	38,736	3,443	35,293	9,472
Phase II Planning	38,668	3,719	34,949	12,440
Agency Administration	67,297	31,402	35,895	10,960
System-wide contingency	6,953	0	6,953	0
**Reg. Emergency Fund	6,953	0	6,953	0
Total	\$217,952	\$41,590	\$176,362	\$37,780

All figures shown are in YOES\$ in thousands.

1. Total ten-year (1997-2006) budget for these projects as shown in the 2002 Proposed Budget.
2. Life-to-date and outstanding commitments, through March 30, 2002.

(**) Split out from System-wide contingency based upon 2002 budget action.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The recommendation will result in a revised budget for the Research and Technology Program. The 2002 budget would be reduced by approximately \$2 million and the 2002-2006 budget by approximately \$19 million. These dollars would then be available for redistribution from the Regional Fund for other needs.

REVENUE, SUBAREA, AND FINANCIAL PLAN IMPACTS

The Regional Fund was established by proportional contributions from each subareas revenues. Deferral and/or changes in project direction within the Regional Fund, such as proposed for Research and Technology, will require further action to reallocate those resources.

SUMMARY FOR BOARD ACTION

No budget action is being requested at this time.

M/W/DBE – Small Business Participation

N/A

History of Project

Prior Board or Committee Actions and Relevant Board Policies

Motion or Resolution Number	Summary of Action	Date of Action
Regional Fund Task Force	Discussion – Research and Technology	4/12/02
Regional Fund Task Force	Discussion – Phase II Planning and Research and Technology	3/26/02
Regional Fund Task Force	Discussion – Program Summary and Phase II Planning	2/27/02
Executive Committee	Discussion – Regional Fund	2/07/02

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

None

Regional Partnership and Cooperation

Fare Integration, Research and Technology and Phase II Planning are all projects that involve discussion with transit partners and other outside agencies. The disposition of these funds has been watched very closely by many of these partners. Fare Integration involves a multi-agency agreement between the five existing transit agencies in the Sound Transit district; the Regional Transit Technology Group was established in order to better coordinate transit agency technology initiatives and finally Phase II has been a keen topic of interest for subarea groups such as ETP. It is expected that decisions related to these regional fund projects will be subject of future discussion with these groups.

Public Involvement

Some outreach related to Phase II Planning has been conducted as a part of the Trans-Lake Washington and I-405 EIS projects.

DESCRIPTION OF POLICY

1. One policy change currently identified is the reduction to the Research and Technology budget and previous board actions establishing the Alternative Transit Technologies and Transit Systems Enhancement sub categories. The RFTF has recommended a total budget reduction of approximately \$19 million, and at a later date, staff will process the appropriate change to Sound Move.
2. Another policy change is the timing of the Phase II vote from 2004 to a date now unspecified. Direction to staff is to hire a Phase II consultant and scope their work program such that staff can respond to a number of potential future vote dates.

Legal Review

JW 4-22-02

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to adopt the Regional Fund Task Force recommendations.

Background:

On February 7, 2002, the Executive Committee created the Regional Fund Task Force (RFTF), comprised of one member from each subarea, to discuss issues related to projects identified in the Regional Fund. Through a series of three meetings, the RFTF reviewed the entire program and discussed a range of issues primarily focused on the current work programs for Fare Integration, Research and Technology, and Phase II Planning. The RFTF has now outlined a series of recommendations and proposed future actions regarding the Regional Fund.

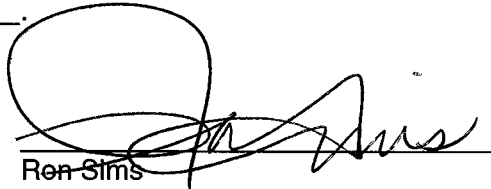
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Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the recommendations of the Regional Fund Task Force be adopted.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on June 13, 2002.


Ren Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator