

Motion No. M2019-79

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the appointment of a labor liaison to advise the Board.

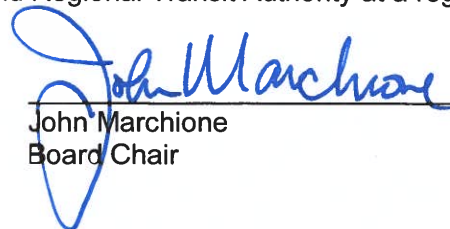
Background

State law specifies that the board of directors of regional transit authorities consist of local elected officials and the state secretary of transportation. State law vests the Sound Transit Board with the all powers necessary to implement a high-capacity transportation system. To implement Sound Move, ST2, and ST3, the Board approved a Project Labor Agreement and employs staff to address labor issues arising under the Project Labor Agreement. The Board also approved multiple agreements with our sister transit agencies—Community Transit, King County/Metro, and Pierce Transit—to provide the labor force required to operate and maintain ST Express and Link light rail. As Sound Transit implements both ST2 and ST3, the largest transit capital project in North America, and significantly expands light-rail operations from 20 miles to 116 miles, the Board's deliberations regarding proposed actions that could impact the labor forces constructing or operating the agency's transit system will benefit by receiving regular input from a liaison from the labor community with experience building and operating the agency's transit facilities and services.

Motion

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that (1) the Board will appoint a labor liaison to participate in committee meeting discussions regarding any proposed board action that could impact the labor forces required to build and operate the agency's transit systems; if such an action will be considered by the full Board without prior committee review, the labor liaison will participate in those Board discussions, (2) the labor liaison will serve a four-year term, must reside within the Sound Transit District, and be recommended by the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, which will submit its recommendation to the Executive Committee within 60 days after the date of this motion, or as soon thereafter as practicable; the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO is encouraged to consider persons with knowledge and experience working with labor unions that represent employees operating or constructing the agency's transit facilities, (3) the Executive Committee will recommend an appropriately qualified person to the Board to serve as the Board's labor liaison, (4) the Board will consider the Executive Committee's recommendation at its next regular meeting, (5) the labor liaison must disclose any relationship or transaction that would constitute a conflict-of-interest under Sound Transit's code of ethics (Resolution No. 81-2) before participating in committee discussions, and (6) the Board may use the process established in this motion to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the liaison's unexpired term.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 22, 2019.



John Marchione
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator