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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

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Monday, November 2, 1987
Metropolitan Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: 11/2/87
 BOARD OR COMMITTEE : Board
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MEMBER NAME	PRESENT	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE
<u>Chairman</u>	✓	no			
<u>Doris Caranicas</u>	✓	no			
<u>Ruth Franklin</u>	✓	yes			
<u>Carole Faricy</u>	✓	no			
<u>Alison Fuhr</u>	✓	y			
<u>Rochelle Graves</u>					
<u>George Isaacs</u>	✓	no			
<u>Paul Joyce</u>	✓	y			
<u>Edward Kranz</u>					

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
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October 19, 1987

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Perovich, Chairman; Doris Caranicas; Ruth Franklin; Alison Fuhr; Rochelle Graves; George Isaacs; Paul Joyce and Ed Kranz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carole Faricy

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregory Andrews, Mary Fitzgerald, Bob Dietrick, Judy Hollander, Katie Turnbull, Ed Kouneski, Tom Beaver, Mark Ryan, Cindy Fish, Regional Transit Board Staff; Gregory Korstad, legal counsel; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Dirk deVries, Karen Lyons and Natalio Diaz, Metropolitan Council; Steve Bertrand; Joel Alter; Greg Failor, Metropolitan Transit Commission

The chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and roll was taken. Caranicas moved approval of the agenda; Joyce seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fuhr moved that the minutes of the September 21, 1987 board meeting be approved. Caranicas seconded the motion; the motion carried (Joyce abstained). Caranicas moved approval of the minutes of the October 5, 1987 board meeting. Fuhr seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

SLIDE PRESENTATION OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEMS

George Isaacs showed his slides on light rail transit systems, illustrating what is and is not light rail and described how various systems have been used world-wide.

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Caranicas said the committee will meet immediately following this meeting.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Franklin reviewed the October 6, 1987 report of the committee.

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD INSURANCE RENEWALS

Franklin noted that a memorandum from Bob Dietrick, dated October 19, 1987 had been handed out prior to the start of the meeting. The insurance quotations have been received and are lower than expected. She moved:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the renewal of the Regional Transit Board's insurance policies for General Liability, Workers Compensation, Business Auto, Property, and Employee Fidelity Bond at a premium cost not to exceed \$15,039.

Caranicas seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF A METRO MOBILITY TRAINING MANUAL CONSULTANT

Franklin moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the executive director to enter into a contract with Pine and Associates to develop a standard Metro Mobility driver training manual and curriculum for an amount not to exceed \$14,894.

Isaacs said Mr. Pine should make use of previous literature developed by Project Mobility. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - JULY AND AUGUST 1987

Franklin moved and Fuhr seconded:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR 1987 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Franklin moved and Joyce seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board solicit proposals from financial audit firms for the purpose of engaging a CPA firm to perform financial audits of the Regional Transit Board for a three-year period, commencing with the 1987 audit.

The motion carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION AMENDED 1988 CAPITAL BUDGET

Franklin moved and Joyce seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the Metropolitan Transit Commission capital budget increase of \$454,423 and direct staff to incorporate these changes in the 1988 capital budget and pass on these changes to the Metropolitan Council for their review and approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

Franklin reminded members that there will be a special committee meeting on October 26 to review the MTC budget and asked that members bring their budget books to the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman's Report

The chairman discussed the trip he and Mike Kuehn took to visit legislators in the southwestern part of the state. Kuehn said the Transportation Finance Study Committee is trying to solicit public support and plans to hold public hearings regarding funding requirements for 35W and I-494. Legislators are hearing that there is a need for transportation funding in the outstate area.

Members Reports

Franklin updated members on the activities of the Transportation Advisory Board Light Rail Transit Advisory Committee. The Metropolitan Council has asked for a recommendation for coordinating LRT efforts in the Seven-County Metropolitan Area. The advisory committee is distributing a draft report for members to review and she asked that people contact her or Hollander with their recommendations by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, when the Transportation Advisory Board is expected to take action. The first draft did not mention the role of the RTB and Hollander has worked out a stronger position for the board.

Graves said she held a meeting last week with agencies and community groups on the Jobseekers Program. The editor of the Minnesota Community Corrections newsletter contacted her about writing an article for the state-wide publication.

Fuhr said the I-494 meetings are taking place with the cities this week and next. She reminded members of the November 5 meeting of the South Hennepin Services Council. In response to her question, Andrews said the Metropolitan Council is still discussing the bond seminar and gathering information from other commissions. Andrews also discussed the possibility of arranging a two to three-hour condensed version with the Council's financial advisor, Springsted, Inc.

Members discussed the letter received recently from Midwest MedCab. Isaacs said the Safety Subcommittee of the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee is discussing the situation of Amigo wheelchairs. The chairman said Bill Hopkins is working on the loading situation at the Metrodome. At times the Metro Mobility vehicles are not allowed to drop off passengers.

Turnbull said there is very little information available on bus noise and pollution. Staff may have to ask for approval to hire a consultant to get detailed information. At a meeting late this summer in St. Louis Park, Perovich said Glenn Olson agreed to send pollution information to the legislators.

Staff Reports

Andrews told members that Roane Smothers has accepted a position with the Dayton Ohio Transit Company. There will be a social gathering on his last day, October 30.

After discussing the upcoming members' retreat on the legislative package, Joyce moved and Graves seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Suite 270 Metro Square Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

DATE: October 20, 1987
TO: Regional Transit Board
FROM: Policy Committee
SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON ITS MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 1987

At its meeting on October 19, 1987 the committee took the following action:

DRAFT FINAL REPORT OF THE I-494 CORRIDOR STUDY

That the Regional Transit Board endorse the I-494 Corridor Study final report and take the following actions:

1. Request the Metropolitan Transit Commission to make working with the RTB and others on the detailed service planning and scheduling necessary to implement the transit strategies a priority for 1988.
2. Direct staff to work on implementing the transit recommendations, specifically working with the MTC, other providers, and communities on the service planning and scheduling activities and implementing service improvements.
3. Direct staff to work on implementing the Travel Demand Management (TDM) recommendations, specifically working with and providing technical assistance to the voluntary I-494 Transportation Management Organization (Improve-494 Steering Committee) and the communities and coordinating regional TDM and ridesharing activities with the I-494 TMO.
4. Participate in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and other work necessary to move the I-494 highway improvements through the programming process, including supporting the continued consideration of a High Occupancy Vehicle lane on I-494.

OPERATION OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

That the ~~Metropolitan Transit Commission, as the~~ major transit bus operator in the Metropolitan Area, should also be expected to operate light rail transit as it becomes functional.

Members also discussed the public hearing draft of the Standards, Procedures and Guidelines for Competitive Procurement of Public Transit Services.

The next meeting of the committee will be November 16, 1987.

Doris Caranicas
Chair

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DATE: October 27, 1987
TO: Regional Transit Board
FROM: Administration and Finance Committee
SUBJECT: Report of the Administration and Finance Committee
Meeting of October 26, 1987

At its meeting of October 26, 1987 the committee approved the following:

REVIEW OF THE 1988 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION OPERATING BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

That the committee take no action at this meeting and encourage the staff of the two agencies to communicate with one another. At the November 2, 1987 meeting the committee will discuss the 1988 Metropolitan Transit Commission Operating Budget again after it has heard requests for other regular route services.

Ruth Franklin
Chair

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