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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD  
270 Metro Square Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
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MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD  
Monday, July 20, 1987  
Metropolitan Council Chambers  
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes for June 15 and July 6, 1987, Board Meetings
4. CONSENT LIST
5. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE Doris Caranicas,  
Chair
6. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE Ruth Franklin,  
Chair
  - A. Metro Mobility Evaluation Consultant Selection
  - B. Adoption of the RTB Fare Policies and Procedures for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
  - C. 1986 Audited Financial Statements
  - D. Financial Statements - May 1987
7. OTHER BUSINESS *16.B.2 Vehicle*
  - A. Chairman's Report
  - B. Members' Reports
  - C. Advisory Committee Reports
  - D. Staff Reports
8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elliott Perovich  
Chairman

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STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE TWIN CITIES METROPOLITAN AREA

Steve Keefe, Chair of the Metropolitan Council, discussed the council's strategic planning initiatives. The council is focusing on broad policy issues and identifying long-term trends in the region. Since in the future funds may not be available to expand transportation facilities, the connection between transportation and transit will become stronger. The crisis in energy resources will return and may affect land values. He stressed the importance of planning for this. The council's work is not merely economic; the quality of life is a major consideration. Strategic planning is seen as an ongoing process of scanning the region for changes and deciding what should be done about them to enhance the long-term viability of the region. To accomplish this, the council is asking for continual input from the board and metro agencies. Keefe asked for comments on the process and suggestions for future input. As part of the budget process they put together a list of goals (Exhibit A).

Perovich said Goal 14, Financing Regional Infrastructure, is a high priority for the board because of the tremendous needs of the highway system. Fuhr said the Transportation Policy Plan should reflect a determination to be transit cities. Keefe said our concentration of population allows development of facilities not feasible for smaller cities. Downtown Minneapolis is reaching a point where people cannot be moved in and out of the area. Financing then becomes the primary issue. If taxpayers are offered a choice, Keefe believes they will choose reduced congestion, even if that involves an increase in the gas tax. Isaacs said the council seems to have an image problem in terms of where it will go with transit. The Metropolitan Council must make a definite statement that transit must be a strong factor in the central business districts. Keefe said the council in the past was critical of light and medium

rail transit. While it will not solve all the problems, this is a transit-dependent area and he believes someone should build light rail.

CONSENT LIST

Joyce moved that the July 6 comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Nicollet Mall Project in Downtown Minneapolis be approved. Graves seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Franklin reviewed the report of the committee recommendations made at its meeting of June 18, 1987.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION NICOLLET GARAGE RECONSTRUCTION AND MIDDAY BUS STORAGE, URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 3, GRANT APPLICATION

Franklin moved:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the Metropolitan Transit Commission Section 3 Grant Application in the amount of \$11,742,000 for the Midday Bus Storage Facility and Reconstruction of the Nicollet Garage, contingent upon the MTC's inclusion in the grant application of the four conditions applied by the RTB concerning non-MTC operators' use of the facilities, in their approval of the two projects into the Capital Plan. Further, that the RTB transmit this action to the Metropolitan Council for their consideration.

Joyce seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - APRIL 1987

Franklin moved:

That the Regional Transit Board receive the 1987 financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

Isaacs seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

RELEASE FOR METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT CENTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Franklin moved and Graves seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the executive director to execute a release with Metropolitan Government Center Limited Partnership, releasing them from all claims under the terminated lease agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman described the trip to Portland and San Diego, which was designed to make decision-makers familiar with light rail transit systems operating in other cities.

### MEMBERS REPORTS

Isaacs said that at the June 8 transit information sharing meeting in South Minneapolis people seem to be inquisitive and somewhat hostile to light rail. The meeting was attended by representatives of Hennepin County, Metropolitan Council and Regional Transit Board.

Fuhr has written a trip report on the APTA conference in Toronto. Greg Jones from Denver discussed the entrepreneurial aspects of transit. She suggested that the board co-sponsor bringing him in for a day or two to conduct a forum. It would cost about \$20,000, which might be worthwhile.

Isaacs is invited to address the Minnesota Department of Transportation Planning Section on light rail transit on July 16.

Franklin asked what the procedure will be on the Route 52 issue. The chairman said the Policy Committee will consider it at its next meeting on July 20.

The board members will hold a half-day retreat on July 16.

There was discussion of the procedure and intent of the contact reporting forms that Tom Beaver distributed to the members. Our new legislation requires members to meet on a regular basis with legislators and other officials. The forms will help keep a log of contacts. The legislative meetings have been scheduled and the chairman asked that members try to attend the meetings in their districts.

Graves asked who the board's legal counsel is. Andrews said the original contract is with Holmes and Graven and the representative identified in the contract is Charles Weaver, who joined another firm. This is a good time to reassess the needs of the agency. Andrews will make a recommendation at the next Administration and Finance Committee meeting. In the meantime, Weaver will continue to represent the board. The chairman said this arrangement is acceptable since the contract is not exclusive.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill Hopkins, Chair of the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee, said there has been a Metro Mobility problem for some time in that taxicabs cannot stop in "No Parking" zones to pick up riders. The advisory committee passed a resolution directing Hopkins to seek a solution. The problem is primarily with the City of Minneapolis. The Metro Mobility Administrative Center has been trying to resolve the problem but has been stalemated because the city is enforcing the law very strictly. Hopkins asked if the board feels it is within his role and responsibility as chair of THAC to move ahead and try to solve the problem. The consensus was that the board and staff will support his efforts.

## STAFF REPORTS

Andrews said Kathy Christopherson met with John Haynes, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, to discuss tax policy. He is concerned with the 1988 segments of the tax bill and will work with us to suggest legislative changes in the 1988 session. One of the biggest impacts is in changing the mill rate.

Linda Ehlers, who joined the staff in April to work on Metro Mobility, was introduced. Susan Fedrochak is a new member of the Programs and Planning staff; and Jan Hennings was hired as a permanent employee in Public Information.

Perovich said the person discussed in Mary O'Hara-Anderson's recent letter has now been accommodated in the Metro Mobility program, with the assistance of Diane Harberts.

Graves said she asked for a breakdown of where providers offer service and where there is an overlap with an explanation of how overlaps will be dealt with. Hollander said information is available but a three-dimension overlay cannot be developed without a tally of density of trip requests, which cannot be developed until the new MMAC computer is on line. Some of these questions will be dealt with in the evaluation. Trips that are outside the flow have always caused special problems.

## I-49 CORRIDOR STUDY VIDEO AND UPDATE

Turnbull showed a video presentation and gave a update on the I-494 study. It is nearing conclusion and the draft report is expected in August. Transit and traffic demand management strategies are important elements of the study.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Arnie Entzel said there are people taking an active role in the Competitive Transit Advisory Committee meetings who are not members of the committee. He asked the board what its attitude is. Isaacs said the board appointed individuals to the committee. No one should substitute for a missing member at meetings. The members concurred that it is inappropriate for a consultant retained by a member to take part in the team's deliberations. The chairman said having an alternate attend a meeting is a separate issue.

Bertrand said Metro Mobility provides are asking where the State Fair drop points will be. Hollander said Frerichs has taken care of the issue.

There being no further business, Franklin moved and Graves seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald  
Secretary

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Suite 270 Metro Square Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

DATE: July 7, 1987  
TO: Regional Transit Board  
FROM: Elliott Perovich, Chairman  
SUBJECT: Consent List

The following referral has been reviewed by the staff and chair of the Regional Transit Board (RTB). In my opinion, the referral meets the standards of consent referrals adopted by the board in its bylaws.

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Normandy Block Project in Downtown Minneapolis

The City of Minneapolis has completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Normandy Block Project and has asked the RTB to comment on the impacts on transit caused by this development. The RTB has completed its review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and supports the need to further examine and resolve the transit concerns raised in the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement through the use of an interagency staff committee. Further, that the RTB encourages the City of Minneapolis to consider the use of a higher capacity transit mode that is less polluting, such as light rail transit.

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DATE: July 13, 1987  
TO: Regional Transit Board  
FROM: Administration and Finance Committee

At its meeting of July 6, 1987, the Administration and Finance Committee discussed the items listed below and approved the following recommendations:

METRO MOBILITY EVALUATION CONSULTANT SELECTION

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the executive director to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$79,686 with Carter Goble Associates for the purpose of evaluating the Metro Mobility program.

ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD FARE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The members discussed Fare Policy 7 and directed that it be revised. The attached memorandum discusses the change.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Transit Board adopt the Fare Policies and Procedures for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. That the Regional Transit Board submit the Fare Policies and Procedures to the Senate Transportation and Finance Committees and the House of Representatives Metropolitan Affairs and Appropriations Committees for their review and comment as required by the 1987 legislation.

1986 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - MAY 1987

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DATE: July 14, 1987  
TO: Regional Transit Board  
FROM: Administration and Finance Committee  
SUBJECT: Adoption of the RTB Fare Policies and Procedures  
for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

SUMMARY

This memorandum presents the revised fare policy number seven as directed by the Administration and Finance Committee in their review of the RTB Fare Policies and Procedures for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area on July 6, 1987. The Fare Policies and Procedures have been recommended for Board adoption by the Administration and Finance Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Administration and Finance Committee, in their review on July 6, 1987, directed staff to revise fare policy number seven to be more specific. The following revision is offered for Board consideration in the adoption of the Fare Policies and Procedures for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area:

7. New services will be expected to show steady growth toward meeting the appropriate farebox recovery ratios within a reasonable period to be established in the management plan by the RTB.

In addition to this change, the following legislation relating to fares passed during the 1987 session has been included in Chapter II, Section A:

- o 1987 Session Laws, Chapter 278, Section 26

The provisions respecting fares of the metropolitan transit commission in Laws 1981, chapter 363, section 55, subdivision 1; Laws 1981, Third Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2; and Laws 1983, chapter 293, section 2, subdivision 5, are repealed.

Laws 1985, First Special Session chapter 10, section 122, is repealed.

- o 1987 Session Laws, Chapter 358, Section 3, Subdivision 7

The board may not allow the metropolitan transit commission to alter fare schedules existing on January 1, 1987, until the board has adopted a plan and policies on fares as required by Laws 1985, First Special Session chapter 10, section 30, and has submitted its plan to the senate

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The meeting was called to order and roll called at 4:00 p.m. Joyce moved and Isaacs seconded that the agenda be approved; the motion carried unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE TWIN CITIES METROPOLITAN AREA

Steve Keefe, Chair of the Metropolitan Council, discussed the council's strategic planning initiatives. The council is focusing on broad policy issues and identifying long-term trends in the region. Since in the future funds may not be available to expand transportation facilities, the connection between transportation and transit will become stronger. The crisis in energy resources will return and may affect land values. He stressed the importance of planning for this. The council's work is not merely economic; the quality of life is a major consideration. Strategic planning is seen as an ongoing process of scanning the region for changes and deciding what should be done about them to enhance the long-term viability of the region. To accomplish this, the council is asking for continual input from the board and metro agencies. Keefe asked for comments on the process and suggestions for future input. As part of the budget process they put together a list of goals (Exhibit A).

Perovich said Goal 14, Financing Regional Infrastructure, is a high priority for the board because of the tremendous needs of the highway system. Fuhr said the Transportation Policy Plan should reflect a determination to be transit cities. Keefe said our concentration of population allows development of facilities not feasible for smaller cities. Downtown Minneapolis is reaching a point where people cannot be moved in and out of the area. Financing then becomes the primary issue. If taxpayers are offered a choice, Keefe believes they will choose reduced congestion, even if that involves an increase in the gas tax. Isaacs said the council seems to have an image problem in terms of where it will go with transit. The Metropolitan Council must make a definite statement that transit must be a strong factor in the central business districts. Keefe said the council in the past was critical of light and medium

rail transit. While it will not solve all the problems, this is a transit-dependent area and he believes someone should build light rail.

#### CONSENT LIST

Joyce moved that the July 6 comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Nicollet Mall Project in Downtown Minneapolis be approved. Graves seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

#### REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Franklin reviewed the report of the committee recommendations made at its meeting of June 18, 1987.

#### METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION NICOLLET GARAGE RECONSTRUCTION AND MIDDAY BUS STORAGE, URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 3, GRANT APPLICATION

Franklin moved:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the Metropolitan Transit Commission Section 3 Grant Application in the amount of \$11,742,000 for the Midday Bus Storage Facility and Reconstruction of the Nicollet Garage, contingent upon the MTC's inclusion in the grant application of the four conditions applied by the RTB concerning non-MTC operators' use of the facilities, in their approval of the two projects into the Capital Plan. Further, that the RTB transmit this action to the Metropolitan Council for their consideration.

Joyce seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - APRIL 1987

Franklin moved:

That the Regional Transit Board receive the 1987 financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

Isaacs seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

#### RELEASE FOR METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT CENTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Franklin moved and Graves seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the executive director to execute a release with Metropolitan Government Center Limited Partnership, releasing them from all claims under the terminated lease agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman described the trip to Portland and San Diego, which was designed to make decision-makers familiar with light rail transit systems operating in other cities.

### MEMBERS REPORTS

Isaacs said that at the June 8 transit information sharing meeting in South Minneapolis people seem to be inquisitive and somewhat hostile to light rail. The meeting was attended by representatives of Hennepin County, Metropolitan Council and Regional Transit Board.

Fuhr has written a trip report on the APTA conference in Toronto. Greg Jones from Denver discussed the entrepreneurial aspects of transit. She suggested that the board co-sponsor bringing him in for a day or two to conduct a forum. It would cost about \$20,000, which might be worthwhile.

Isaacs is invited to address the Minnesota Department of Transportation Planning Section on light rail transit on July 16.

Franklin asked what the procedure will be on the Route 52 issue. The chairman said the Policy Committee will consider it at its next meeting on July 20.

The board members will hold a half-day retreat on July 16.

There was discussion of the procedure and intent of the contact reporting forms that Tom Beaver distributed to the members. Our new legislation requires members to meet on a regular basis with legislators and other officials. The forms will help keep a log of contacts. The legislative meetings have been scheduled and the chairman asked that members try to attend the meetings in their districts.

Graves asked who the board's legal counsel is. Andrews said the original contract is with Holmes and Graven and the representative identified in the contract is Charles Weaver, who joined another firm. This is a good time to reassess the needs of the agency. Andrews will make a recommendation at the next Administration and Finance Committee meeting. In the meantime, Weaver will continue to represent the board. The chairman said this arrangement is acceptable since the contract is not exclusive.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill Hopkins, Chair of the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee, said there has been a Metro Mobility problem for some time in that taxicabs cannot stop in "No Parking" zones to pick up riders. The advisory committee passed a resolution directing Hopkins to seek a solution. The problem is primarily with the City of Minneapolis. The Metro Mobility Administrative Center has been trying to resolve the problem but has been stalemated because the city is enforcing the law very strictly. Hopkins asked if the board feels it is within his role and responsibility as chair of THAC to move ahead and try to solve the problem. The consensus was that the board and staff will support his efforts.

## STAFF REPORTS

Andrews said Kathy Christopherson met with John Haynes, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, to discuss tax policy. He is concerned with the 1988 segments of the tax bill and will work with us to suggest legislative changes in the 1988 session. One of the biggest impacts is in changing the mill rate.

Linda Ehlers, who joined the staff in April to work on Metro Mobility, was introduced. Susan Fedrochak is a new member of the Programs and Planning staff; and Jan Hennings was hired as a permanent employee in Public Information.

Perovich said the person discussed in Mary O'Hara-Anderson's recent letter has now been accommodated in the Metro Mobility program, with the assistance of Diane Harberts.

Graves said she asked for a breakdown of where providers offer service and where there is an overlap with an explanation of how overlaps will be dealt with. Hollander said information is available but a three-dimension overlay cannot be developed without a tally of density of trip requests, which cannot be developed until the new MMAC computer is on line. Some of these questions will be dealt with in the evaluation. Trips that are outside the flow have always caused special problems.

### 1-49 CORRIDOR STUDY VIDEO AND UPDATE

Turnbull showed a video presentation and gave a update on the 1-494 study. It is nearing conclusion and the draft report is expected in August. Transit and traffic demand management strategies are important elements of the study.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Arnie Entzel said there are people taking an active role in the Competitive Transit Advisory Committee meetings who are not members of the committee. He asked the board what its attitude is. Isaacs said the board appointed individuals to the committee. No one should substitute for a missing member at meetings. The members concurred that it is inappropriate for a consultant retained by a member to take part in the team's deliberations. The chairman said having an alternate attend a meeting is a separate issue.

Bertrand said Metro Mobility provides are asking where the State Fair drop points will be. Hollander said Frerichs has taken care of the issue.

There being no further business, Franklin moved and Graves seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD  
ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: July 20, 1987

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MEMBER NAME	PRESENT	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE
Chairman	✓					
Doris Caranicas	✓					
Ruth Franklin	✓					
Carole Faricy	✓					
Alison Fuhr	✓					
Rochelle Graves						
George Isaacs	✓					
Paul Joyce	✓					
Edward Kranz	✓					