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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
 Mears Park Centre
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MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Monday, November 7, 1988
 Mears Park Centre Chambers
 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
- for* 3. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 1988 Board Meeting
4. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Doris Caranicas,
 Chair

5. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ruth Franklin,
 Chair

- A. Approval of Provider Contract Policies
- B. Approval of Exurban Funding Guidelines
- C. Authorization to Enter into Provider Contracts for Calendar Year 1989

Info report on HC LRT Priority Guidelines - Diaz

6. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Chairman's Report
 - B. Members' Reports
 - C. Advisory Committee Reports
 - D. Staff Reports

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elliott Perovich
 Chairman



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Minutes of the Meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre, Room A
October 24, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Perovich, Chairman; Doris Caranicas; Carole Faricy; Ruth Franklin; Alison Fuhr; George Isaacs; Rochelle Graves; Paul Joyce;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Kranz

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregory Andrews, Mary Fitzgerald, Judy Hollander, Mike Kuehn, Ed Kouneski, Katie Turnbull, Regional Transit Board Staff; Charles Weaver, legal counsel; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Dirk deVries, Mike McLaughlin and Natalio Diaz, Metropolitan Council; Bill Hopkins and Steve Bertrand, Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee; Carolyn Cochrane, John Capell, Tom Vida and Bob Wilker, Metropolitan Transit Commission, Christopher Graham, Metro Mobility Administrative Center; Kathy DeSpieglaere, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority; Matt Peterson, Morley Bus Company.

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

Caranicas moved approval of the minutes of the October 10, 1988 meeting; Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON THE METRO MOBILITY COMPUTER

A status report, dated October 20, 1988, was distributed. Christopher Gran, the new Metro Mobility Administrative Center manager, was introduced by Vida. Lyle Frerichs, who has been recovering from injuries he received in a car accident some months ago, returned to work today.

Vida said the computer system is fully functional and the providers are using it. Last week meetings were held with them and they are generally satisfied. They made suggestions for system enhancement that will be evaluated. There was discussion about pro-rating the \$10 annual certification fee for riders who are certified late in the year.

Wilker reviewed the downloading to the providers' computers, voucher printing and system controls to protect the data base. No action was taken.

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

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

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Franklin reviewed the committee's report of its October 10, 1988 meeting.

PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SYSTEM

Franklin moved and Fuhr seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the purchase of Apple Macintosh microcomputer systems in an amount not to exceed \$122,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - JULY 1988

Franklin moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board receive the July 1988 financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

The motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD 1988 (PAYABLE 1989) PROPERTY TAX LEVY,
RESOLUTION NO. 88-06

Franklin moved and Fuhr seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board adopt Resolution No. 88-06, "Resolution Levying Ad Valorem Property Taxes" for 1988, payable 1989.

On a roll call vote, the motion and resolution were unanimously approved.

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD INSURANCE RENEWALS

Franklin moved and Joyce seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the renewal of the Regional Transit Board's insurance policies for liability, business auto, employee fidelity bond, property, and workers compensation at a premium cost of \$15,464.51.

The motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE TO STATEMENT OF BENEFITS - HEALTH INSURANCE

Franklin moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the following change in the RTB Statement of Benefits, Effective October 1, 1988:

Hospital/Medical Care. The RTB pays for employee health insurance coverage, and contributes 90 percent of the cost of dependent health coverage of the lowest cost carrier.

In response to Fuhr's question, the chairman said the intent of the motion is to set a percentage of employer contribution in order to avoid returning to the board every time there is a change in the cost of health coverage. Andrews added that health insurance plans offered to the Metropolitan Council, RTB and Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission are currently being rebid with new premiums effective January 1, 1989. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE 1989 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION CAPITAL BUDGET

Franklin moved and Joyce seconded:

That the RTB approve an amendment to the 1989 MTC Capital Budget involving projects 3710, 3810, 3811, and 3910 as outlined below:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amended Project Cost</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amended Local Funding</u>	<u>Change</u>
3710	\$20,157,445	\$1,994,625	\$ 6,719,269	\$1,994,625
3810	\$16,366,022	800,000	\$ 8,570,102	800,000
3811	\$ 7,547,087	0	\$ 4,012,076	(749,011)
3910	\$18,300,405	<u>597,240</u>	\$10,700,405	<u>\$ 597,240</u>
Total		\$3,391,865		\$2,642,854

The motion carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION 1989 OPERATING BUDGET APPROVAL

Franklin moved and Joyce seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board:

1. Approve a 1989 operating budget of \$105,138,252 and RTB subsidy of \$62,289,603 for Metropolitan Transit Commission regular route and other programs, excluding the Metro Mobility Administrative Center and Minnesota Rideshare services at this time.
2. Approve MTC debt service expenditures of \$2,476,137.
3. Approve implementation of the MTC's fare simplification plan on or about April 1, 1989, with the exception that the fare for elderly persons shall remain 10 cents during 1989. The new fare structure will be:
 - a. A base fare of 50 cents.
 - b. A peak fare of 75 cents.
 - c. A youth fare and handicapped fare of 25 cents.
 - d. A senior fare of 10 cents.
 - e. A downtown area zone fare of 25 cents.
 - f. An express charge of 25 cents.
 - g. A zone charge of 25 cents, with a single boundary drawn at the current Zone 1 line.
4. Direct staff to set public hearing dates on Fare Simplification the weeks of November 21 and November 28, 1988.

After discussion of fare simplification hearings, Franklin moved and Joyce seconded:

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The motion carried unanimously.

Franklin moved and Fuhr seconded:

3. That the Regional Transit Board direct staff to set public hearing dates on Fare Simplification the weeks of November 21 and November 28, 1988; and
4. That the Regional Transit Board accept, for purposes of public hearing, the following fare simplification implementation on or about April 1, 1989, with the exception that the fare for elderly persons shall remain 10 cents during 1989.
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 - b. A peak fare of 75 cents.
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The mover and seconder of the original motion accepted the friendly amendments. Vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD REPORTS

The chairman noted that the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living held the first public meeting on recertification today and approximately 100 people, many of whom were blind, attended the meeting because they received false information that the blind would be decertified. Fuhr reported that several board members attended the MCIL annual meeting on October 22, 1988.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee Chairman Hopkins reported that the committee discussed the 16.b.2 program administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. It was tabled and will be brought back for further discussion on Monday, October 31. It will be the only item on that meeting's agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

Andrews said the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has awarded three grants to the region: \$200,000 grant to the Metropolitan Council to assist the Suburban Mobility program; \$56,000 to ITMS as an entrepreneurial grant; and \$88,500 to the Alliance for Progressive Transit, which is also an entrepreneurial grant. Joyce said it is disturbing that the ITMS application went directly to UMTA without review by the Metropolitan Council or the Regional Transit Board, particularly since UMTA has always been concerned about process. Joyce said he wants to be on record as opposing ~~this~~ ^{the} process.

Peterson said he was the author of the grant application. Wendell Cox has been visiting cities to promote this program. When the applicants raised the question of process, UMTA responded that the grant was important and they would not waste time. The applicants alerted RTB the day the award was made. Peterson said the board should know that he believes RTB should be part of the process. Perovich said the board's disagreement is with UMTA. Entzel commented on the reaction if RTB had gone through this type of thing. In response to Peterson's comment on the private operators becoming involved, Entzel said this is a good example that there are no "private" operators. These are all public operators who would not be in business without the state and federal funds they receive.

Andrews updated the board on the status of the parking ramp on Fourth Street. A draft of the second lease amendment was sent to the Port Authority and to John McDonald. The construction cannot begin until the amendment is executed. No rent is being paid. The chairman said free rent is no comfort to people who need to visit the building during the day and cannot find parking space.

There being no other business, Graves moved and Caranicas seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved by the board: _____, 1988.

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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
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MEMBER NAME PRESENT VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

~~Chairman~~

Doris Caranicas ✓

Ruth Franklin ✓

Carole Faricy ✓

~~Alison Fuhr~~

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George Isaacs ✓

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At its meeting of November 1, 1988, the Administration and Finance Committee reviewed and approved the following recommendations. The board is expected to take action on the recommendations at its meeting of November 7, 1988.

APPROVAL OF PROVIDER CONTRACT POLICIES

That the Regional Transit Board approve the Regional Transit Board Provider Contract Policies of October 26, 1988 to be incorporated into the provider contracts effective January 1, 1989.

APPROVAL OF EXURBAN FUNDING GUIDELINES

That the Regional Transit Board amend the existing exurban funding guidelines as follows:

Existing Guideline No. 4

Funding participation from the RTB shall not exceed 50 percent of the project deficit. The project deficit shall be determined by taking the total operating cost and subtracting federal, state and operating revenues from it. A local match that is not less than the amount contributed by the RTB shall be provided by the applicant. If the project provides service in other than the exurban area, the funding provided by the RTB shall not exceed the actual deficit incurred by providing services to the exurban area.

Replace with:

Funding participation from the RTB shall be a maximum of 60 percent of the project deficit for small urban and 65 percent for rural programs. The project deficit shall be calculated as: fully allocated operating costs less operating revenues attributed to the exurban area served. (If federal or state funds are obtained from sources other than the RTB, the attributable portion of these revenues shall be subtracted from total operating costs before the RTB share is calculated.) The remaining local match shall be provided by the applicant.

New Guideline No. 6

Add:

Funding preference will be granted to projects that are structured to deliver service by or in coordination with an existing provider.

New Guideline No. 7

Add:

New projects will be initiated with a 12-month demonstration period, during which the funding participation from the RTB shall be a maximum of 75 percent of the project deficit, as defined above.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO PROVIDER CONTRACTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1989

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the executive director to enter into contracts for calendar year 1989 with the following transit service providers in the amounts listed below:

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Tax-Related Funds</u>	<u>Total Contract Amount</u>
<u>Small Urban</u>			
City of Columbia Heights	\$ 21,420	\$ 0	\$ 21,420
City of Hastings (TRAC)	50,515	11,260	61,775
City of Hopkins	39,000	0	39,000
N.E. Suburban Transit (NEST)	95,610	0	95,610
St. Louis Park (STEP)	8,205	0	8,205
White Bear Area Transit	<u>102,508</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>102,508</u>
Subtotal	\$ 317,258	\$ 11,260	\$ 328,518
<u>Rural</u>			
Anoka County	\$ 23,401	\$ 62,440	\$ 85,841
Carver County	66,805	37,845	104,650
Dakota County (Volunteer)	0	10,800	10,800
DARTS (Dakota County)	273,374	102,634	376,008
Human Services, Inc.	174,461	50,499	224,960
Scott County	50,108	31,133	81,241
Senior Community Services	0	57,035	57,035
Senior Transportation Program	0	15,600	15,600
Westonka Rides	<u>0</u>	<u>15,559</u>	<u>15,559</u>
Subtotal	\$ 588,149	\$ 383,545	\$ 971,694
<u>Replacement Service (Opt-Out)</u>			
City of Plymouth	\$ 0	\$ 433,910	\$ 433,910
City of Shakopee	0	217,661	217,661
Southwest Metro	<u>0</u>	<u>910,830</u>	<u>910,830</u>
Subtotal	\$ 0	\$1,562,401	\$1,562,401
<u>Regular Route (Private Operator)</u>			
Airport Express	\$ 18,181	\$ 0	\$ 18,181
Medicine Lake Lines	748,900	0	748,900
North Suburban Lines	<u>651,510</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>651,510</u>
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