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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

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230 East 5th Street
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MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Monday, January 30, 1989
Mears Park Centre, Chambers
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
- OK 3. Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee
Bylaws Revision
- OK 4. Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee
Appointments
5. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE Doris Caranicas,
Chair
- OK A. 1-94 Remap Recommendations
- B. Metro Mobility Eligibility Criteria Approval
6. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE Ruth Franklin,
Chair
7. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Chairman's Report
 - 1) Legislative Update
 - B. Members' Reports
 - C. Advisory Committee Reports
 - D. Staff Reports
 - E. Public Comment

Elliott Perovich
Chairman

de Vries
 C. Crow
 G. Fauler
 T. Vidu
 N. Ding
 W. Camp
 Ehrlich

S. Wilson
 M. J. Nichol
 E. Brant
 S. Bertram

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
 ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE SHEET

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DATE: Jan 30, 1989

BOARD OR COMMITTEE: Board

MEMBER NAME	PRESENT	VOTE	Amendment VOTE	orig VOTE	VOTE	VOTE
Chairman	✓		no	no		
Doris Caranicas	✓		y	y		
Ruth Franklin	✓		y	y		
Carole Faricy	✓		y	y		
Alison Fuhr	✓		no abs	y		
Rochelle Graves	✓		y	y		
George Isaacs	✓		no	y no		
Paul Joyce	✓		y	y		
Edward Kranz	✓		y	y		

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

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DATE: January 12, 1989
TO: Chairman and Members of the Regional Transit Board
FROM: Bill Hopkins, Chairman
Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to THAC Bylaws

SUMMARY

Since the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee adopted its bylaws in 1986, a number of minor changes have occurred, necessitating a revision of the current bylaws. On December 12, 1988, THAC reviewed and approved changes to its bylaws as proposed by Chairman Hopkins.

Enclosed for your review are the current THAC bylaws (dated March, 1986) and the revised bylaws recently adopted by THAC. The changes made in the revised bylaws are underlined.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Transit Board approve the proposed revised bylaws of the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee.

**BYLAWS OF THE
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD'S
TRANSPORTATION HANDICAPPED ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee, hereinafter called the THAC, has been established by the Regional Transit Board, hereinafter called the RTB, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 473.375, Subdivision 9, and 473.386, Subdivision 2.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the THAC is to advise the RTB on management policies, implementation and planning issues for transit services for the elderly, disabled and others with special transportation needs, provided throughout the seven-county metropolitan area.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Composition. The THAC shall be composed of a chair and twenty individuals representing the elderly, handicapped and other users of special transportation services, representatives of persons contracting to provide special transportation services, and representatives of appropriate agencies. The THAC shall be composed of twenty-one members; two from each of the eight RTB districts, three at-large appointees (including the chair), and two members appointed by the State Council on Disability in consultation with the RTB chair. An RTB liaison shall be appointed by the RTB chair to provide a linkage between the RTB and the THAC in the conduct of its affairs.
- B. Selection. THAC members shall be appointed by RTB members. Two appointments shall be made by each RTB member, except for the five at-large appointments made by the RTB chair. Members appointed shall reside or work in the district from which they are appointed, except for at-large appointments made by the RTB chair, who will reside or work in the seven-county metropolitan area. At least one of the members appointed by each RTB member and at least two of the members appointed by the chair of the RTB shall represent the interests of elderly and disabled transit users.
- C. Terms. Terms for all appointees shall be concurrent with that of the appointing RTB member, and appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the RTB.
- D. Resignation and Vacancies. In the event a member wishes to resign, he/she shall communicate his/her intention, in writing, to the RTB member making the appointment with a copy to the THAC chair. The resignation shall take effect upon the RTB member's receipt of such written notification, unless a different date is specified in the notice. When a vacancy occurs, the RTB member representing the district in which the vacancy occurs shall appoint a new member to fill the unexpired

term of the resigned member. Such appointments shall be made from a list of unappointed applicants on file. Should no satisfactory applicant be on file from the district in which the vacancy occurs, the RTB shall solicit new applicants according to established procedures.

- E. Attendance. Attendance shall be the responsibility of each THAC member. Any member failing to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the THAC shall be considered for dismissal from the THAC. The matter shall be discussed and acted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the member's third consecutive absence. Notification of termination shall be in writing and shall come from the RTB member making the appointment. Any member terminated in this manner may seek reinstatement through an appeals process.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS OF THE THAC

- A. Chair. The chair of the RTB shall appoint the chair of the THAC. The chair of the THAC must be able to devote the time that is necessary to work effectively and cooperatively with the members of the THAC. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the THAC and shall have such duties and responsibilities as are normally attendant upon that office and as are delegated or assigned by the RTB. The chair shall represent the THAC at designated meetings or authorized assemblies. In such capacity, the chair shall be expected to express the collective views of the THAC, except those remarks which are expressly qualified to be specifically a personal view of the chair. The chair shall work closely with the assigned RTB staff person concerning the work program, relationships with the RTB and all other matters that concern the THAC.
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ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

- A. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each month in such place as may be determined by the THAC. Members of the THAC shall be sent notification of the specific time, place and tentative agenda of THAC meetings, together with appropriate material pertaining to agenda items, at least five days prior to the meeting whenever possible.
- B. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the THAC may be held at any time upon the call of the chair or five of the members. THAC members shall be notified of special meetings and its purpose at least three days prior to the meeting. In the event of an emergency, notice may be waived by the chair. Business at special meetings shall be limited to the subject(s) in the call.

- C. Cancellation. Regular or special meetings of the THAC may be cancelled by the chair with at least two days prior notification.
- D. Quorum. A quorum for the conduct of business at any meetings of the THAC shall be a simple majority of the current membership. If a quorum exists at any time during the meeting, a quorum may be determined by the chair to exist for the remainder of the meeting.
- E. Public Participation. All THAC meetings shall be open to the public. The chair may, subject to challenge by a majority of the THAC members, permit or close public discussion on any agenda item.
- F. Order of Business. The business of the THAC shall be conducted in the following manner:
1. adoption of the agenda and amendments thereto;
 2. approval of the minutes of previous meetings;
 3. special agenda items;
 4. reports of committees;
 5. staff reports;
 6. other business; and
 7. adjournment.
- G. Conduct of Business.
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- B. Metro Mobility Appeals Board. Pursuant to action taken by the RTB in developing rules governing eligibility guidelines for Metro Mobility users, a standing subcommittee shall be established to serve as the final avenue of appeal for individuals denied Metro Mobility certification. The composition of the appeals board shall be four THAC members, including a chair, and one professional from the therapeutic or medical community. The four appeals board members and the appeals board chair shall be appointed by the chair of the RTB. Appeals board members may not alter Metro Mobility eligibility criteria but will be responsible for making the final determination on an applicant's certification, suspension, or any other matter subject to appeal as determined by the RTB.

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The THAC shall be staffed by the Regional Transit board. Staff shall maintain records, advise, be responsible for THAC minutes, maintain relevant information on all THAC matters, and provide relevant information to the THAC as needed. Staff shall keep the RTB informed about THAC recommendations.

ARTICLE VIII: REIMBURSEMENT

THAC members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performance of their duties in accordance with adopted RTB procedures.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at regular meetings of the THAC, provided that prior written notice setting forth the contents of the proposed amendment(s) has been given to the THAC members at the previous regular meeting of the THAC or two weeks prior to consideration of the amendment(s).

Revised - March 1986

~~PROPOSED~~ ^{Current} BYLAWS OF THE
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C. Terms. Terms for appointees from RTB districts A, B, C, D and at-large appointees shall expire on January 1, 1987, and terms for appointees from Districts E, F, G and H shall expire on January 1, 1989. The term of the chair shall expire on January 1, 1987. All subsequent appointees shall serve two year terms. The RTB liaison shall serve at the pleasure of the RTB chair.

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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre
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DATE: January 20, 1989
TO: Members of the Regional Transit Board
FROM: Elliott Perovich, Chairman
SUBJECT: Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee Appointments

Summary

All 21 positions of the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee (THAC) need to be appointed due to expired terms, unfilled positions, and resignations. This memorandum recommends new appointments or re-appointments for these positions.

Background

The Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee (THAC) was established to advise the RTB on management policies, implementation and planning issues for transit services for the elderly, disabled, and others with special transportation needs, provided throughout the seven county metropolitan area.

The THAC should be composed of individuals representing the elderly, disabled, and other users of special transportation services (STS), representatives of STS providers, and representatives of other appropriate agencies. The committee is composed of twenty one people; two from each RTB district, three at-large members (including the chair) appointed by the RTB chairman, and two appointments from the Minnesota State Council on Disability in consultation with the RTB chairman.

Recent changes in the THAC bylaws extend the terms of THAC appointments from two to four years, making them concurrent with that of the appointing RTB member.

RTB staff has solicited applications to the committee and has recommended appointees to the Board. Each of the Board members has been contacted regarding his or her appointee. The following membership is recommended:

District A: Carl Rauer, Board member, St. Paul Society for the Blind; member, American Council of the Blind; current THAC member. Term expires January, 1991.

Bonita Hammel, Program Manager, Opportunity Workshop; past president of Great Lakes Region of National Rehabilitation Association. Term expires January, 1991.

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- District B: Rebecca Smith, Adult Services Director, Northeast DAC; member, Met Council Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee. Recently appointed to THAC to fill vacancy. Term expires January, 1991.
- Ed Sapinski, Vocational Services Director, St. Paul Rehabilitation Center; member, Mn Rehabilitation Association. Current THAC member. Term expires January, 1991.
- District C: Rozanne Severance, Board member, Rainbow (Disabled) Women; current THAC vice-chair. Term expires January, 1991.
- LeRoy Marshall, Board member, Minneapolis Mayor's Committee for Disabled; Board member, MCIL. Term expires January 1991.
- District D: Lindsey McDivitt, Therapeutic Recreation Director, Crystal Care Center; Stroke Club Facilitator, Courage Center. Term expires January, 1991.
- Oscar Carlson, Financial Secretary, Metropolitan Senior Federation; former THAC member. Term expires January, 1991.
- District E: Jim LeTourneau, Vice President, Yellow Taxi Service Corporation, a Metro Mobility provider. Term expires January, 1993.
- Jesse Ellingworth, North Suburban Consumer Advocate for Handicapped Inc.; member, LRT North East Corridor Technical Advisory Committee. Term expires January, 1993.
- District F: Matt Peterson, Manager, Morley Bus Company, a Metro Mobility provider. Term expires January, 1993.
- Sharron Hardy, Vice President, United Handicapped Federation; board member, United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota. Recently appointed to THAC. Term expires January, 1993.
- District G: Clarence Sindt, Jr., member, Minnesota State Council on Disability; member, Independent Living Council. Term expires January 1993.
- Thomas (Jerry) Hayes, Board member, Courage Center; Board of Directors, Catholic Charities. Term expires January, 1993.
- District H: Bette Undis, Administrator/Community Support Services for Ramsey County Coordinated Transportation Program-- American Red Cross. Term expires January, 1993.
- Mark Hoisser, Associate Director, DARTS; member, County Transit Associates. Former THAC member. Term expires January, 1991.

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At Large: Steve Bertrand, Independent Consultant; member, St. Paul Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities; advisor, MTC Accessible Bus Demonstration Project. Term expires January, 1991.

Sandra Forcier, member, Disabled Citizens Club; member, Minneapolis Mayor's Advisory Council for Disabled. Term expires January, 1991.

Chair: Bill Hopkins, past Development Officer, Courage Center; current THAC chairman; actively involved in special transportation services development in the Twin Cities. Term expires January, 1991.

Recommendation

That the Regional Transit Board approve the appointments to the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee (THAC) as listed in this memorandum.



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Report of the Policy Committee

At its meeting of January 17, 1989, the Policy Committee took the following actions. The board is expected to act on the recommendations at its meeting of Monday, January 30, 1989.

Review and Approval of Minnesota Department of Transportation's (Mn/DOT's) I-94 Rehabilitation between I-394 in Minneapolis and T.H. 61 (Mounds Boulevard) in St. Paul

That the Regional Transit Board notify the Metropolitan Council that it has completed its review of the I-94 Rehabilitation Controlled Access Highway Project between I-394 in Minneapolis to T.H. 61 (Mounds Boulevard) in St. Paul and presents the following comments.

1. Ensure that the programmed improvements will not preclude the future use of ramp metering of HOV by-pass lanes at the eastbound Snelling Avenue entry and other ramps.
2. Pursue the potential of an HOV by-pass ramp at the University of Minnesota westbound entry ramp.
3. That Mn/DOT and the Metropolitan Council continue to work with the RTB on short-term transit impacts and the role transit can play in helping to manage traffic during the reconstruction period.
4. Encourage Mn/DOT to continue communications with the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) on the status of the RCRRA's consideration of the I-94 alignment alternative for LRT in the Midway Corridor and the overall timing of the I-94 improvements with implementation of LRT in the corridor.

Metro Mobility Eligibility Criteria

That the Regional Transit Board:

1. Adopt the following new proposed eligibility criteria for Metro Mobility riders upon considering THAC comments and clarifying the policy questions raised during public testimony.

To be eligible for Metro Mobility service, a person must meet one of the following six criteria:

- a. A permanent physical functional mobility limitation that prevents a person from walking independently for a distance of 1,000 feet without the aid of an assistive device such as a walker, cane, crutches, braces, a prosthetic device, or a wheelchair; or from negotiating the steps of a standard transit vehicle; or
 - b. A medically demonstrable condition that seriously impedes or prevents a person from walking a distance of 1,000 feet; or that affects coordination and stability to the extent that it presents a risk of falling; or
 - c. An arterial oxygen tension (PAO₂) of less than 60 mm/hg in room air at rest; or
 - d. A cardiac condition that is therapeutically classified according to standards set by the American Heart Association in one of the following areas:
 - Class D: Persons with cardiac disease whose ordinary physical activity should be markedly restricted.
 - Class E: Persons with cardiac disease who should be at complete rest, confined to bed or chair; or
 - e. A sensory impairment(s) that prevents a person from independently using, or learning to use, an alternative mode of public transit. If a person is unable to learn or apply the transportation skills, permanent certification will be granted; or
 - f. A mental functional limitation that prevents a person from independently using, or learning to use, an alternative mode of public transit. If a person is unable to learn or apply the transportation skills, permanent certification will be granted.
2. Establish a limited mobility program for persons conditionally certified to use Metro Mobility.
 3. Direct staff to instruct the Metro Mobility Administrative Center to develop detailed implementation procedures for the recertification process to commence.

The Policy Committee also heard presentations on the New Services Marketing Program, the Exurban Dakota County Needs Assessment, and the UMTA Alternative Fuels Program. These items were presented for information only; no action was taken.

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Metro Mobility Eligibility Criteria--Proposed Revision

That the Regional Transit Board:

- A. Adopt the following new proposed eligibility criteria for Metro Mobility riders upon considering THAC comments and clarifying the policy questions raised during public testimony.

To be eligible for Metro Mobility service, a person whose transit needs cannot be accommodated by other public transit alternatives must meet one of the following six criteria:

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J. THOMAS LIJEWSKI

111 Marquette Avenue South #1404, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401 612-338-0880

June 30, 1989

Elliot Perovich; Chairman
Regional Transit Board
230 East 5th St.
7th Floor
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St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Sir;

Members of Blind For All
To Metro Mobility have been
told by your staff that we
might be allowed to make a
brief statement at this afternoon
meeting; if requested in advance
and in writing.

Please consider this our
official request to speak before today's
vote on Metro Mobility Eligibility Criteria.

Thank you for your
consideration sincerely,
J. Thomas Lijewski
Co-Chair
B.A.M.M.

J. THOMAS LIJEWSKI

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Co Chair
B.A.M.M.

5628 Garfield Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419
January 225, 1989

To Whom it ma concern;

We feel that Metro-mobility should be available to all blind people who need it. This service is very important to blind people who cannot travel independently and is very essential for t he elderly blind.

Thank you.

Arthur and Lorraine Orth

January 26th, 1989

Dear Metro;

I would think any blind person should be able to use Metro if they wish to do so. My wife has poor balance in walking. Nobody around in this area keeps sidewalks clean. We are three blocks from the bus lines.

Sincerely,

Samuel Dorr

3638 Oakland Ave.

Mpls., Minn. 55407

So the Editor (Dear Sirs)
as a cab driver I have transported many blind passengers over the years. I have always marveled at their determination, and their dedication, to work regardless of conditions. Altho there were a few that were somewhat self reliant, the majority needed help to get a cab parked - or double parked - outside their building. In our Minnesota winters it is often necessary to lead them down to the corner to the cab so they can avoid the drifts left by the snow plows.

In the last few weeks I've watched TV and listened to radio programs which evidently, deal with efforts to remove blind people's eligibility to use Project Mobility. In all these programs only one man seems to be an advocate for the rights of the blind. The others seem to be promoting the idea that the blind should be more independent. In their view - the blind should ride the main line buses or walk to work to "maintain their independence."

I find it hard to understand how their independence would be protected if they were forced to quit work because they could not afford regular cab fare and could not cope with buses in our weather and the conditions our traffic impose on them.

For years I've admired the tenacity of these blind people who try to work, regardless of their handicap, and I sincerely hope that no bureaucracy will be able to deny them that right.

If they persist, I'd like to suggest that some of these sighted bureaucrats blindfold themselves and go out on the street where they live. Let them negotiate the snow drifts - the traffic - and see how they do on the buses - the missed transfer points, etc., and see how they like the "independence" they are advocating for the blind.

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REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION HANDICAPPED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the January 9, 1989, meeting of the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee (THAC), the committee completed its review and discussion of the eligibility criteria as proposed by the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living. The following motion was made and approved:

That the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee (THAC) approve the eligibility criteria drafted by the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL) and as clarified during its presentation January 9, 1989. Further, that the Limited Mobility II program be established without specifying a cap on the number of trips.

The following motion was also made and approved:

That the Transportation Handicapped Advisory Committee (THAC) approve the selection of Jerry Hayes as THAC Vice Chair.

Other topics discussed at the meeting but on which no action was required included:

- the November 1988 Metro Mobility Operations Report;
- review by Ken Stevens, Hennepin County, of light rail transit accessibility design standards;
- review of MMAC customer service recommendations developed by RTB consultant Pine and Associates; and
- an update of RTB activities.

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REPORT OF THE RIDESHARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the January 17, 1989, meeting of the Rideshare Advisory Committee (RAC), the following topics were discussed:

- the I-35W Travel Demand Management Program;
- Implementation Plan issue papers on the overall philosophy of the plan, ridesharing, and the energy emergency plan; and
- the Minneapolis pool parking program.

No action was required on these items.

As this was the first meeting of the committee since the recent reappointment process, the committee's charge and bylaws were reviewed. The third Wednesday of the month was selected as the new regular meeting time for the committee. Approval of the bylaws is expected to occur at the February meeting.

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REPORT OF THE PROVIDERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the January 12, 1989, meeting of the Providers' Advisory Committee (PAC), the following topics were discussed:

- update on the RTB's Regional Coordination Study;
- review of the RTB's New Transit Services Marketing Program; and
- review of the Implementation Plan issue paper on ridership.

No action was required on these items.



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DATE: January 24, 1989
TO: Members of the Regional Transit Board
FROM: Mike Kuehn, Assistant to the Chair
SUBJECT: Review of Draft Bill Language

ACTION REQUESTED:

No action is requested. Board members are asked to review and comment.

BACKGROUND:

Board members requested that they review the bill drafts for the RTB's 1989 legislative program prior to having the bills introduced into the legislative session. Tom Todd, House Research staffer who works on metropolitan government issues, met with Greg Andrews, RTB Executive Director, and myself in mid-December to discuss our legislative program and these bill drafts. Todd did a preliminary bill draft which he reviewed with us in early January. Additional changes were made based on this meeting. In addition, Bob Pulscher, our bonding consultant, reviewed the language on short-term borrowing and various staff reviewed other sections of the bill drafts.

DISCUSSION:

At this time the bill drafts will be technically reviewed by the Revisor of Statute's Office and jacketed for introduction. Chief author of the bills (I anticipate two bills--one for the LRT issues and a second for the money issues (bonding and short-term borrowing) will then have to be secured along with co-authors in both the House and Senate. It is my intention to have the bills introduced by mid-February.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is requested.

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Att.

1 RTB TEMPORARY BORROWING

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3 Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 473.39, is
4 amended by adding a subdivision to read:

5 Subd. 4. [TEMPORARY BORROWING.] (a) At any time or times
6 after the approval and final adoption of an annual budget, and
7 in anticipation of the collection of tax and other revenues
8 appropriated in the budget, the board may by resolution issue
9 general obligation certificates of indebtedness.

10 (b) The indebtedness must be represented by a note or notes
11 which may be issued from time to time in any denomination and
12 sold at public or private sale pursuant to a resolution
13 authorizing their issuance. The resolution must set forth the
14 form and manner of execution of the notes and must contain other
15 terms and conditions the board deems necessary or desirable to
16 provide security for the holders of the notes.

17 (c) The note or notes must be payable from committed or
18 appropriated money from taxes, grants or loans of the state or
19 federal government made to the board, or other revenues of the
20 board expected in the budget year in which the notes are
21 issued. The revenues in anticipation of which the certificates
22 are issued must be pledged for the redemption of the
23 certificates. The total of all certificates issued in any
24 budget year, with interest until maturity, together with all

1 other outstanding commitments of funds, may not exceed the total
2 current revenues of the board for that year uncollected at the
3 time of issuance plus cash currently on hand. The certificates
4 must mature not later than three months after the close of the
5 budget year for which they are issued. To the extent the notes
6 are not paid from the money pledged for payment, the principal
7 and interest of the notes must be paid from any taxes, income,
8 and revenue received or accrued during the fiscal year in which
9 the note or notes were issued, or other money of the board
10 lawfully available.

11 (d) Notes issued under this subdivision are not a debt of
12 the state or any municipality or political subdivision within
13 the meaning of any debt limitation or requirement pertaining to
14 those entities. Neither the state nor any municipality or
15 political subdivision except the board nor any member or officer
16 of the board is liable on the notes.

17 (e) The proceeds of the certificates may be used for any
18 purpose prescribed in the implementation and capital plans of
19 the board for which the anticipated revenues pledged to the
20 payment of the certificates may be used.

1 LRT: RTB CONTROL OF FUNDING

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4 Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 174.32,
5 subdivision 2, is amended to read:

6 Subd. 2. [TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUND; DISTRIBUTION.] (a) A
7 transit assistance fund is created for the purpose of receiving
8 money distributed under section 297B.09. Eighty percent of the
9 receipts of the fund must be placed into a metropolitan account
10 for distribution to recipients located in the metropolitan area
11 and 20 percent into a separate account for distribution to
12 recipients located outside of the metropolitan area. ~~Except as~~
13 ~~otherwise provided in this subdivision,~~ The regional transit
14 board created by section 473.373 is responsible for distributing
15 assistance from the metropolitan account, and the commissioner
16 is responsible for distributing assistance from the other
17 account. Money placed in the metropolitan account is available
18 for distribution to regional railroad authorities established
19 under chapter 398A in the metropolitan area, by the ~~commissioner~~
20 ~~of transportation~~ regional transit board as provided in
21 paragraph (b).

22 (b) The ~~commissioner~~ board shall request applications from
23 all eligible regional railroad authorities. The ~~commissioner~~
24 board shall establish a reasonable deadline for submittal of

1 applications. The commissioner board may not distribute more
2 than 60 percent of the available funds to a single recipient.
3 ~~Before-distributing-money-to-any-regional-railroad-authority,~~
4 ~~the-commissioner-shall-request-review-and-comment-on-the~~
5 ~~applications-from-the-metropolitan-council-and-the-regional~~
6 ~~transit-board;--The-council-and-the-board-have-60-days-to~~
7 ~~comment;--The-commissioner-shall-consider-the-comments-of-the~~
8 ~~council-and-the-board-in-evaluating-applications-and~~
9 distributing funds. Before distributing any funds for
10 construction, the commissioner board shall report to the
11 legislature on the use and planned distribution of construction
12 funds.

13 Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 473.375,
14 subdivision 8, is amended to read:

15 Subd. 8. [GIFTS; GRANTS.] The board may apply for, accept
16 and disburse gifts, grants, or loans from the United States, the
17 state, or from any person on behalf of itself or any of its
18 contract recipients, for any of its purposes. It may enter into
19 an agreement required for the gifts, grants, or loans and may
20 hold, use, and dispose of money or property received therefrom
21 according to the terms of the gift, grant, or loan. The board
22 may not be a recipient of federal operating or capital
23 assistance distributed by formula or block grant. The board may
24 not be a recipient of federal discretionary capital grants for
25 light rail and other fixed guideway transit systems.

26 No political subdivision within the metropolitan area may
27 apply for federal or state transit assistance unless its
28 application has been submitted to and approved by the board.

1 LRT: RTB REVIEW AUTHORITY AND REPEAL OF
2 "SCHREIBER AMENDMENT"
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4 Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 473.169,
5 subdivision 7, is amended to read:

6 Subd. 7. [~~COUNCIL~~ METROPOLITAN REVIEW.] Before proceeding
7 with construction of a light rail transit facility, a regional
8 rail authority established under chapter 398A ~~must~~ shall submit
9 preliminary and final design plans to the metropolitan
10 council and the regional transit board. The council ~~must~~ shall
11 review the plans for consistency with the council's development
12 guide and comment on the plans. The board shall review the
13 plans for consistency with the board's implementation plan and
14 approve or disapprove the plans. The proposer of the facility
15 may not proceed with construction of the facility without the
16 approval of the board.

17 Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 473.17, is
18 amended to read:

19 473.17 [COOPERATION IN LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT.]

20 ~~Notwithstanding section 473.398,~~ The metropolitan council
21 and the regional transit board shall cooperate with regional
22 rail authorities in the study, planning, and design of regional
23 rail authority light rail transit systems, and the metropolitan
24 transit commission shall cooperate with regional rail

1 authorities in the operational planning and operation of
2 regional rail authority light rail transit systems.

3 Sec. ... [REPEALER.]

4 Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 473.398 is repealed.

1 RTB BOND AUTHORITY

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3 Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 473.39,
4 subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

5 Subd. 1a. [OBLIGATIONS.] (a) The council may issue
6 certificates of indebtedness, bonds, or other obligations under
7 this section in an amount not exceeding ~~\$17,000,000~~ \$33,000,000
8 for financial assistance to the commission, as prescribed in the
9 implementation ~~plan~~ and capital plans of the board and the
10 capital program of the commission.

11 (b) The council may issue certificates of indebtedness,
12 bonds, or other obligations under this section in an amount not
13 exceeding ~~\$17,500,000~~ \$11,000,000 for ~~land-acquisition-and~~
14 ~~capital-improvements-for-park-and-ride-lots-and-transit-transfer~~
15 ~~stations-planned-for-the-interstate-highway-described-in-section~~
16 ~~161-1237-clause-(2)-commonly-known-as-I-394---These-facilities~~
17 ~~may-be-constructed-and-maintained-by-the-metropolitan-transit~~
18 ~~commission~~ other capital expenditures as prescribed in the
19 implementation and capital plans of the board.

20 (c) The board shall require, as a condition of financial
21 assistance to the commission, that the commission make
22 facilities it constructs, acquires, or improves for I-394 with
23 funds provided under this ~~provision~~ section available to all
24 transit providers on a nondiscriminatory basis, as the board

1 defines these terms.

2 (d) The limitation contained in this subdivision does not

3 apply to refunding bonds issued by the council.