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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

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MEETING NOTICE

Monday, December 3, 1984
Council Rooms A & B
4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 1984 Meeting
4. Presentation of I-394 Bus Operations Plan by David Jessup
5. Discussion of the Transit Interim Implementation Plan and Acceptance of Draft Plan for Purposes of Public Hearing*
6. Timetable for Light Rail Transit Review Process*
7. Announcement of Selection of Director of Planning and Director of Administration*
8. Other Business

*Material will be distributed at the meeting

Elliott Perovich
Chairman

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Metropolitan Council Chambers
December 3, 1984

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Perovich, Chairman; Ruben Acosta; Doris Caranicas; Juanita Collins; John Doyle; Ruth Franklin; Alison Fuhr; Paul Joyce; Edward Kranz; Todd Lefko; Steve Loeding; Gail MarksJarvis; Jim Newland; Bernard Skrebes; Peg Snesrud and Dirk deVries, Council Liaison

STAFF PRESENT: Ghaleb Abdul-Rahman and Mary Fudenberg

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and roll taken. The chairman explained that he had to leave in order to take part in the Tax Study Commission meeting, but asked that the board consider the selection of the directors of administration and planning first. Fuhr moved approval of the amended agenda; Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (Collins and Kranz not present).

Franklin moved approval of the minutes of the November 19, 1984 meeting; Joyce seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (Collins and Kranz not present).

SELECTION OF PERSONNEL

Newland moved:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the appointment of Judith Hollander as Director of Planning, effective December 17, 1984, at a salary of \$48,000 per year, with the standard confidential employee benefit package.

That the Regional Transit Board approve the appointment of Leslie Johnson as Director of Administration, effective December 10, 1984, at a salary of \$48,000 per year, with the standard confidential employee benefit package.

Fuhr seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously (Collins and Kranz not present).

Vice-chair Caranicas chaired the rest of the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF I-394 BUS OPERATIONS PLAN

David Jessup of Metropolitan Transit Commission used maps to explain the bus operations plan. He said the bus service concept would accommodate the Light Rail Transit (LRT) if it were to be built in the Southwest Corridor. LRT would decrease the number of passengers in some links of the system because it would form one of the links of the time transfer. The passengers are counted only once so the numbers would not change. Jessup said specific recommendations

will be brought to the board in coming weeks. Lefko asked if these were state or regional improvements. There are two issues: this is a mix of investment by the state and the region. Lefko would like to know what kind of mix of financing is being arranged. Discussion followed regarding the type and level of funding. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION OF THE TRANSIT INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND ACCEPTANCE OF DRAFT PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Joe Kern, Strgar-Roscoe, Inc., distributed the December 3 draft of the Interim Implementation Plan (Exhibit A), a memorandum dated December 3, 1984 from Peter Fausch, and an Regional Transit Board organization chart (Exhibit C). Fausch noted that the draft plan does not contain tables. They are still being assembled and copied. He reviewed the changes made in response to comments by the members at the November 28 Committee of the Whole meeting.

MarksJarvis questioned why there is no mention in the organization chart of a legal staff. Abdul-Rahman said that function would be included under the Director of Administration. MarksJarvis asked when the Board will deal with the question of a legal counsel. Abdul-Rahman said no decision has been made yet on when to hire a counsel. He is waiting until the two new directors join the staff and a total staffing plan developed. MarksJarvis asked how many hours a week Holmes and Graven works for RTB. Abdul-Rahman said he will provide the exact figure, but it is less than expected. MarksJarvis said she wants to see what kind of hours they are putting in.

Skrebes asked, on Page 4, about the three-year terms of Metropolitan Transit Commission commissioners. Doyle suggested that a sentence be added explaining that the first appointments were on a staggered basis.

Lefko moved:

That the Regional Transit Board accept the Draft Interim Implementation Plan, 1985-87, which includes the Transit Service Plan, Financial Plan and Staffing Plan, dated December 3, 1984, for purposes of public hearing on December 17, 1984 at 4:30 p.m. in the Metropolitan Council Chambers.

Doyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TIMETABLE FOR LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT REVIEW PROCESS

Natalio Diaz reviewed the memorandum dated November 30, 1984 from Ghaleb Abdul-Rahman, Natalio Diaz and Bill Lester (Exhibit D). Lefko said meeting with the Council committee is good, but with all that information, more time is needed to discuss the board's concerns. The board needs at least three weeks because the staff assured the board that if major questions arise outside experts will be brought in to resolve the questions. He wants to ensure that the members understand there are different perspectives. Further, the tenor of this is which options should be built. Abdul-Rahman said these meetings do not preclude Policy Committee from discussing specific issues. We could have a special, ad hoc committee to discuss issues of forecasting. This memorandum outlines what is needed to go through the process. However, we have until mid-February to cover these questions.

Diaz said the board will take a position on which is the preferred alternative, but that is not the end of it. There will be other questions that are also the board's responsibility, such as funding and priorities. The schedule is meant to allow for extra meetings if they are required. Lefko said it is not a question of a date, but a comfortable decision process because we will be judged on that. Loeding asked if there is an alternative that we look at what a reasonable study should be and where other corridors might be outside the three already advanced. Abdul-Rahman said that is the board's prerogative. Loeding said we are not ready to decide if "no-build" is an option, but rather will look at the system as a whole. Abdul-Rahman said the board's option to go or not is available up to February 4. Acosta said the Council could make a decision contrary to the board's recommendation. Abdul-Rahman said the council has stated it will be a collective decision, but they are not precluded from overriding the RTB decision. The RTB position will be submitted to the council for them to act upon.

Responding to Newland's question about rewording Items 2 and 3 on Page 46, Abdul-Rahman said the whole section will be reworded, probably before the draft goes out.

Lefko said RTB is the lead agency in terms of build or no-build. Doyle hoped that whatever action is taken, no board can decide one way or another. One of the problems here is that the board could not make input at the front end of the study. The committee should describe what kinds of information it expects to see. Diaz said we are following a complex process. The authority to conduct studies was delegated to a multi-agency committee. By February 15 the Regional Transit Board and the council are asked to express their preference in terms of preferred corridors. That includes the option of doing nothing. Doyle said he would like something similar to the outline of the Interim Implementation Plan, which outlined elements of a final plan, and the board could review the draft with minimal disruption. Caranicas said in the briefings much of that will be clarified. Acosta said that since the board started it has been provided with a wealth of information on the alternatives analysis study and he is confident the work is being done. He is troubled by the value placed on that work since the board did not do it. Caranicas said people have commented to her that they hope the board does not have to "reinvent the wheel."

deVries said the council is no further ahead than the board. The joint meetings are a part of that process. The implementation committee meeting last Friday was fascinating; they have a computer model with all the financial scenarios imaginable. They will be a very valuable tool. He is concerned that their report might be delayed. Abdul-Rahman said we have five chapters on LRT this week and he hopes that at the January meetings the board can ask very specific questions regarding the funding. The senate staff is asking about holding a Finance Committee hearing on LRT.

Lefko said the issue here is philosophical and how the figures are interpreted. He will prepare a list of questions and sit down with the staff to resolve them. Caranicas suggested that be done as early as possible because the information may already be there. Abdul-Rahman said that instead of waiting for a board meeting, it might be beneficial for the members to deliver their questions to staff. If the board is not satisfied and wants an outside

person to review a specific issue, such as verifying numbers, that person will be brought in. Lefko said it is important that the board go through this jointly. Abdul-Rahman said figures cannot answer all the questions, but they are helpful for comparison.

OTHER BUSINESS

The schedules were discussed. Lefko asked when Policy Committee meetings are planned. Abdul-Rahman said only January 16 is possible. Lefko said he agreed to the present method of Committee of the Whole meetings he expected to go back to holding Policy Committee meetings. There are other issues besides LRT. Abdul-Rahman said discussion of Rideshare and Metro Mobility are planned for the Committee of the Whole. Lefko said the Policy Committee should meet separately to discuss policy.

There was discussion about holding a Policy Committee meeting on December 5. Franklin said the Administration and Finance Committee has a number of items to discuss, but there are very few staff people. The committee has to delay some of these things. She suggested the Policy Committee do the same. Lefko disagreed.

MarksJarvis questioned Larry Wertheim about the Open Meeting Law. It requires that the usual advance notice be given to the public. RTB publishes notice of its meetings in the Council's Review every Friday. Press releases are published on special interest items. Lefko asked if a Policy Committee meeting can be held on the 12th. Abdul-Rahman said he does not have enough staff to do all this. He is relying on staff from other agencies and has been pushing them pretty hard. He will be happy to schedule a meeting if there is enough to put on the agenda. Caranicas said there is no point to irrelevant meetings. Newland said the committee chair can call meetings whenever he chooses with proper notice. Lefko said he wants to meet with the Director of Planning and Programs to lay out things for the committee to discuss. Her first day on staff is December 17. Franklin said the point of meeting as Committee of the Whole was to save some time and avoid meeting twice separately. The members could meet and receive information at the same time.

Fuhr moved that the meeting be adjourned. Snestrud seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fudenberg

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Record of Attendance and Vote

Date 12/3/84

RTB

Dist.	Member Name	Present	Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote
Chair	Elliott Perovich	✓					
A	Todd Lefko	✓					
B	Ruben Acosta	✓					
C	Bernard Skrebes	✓					
D	Doris Caranicas	✓					
E	John Doyle, Sr.	✓					
F	Gail Marks Jarvis	✓					
G	James Newland	✓					
H	Margaret Snesrud	✓					
I	Alison Fuhr	✓					
J	Juanita Collins	✓					
K	Steve Loeding	✓					
L	Ruth Franklin	✓					
M	Paul Joyce	✓					
N	Edward Kranz						

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STAFF PRESENT: Ghaleb Abdul-Rahman and Mary Fudenberg

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and roll taken. Joyce moved approval of the agenda; Loeding seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lefko moved approval of the minutes of the November 5, 1984 meeting; Caranicas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Agenda Item 3 would be delayed until later in the meeting.

TRUNK HIGHWAY 3, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Loeding moved that the Board adopted the following motion. Acosta seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

That the chairman transmit to the Minnesota Department of Transportation a letter requesting that the T.H. 3 project development activities include an evaluation of the potential use of the proposed highway by buses, rideshare and paratransit vehicles. Based upon this evaluation, MnDOT should incorporate into the highway design the appropriate facilities to accommodate and promote bus ridership and rideshare opportunities. At a minimum, these facilities should include bus route and rideshare promotion signing, bus stops and park-ride facilities. If the decision is made to meter T.H. 3, it should include an evaluation of preferential access for buses and rideshare vehicles.

APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORIES FOR INVESTMENTS

Jeff Dzuik explained that this action will allow the Board to use these depositories without going through the Metropolitan Council. Loeding moved approval of the following motion. Snesrud seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

That the Regional Transit Board approves designation of Merrill Lynch, Paine Webber, First Bank Minneapolis, First Bank St. Paul, F & M Marquette, National City, American, Norwest Midland, Capital City, and Shelard National as authorized depositories for Board funds.

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

Loeding moved approval of the following motion. Caranicas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

That the Regional Transit Board hereby reaffirms its policy of providing equal opportunity in employment, citizen participation in program planning, provision of services to the public, economic opportunities, and participation in and receipt of benefits derived from federally funded programs. The Board will comply with current applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and local ordinances in implementing this policy.

No person or organization shall, on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, age or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be deprived of the benefits of, or be subject to, discrimination by the Regional Transit Board.

The Board shall continue its affirmative action efforts to ensure equal opportunity in employment, citizen participation in program planning, business opportunities afforded by the provision of goods or services to the Board, and participation in federally funded programs.

STRGAR-ROSCOE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND WORK PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCIAL AND STAFFING PLANS

Lefko moved approval of the following motion. Fuhr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

That the Regional Transit Board approves the Contract for Consultant Services, Amendment No. 1, as shown in the attachment to Strgar-Roscoe's letter of November 7, 1984.

OTHER BUSINESS

Abdul-Rahman discussed the private providers conference on November 26, which will help the Board become more familiar with the private operators' programs before the Board begins reviewing their programs. Perovich said there will also be discussions on Metro Mobility.

Abdul-Rahman noted that the interviews are finished for the director of planning position. A decision should be made shortly. Applicants are now being interviewed for the director of administration position. Interviews for the secretarial position have not been done.

The Committee of the Whole will review the Interim Implementation Plan on November 28 and on December 3 the Board will act to accept the plan for public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for December 17. It is expected that the Board will meet every Monday at 4:30 p.m. Alternate Mondays will be devoted to light rail transit.

DISCUSSION OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT REVIEW PROCESS

Nacho Diaz distributed a tentative schedule. He emphasized that in addition to the official schedule, the process should be started now to take advantage of the month of December and distribute as much information as possible.

There will be a joint meeting with the Committee of the Whole and Metro Systems Committee on November 28. Abdul-Rahman said the Board must meet at 4:00 p.m. because it must act on the Interim Implementation Plan on that day. The schedule for the month of December was reviewed. A new calendar will be distributed to the members.

In response to Lefko's question on who is doing what, Perovich explained that the Board will make its decision on LRT. The Metropolitan Council will work with the Board as we move toward the decision. They will take the Board's decision and ensure that it fits into the Transportation Policy Plan Guide Chapter.

Diaz said that on January 1 the steering committee will make its recommendation to the Board. The Board will make its decisions on February 1.

Snesrud asked why the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) will make the recommendation to the Legislature. Perovich said that will come through the Board but the responsibility still rests with Mn/DOT. Abdul-Rahman explained the working relationship between Mn/DOT and the RTB. At this moment, for all practical purposes, the authority is in the hands of Mn/DOT until the law is changed.

Doyle asked what the steering committee's issues report will contain. Will economic feasibility be included? Diaz said it is a detailed analysis of what the different alternatives would do to the two corridors. The steering committee will make specific recommendations on which alternative is the preferred one. The Board can take the recommendation and go along with it or not. It will include an initial analysis of financing. Doyle said the critical test of the credibility of the LRT decision and of the Board will be based on the financial aspects of the decision.

Acosta said we are talking about an investment analysis of the future of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. That cannot be decided on the basis of money alone; the Board must avoid simplistic kinds of analysis.

Doyle agreed that these are complex issues, but warned the Board that it must carefully decide how to communicate to the public so that they understand what we are doing. We are on a fast track here, but must not get sidetracked.

Perovich said there will not be concrete financial scenarios. They are only options for the Board to consider. The Board will have to put them into a package. The public will probably judge us on how feasible it looks when it is put together. This comes at a time the state is looking for tax cuts and adjusting the tax system. The Board will have a lot of options, but no suggested package on each corridor. Fuhr said the beauty of the finances is that we may not have to depend on the federal government. Perovich said we are not giving up on federal money.

Perovich said the LRT implementation study is looking at each parcel of land along the corridors for types of development. At the same time, there will be two years of preliminary engineering. Lefko said the Board may make a mistake in thinking it can change its mind later. We should allow enough time to get outside experts to come in. Perovich said to bear in mind that the studies have been going on since 1981. Everyone is assuring us that the information will be available. Lefko said the implementation group has worked together for a long time; the Board may come at the question from another direction. Perovich said that is the purpose of the Board, but there will be enough technical information to make a decision. Abdul-Rahman said each corridor package will include information on costs and financing. When the final decision is made it will be combined.

Diaz said he senses two major concerns: will there be enough information in front of the Board and will the Board have time to address that. In October the Board got very general information. On November 28 we will come down one step with more specific information. The Board will have enough information and the question is whether there is time to assimilate it. Perovich said the most difficult thing the Board will have to do is bite the bullet and make its decision. It will not be black and white. It might be easier to ask for more information.

Diaz said the steering committee will look at alternatives in the context of the Transportation Policy Plan. The long-range policies are very general. A full day retreat may be needed for implementation issues. Before deciding on how to pay for something, you have to decide whether it should be built. Once that decision is made from the regional standpoint, the Board will make specific decisions on how to pay for it.

Newland asked who will decide the level of public debt. Perovich said that is beyond the Board. If we go public each governmental unit involved will decide what it can afford. The only time we would be involved in debt limits would be if we go to the state for money. That would be a negotiated matter. There will probably be many extra meetings in January and February. After the Board has had time to go through and become familiar with the information, it can start looking at what needs to be done in terms of a longer session.

The chairman commented that Nacho Diaz always does excellent work.

There being other other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fudenberg

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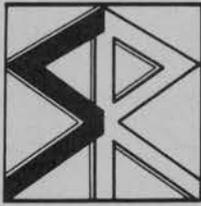
DATE: December 3, 1984
TO: Regional Transit Board
FROM: Elliott Perovich, Chairman
SUBJECT:

The Committee of the Whole discussed the Draft Transit Interim Implementation Plan at its meeting of November 28, 1984.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Transit Board accepts the Draft Interim Implementation Plan, 1985-87, which includes the Transit Service Plan, Financial Plan and Staffing Plan, dated December 3, 1984, for purposes of public hearing on December 17, 1984 at 4:30 p.m. in the Metropolitan Council Chambers.

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Refer To File:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ghaleb Abdul Rahman
Executive Director
Regional Transit Board

FROM: Peter A. Fausch

DATE: December 3, 1984

SUBJECT: CHANGES IN THE NOVEMBER 28, 1984 DRAFT OF THE INTERIM
TRANSIT SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The following major changes have been made to the November 28, 1984 draft of the Interim Transit Service Implementation Plan based on comments received at the RTB Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 28, 1984, comments from the members of the Management Team and Holmes and Graven, and upon our own review.

Page 11: The RTB goals have been moved to the front of the chapter with other agency goals following.

Page 21: A census figure relating to the number of transportation disabled persons has been added.

Page 26: Figure 3-4 showing the revenue sources for types of service has been added.

Page 28: Minnesota Department of Finance estimates for the transit fund from the MVET have been added along with some additional background on the transit fund.

Page 29: Additional information added on the state-funded tax relief program and the 1984 and 1985 tax levies.

Page 42: For non-MTC systems, the 1985-1987 annual growth was changed to 2% growth in ridership and no growth in service miles to match the Mn/DOT biennial budget assumptions.



Ghaleb Abdul Rahman

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December 3, 1984

Page 46: The phrase "including a no-build alternative" has been added to the main paragraph under Task 5.

Page 50: Reference to the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363.03 has been added.

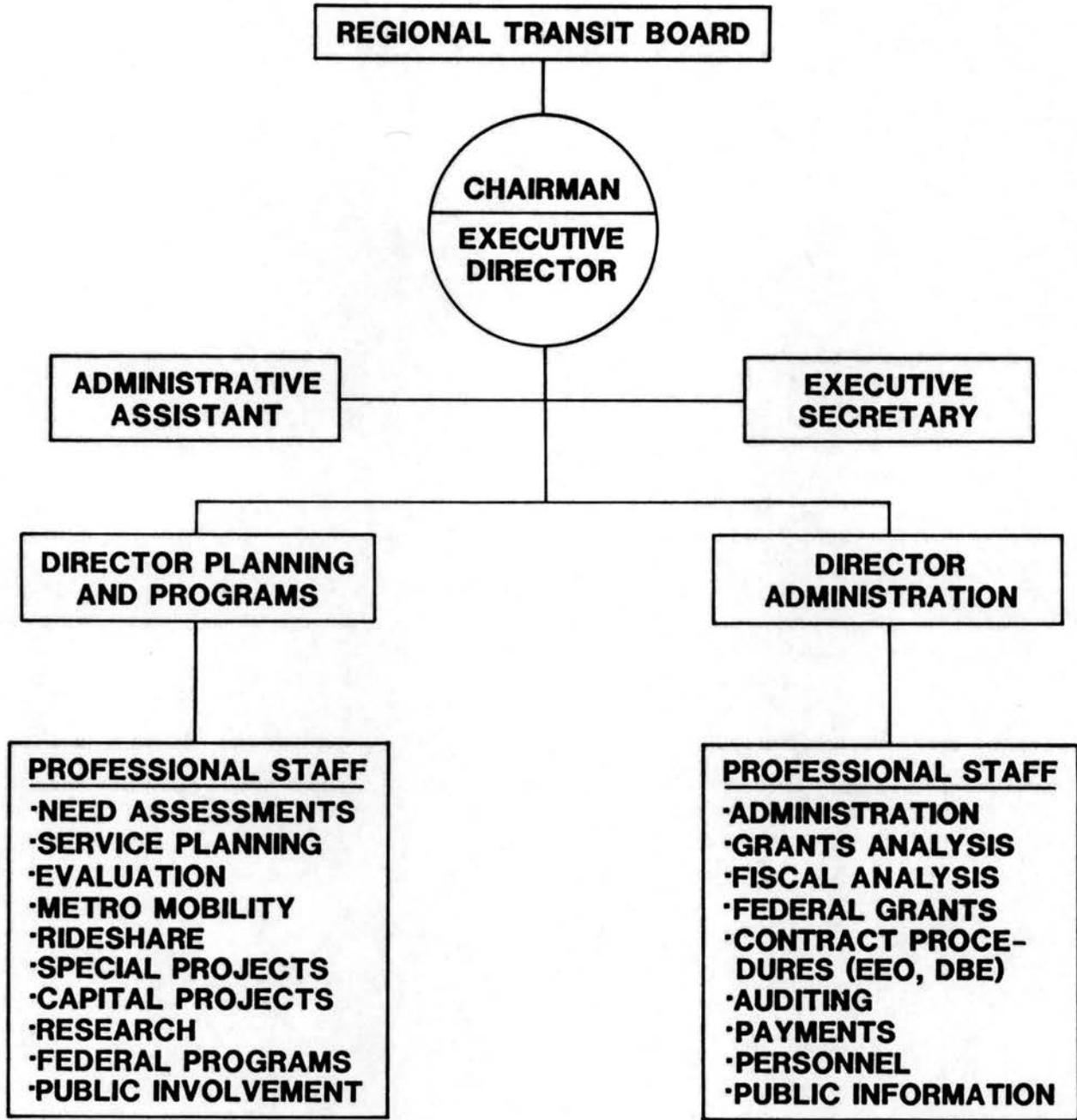
Page 54: The RTB organizational structure has been added in the text and is shown in Figure 8-1.

Page 56: Reference to the calendar year/fiscal year differences has been added in the opening section.

Page 62: Additional information added on the biennial budget request.

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RTB STAFF ORGANIZATION

FIGURE 8-1

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Suite 402 Metro Square Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

DATE: December 3, 1984
TO: Regional Transit Board
FROM: Elliott Perovich, Chairman
Ghaleb Abdul-Rahman, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Selection of Personnel

We have completed an extensive interview process, which included screening of the applicants by the Metropolitan Council Equal Opportunity Coordinator, and are recommending the following candidates to you for approval:

Judith Hollander, Director of Planning

Leslie Johnson, Director of Administration

Ms. Hollander has a B.A. in Urban Studies and a Masters in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University, as well as extensive experience in transportation planning with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Transit Commission.

Mr. Johnson has a Masters in Public Administration and Finance from Kansas University. He has extensive experience in public finance and as a city manager, most recently with the City of Blaine.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Regional Transit Board approve the appointment of Judith Hollander as Director of Planning, effective December 17, 1984, at a salary of \$48,000 per year, with the standard confidential employee benefit package.
2. That the Regional Transit Board approve the appointment of Leslie Johnson as Director of Administration, effective December 10, 1984, at a salary of \$48,000 per year, with the standard confidential employee benefit package.

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METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
Suite 300 Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 30, 1984
TO: Sandra Gardebring, Elliott Perovich
FROM: G. Abdul-Rahman, N. Diaz, and B. Lester
SUBJECT: Transit Improvements - Decision-Making Process

Transit improvements, including busway and LRT alternatives for the University Avenue and Southwest corridors and LRT for Hiawatha Avenue are under consideration. The attached schedule outlines a decision-making process from the local and federal perspectives.

The federal process completes the preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) developed by the Steering Committee of the Alternatives Analysis study for the University Avenue and Southwest corridors. It includes the following steps:

- Complete the draft EIS document and submit it to federal officials for their review;
- Circulate draft EIS document to agencies, organizations and other interested parties;
- Hold a public hearing to receive public input;
- Select preferred alternative for each corridor;
- Select a priority corridor for federal funding.

The federal process requires authorization from UMTA to print and circulate the draft EIS. UMTA's review of the document introduces an amount of uncertainty in terms of a date to conduct the public hearing. The attached schedule reflects, however, the best estimate available at this time, based upon conversations with UMTA officials.

The local process can be much better controlled locally. Therefore, it should be possible to maintain that portion of the schedule on target.

The local process allows the RTB and the Council to review the existing information from the Alternatives Analysis study, the Hiawatha Avenue EIS and the LRT Implementation study. It allows these two bodies to take an overall position on this issue. In other words, first the RTB and the Council would first take a position on a preferred alternative for each corridors. Then, they would also be prepared to testify at the public hearing conducted by the Steering Committee under the federal process. Finally, it would allow the RTB and the Council to establish priorities among the three corridors for implementation purposes, including federal, state and local funding.

The local process would include:

- Briefings for Council and RTB members to receive information;
- Input from the Transportation Advisory Board;
- Input from the public at large at a public meeting;
- Deliberation of RTB and Council members on the issues under consideration;
- Action by the RTB and the Council defining position on preferred alternative for each corridor;
- Presentation of testimony by RTB and Council on preferred alternatives;
- Definition of priorities for implementation purposes and funding recommendations.

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SCHEDULE: TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

LOCAL PROCESS

FEDERAL PROCESS

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| November 28 | - Briefing for RTB and MC members on University Avenue | |
| December 10 | - Briefing for RTB and MC members on Southwest corridor | |
| December 20 | - Briefing for RTB and MC members on Hiawatha Avenue | December and 1st Half of January..... |
| January 1 | - Steering Committee transmits informational document on University Avenue/Southwest corridors to RTB and MC | Review of DEIS by UMTA Officials |
| January 2 | - Briefing for RTB and MC members on LRT Implementation Study | |
| January 9 | - Wrap-up briefing for RTB/MC on on corridor studies and LRT Implementation Study | |
| January 16 | - TAB/TAC transmits comments to RTB/MC on corridor studies | |
| January 23 | - Public meeting held by RTB/MC to receive comments from the public | |
| January 30 | - Final joint meeting for deliberation | |
| February 4 | - RTB adopts recommendation of the committee on preferred alternatives for the purpose of a public hearing | 2nd Half of January, 1st Half of February...Circulate DEIS |
| February 4, and 11 | - Systems Committee adopts recommendations on preferred alternatives | |
| February 14 | - MC adopts recommendation of Systems Committee on preferred alternatives for the purpose of a public hearing | 2nd Half of February...Public Hearings |
| | | March....Select Preferred Alternative |