SOUND TRANSIT STAFF REPORT

MOTION NO. M2006-17

Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Executive Committee	2/2/06	Discussion/Possible Action	Marcia Walker,	(206) 398-5015
Board	2/9/06	Discussion/Possible Action	Board Administrator	

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
Competitive Procurement		Execute New Contract/Agreement	
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)		Budget Amendment	
Real Estate		Property Acquisition	

PROJECT NAME

Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments

PROPOSED ACTION

To appoint three new members to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning February, 2006 and expiring February 2010.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to fill three vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP). In August and November, 2005, the Board accepted the resignations of Jessyn Schor and John Murtha. In December 2005, Al Stipe, completed his two terms of volunteer service on the COP and retired.

This recruiting effort was particularly focused on the Seattle/North King and South King County subareas. The COP has only one of the requisite two members in those two subareas. The remaining subareas currently have the minimum number of members on the panel.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

BUDGET and FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSION

Not applicable

BUDGET TABLE

Not applicable

M/W/DBE - SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable

PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

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The Seattle/North King and South King County subareas are presently under-represented by the required minimum number of two members. The Sound Transit Board and current members of the Citizen Oversight Panel have been involved in an active recruiting process since December, 2005 to recruit three new members. Outreach efforts included press releases, notification of community leaders and posting on Sound Transit's website.

Prior Board/Committee Actions on this Project and Relevant Board Policies

Motion or Resolution		Date of
Number	Summary of Action	Action
M2002-87	Authority regarding the terms of Citizen Oversight Panel members	7/11/02
Motion 18	Committing to the establishment of a citizen oversight panel	12/13/96

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

The Citizen Oversight Panel is currently operating with 12 instead of the required 15 members. A timely appointment of the new members will insure a full panel enabling them to equitably distribute the tasks to sufficiently represent the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Not applicable to this action

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 1/30/06

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority confirming appointments of three new members to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning February 2006 and expiring February 2010.

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Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Lynn A. Guttmann of King County, Robert B. Hitchcock of Pierce County and C.T. Purdom of King County be appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning February 2006 and expiring February 2010.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on February 9, 2006.

John W. Ladenburg

Board Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker Board Administrator

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