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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

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MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Monday, April 3, 1989
Mears Park Centre Chambers
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 1989
4. **REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**
Doris Caranicas, Chair
5. **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Ruth Franklin, Chair
6. **REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT**
George Isaacs, Chair
7. ~~Discussion of University of Minnesota Route 52~~
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. Chairman's Report
 - B. Members Reports
 - C. Advisory Committee Reports
 - D. Staff Reports
 - E. Public Comment

Elliott Perovich
Chairman



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Minutes of the meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre Chambers
March 20, 1989

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

MEMBERS ABSENT; Carole Faricy and Ruth Franklin

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregory Andrews, Judy Hollander, Mary Fitzgerald, Mike Kuehn, Ed Kouneski, Katie Turnbull, Dale Ulrich, Suzanne Hanson, Liz Carpenter, Cyndie Mayer and Randy Rosvold, Regional Transit Board Staff; Gregory Korstad, legal counsel, Christopher Gran, Metro Mobility Administrative Center; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Greg Failor, Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC)

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

Caranicas moved and Isaacs seconded that the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 1989 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE:

Committee Chair Caranicas said the committee will meet immediately after today's board meeting.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Vice Chair Joyce reviewed the report of the committee meeting of March 6, 1989:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - DECEMBER 1988

Joyce moved and Caranicas seconded:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

METRO MOBILITY PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Joyce moved and Isaacs seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the proposed reimbursement rates for Metro Mobility trips (excluding passenger fares), dated February 27, 1989, to become effective July 1, 1989.

The motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE IN ROSEDALE AREA

Joyce moved and Fuhr seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board amend the 1989 contract with North Suburban Lines to include an additional \$165,000 in Regional Transit Board funding for service enhancements in the Rosedale area.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

Committee Chair Isaacs reported on the actions taken at the March 16, 1989 committee meeting.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR MN/DOT LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT FUNDING, PHASE II

Isaacs said the issue will be transmitted to the Administration and Finance Committee for action.

DRAFT LRT INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AND PRINTING BIDS

Isaacs moved and Kranz seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the executive director to enter into a contract with Ramaley Printing of St. Paul to print 40,000 brochures at a cost not to exceed \$7,940.

The motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kuehn gave a verbal report on the status of proposed legislation and passed out draft copies of H.F. 1136 and H.F. 1251.

Andrews distributed a policy draft from the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities regarding metropolitan transportation.

The Senator Novak bill will be introduced on March 22; Representative Carruthers will carry it in the House.

Perovich said he, Joyce and Kuehn attended the American Public Transit Association legislative conference last week in Washington. There are strong indications that sources of funding other than the federal government must be found. The APTA Legislative Committee met; as always, the organization is divided over where cuts should be applied.

There is proposed legislation on diesel particulates that would require transit diesels to be particulate-free several years earlier than the national mandate for the trucking industry. The transit people are asking for equity. There are about 180 co-authors for a House resolution that says an increase in the gas tax should not be used for deficit reduction.

MEMBERS REPORTS

In response to Fuhr's question, Perovich said the Langseth bill will deal with the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax transfer.

STAFF REPORTS

Andrews said the board members' position paper on the RTBs future was distributed to legislators on March 17. Andrews distributed a memorandum regarding Virginia Beach, who has been hired as an Accessibility Specialist in the Programs Section.

Turnbull updated the board on the Six-City opt-out study. The project management team has been meeting regularly and will make recommendations to their cities that the six cities opt-out. In response to Kranz' question, she said Maple Grove is a little behind in the process. They have been talking with Plymouth and may participate in an opt-out proposal with Plymouth.

Rosvold distributed promotional materials on the Roseville Area Circulator. Hanson described the upcoming public promotion events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Entzel said he also attended a legislative conference in Washington and all transit people should be aware that the administration took a handful of public service programs, put them in the black box and said they are out of sight to everyone. The funding cuts should be taken out and applied to some of the administration's programs. He urged that everyone urge congressional people to move away from that idea and work on mass transit on a bipartisan basis.

Regarding the gas tax issue, it is one of the worst taxes that could be imposed for federal debt reduction. Those funds should be used in some form of transportation.

Joyce said there is no RTB liaison with MTC and suggested that Vice Chair Graves be appointed as liaison. A new liaison to the Rideshare Advisory Committee should also be appointed since Graves' schedule makes it impossible for her to attend meetings mid-day.

In response to Kranz' question, Andrews said no joint meetings with MTC have been scheduled because of the commissioners' travel plans. Perovich directed Andrews to work with Capell to schedule a joint meeting.

There being no other business, Joyce moved and Caranicas seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved by the Board _____, 1989.

✓ Doyle
✓ Johnson
✓ Capell
✓ Entz
Huss
D. Ewald
G. Kovatich

G. Lailor

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE SHEET

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DATE: Board

BOARD OR COMMITTEE: _____

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	✓					



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REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

At its meeting of March 20, 1989, the Policy Committee heard presentations and discussed the following issues. No action was taken.

- * Nicollet Mall Shuttle Proposal
- * Regional Coordination Study
- * Implementation Plan Issue Paper - Transit Disadvantaged

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee will be on April 17, 1989

Doris Caranicas
Chair

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DATE: March 22, 1989
TO: Regional Transit Board
FROM: Elliott Perovich, Chairman
SUBJECT: Board Appointments

In response to a suggestion made at the board meeting of March 20, 1989 , I am recommending the following appointments:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the following appointments:

Rochelle Graves, Metropolitan Transit Commission Liaison

Paul Joyce, Rideshare Advisory Committee Liaison

The appointments are effective upon confirmation by the board.

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1 ~~tion provided through the service at rates that reflect the~~
2 ~~public cost of providing that transportation;~~

3 (g) establish criteria to be used in determining individual
4 eligibility for special transportation services;

5 (h) consult with the advisory committee in a timely manner
6 before changes are made in the provision of special transporta-
7 tion services, including, but not limited to, changes in policies
8 affecting the matters subject to hearing under subdivision 2;

9 (i) provide for effective administration and enforcement of
10 board policies and standards; and

11 (j) annually evaluate providers of special transportation
12 service to ensure compliance with the standards established for
13 the program.

14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 473.386, subdivi-
15 sion 4 is amended to read:

16 Subd. 4. [COORDINATION REQUIRED.] The board may not grant
17 any financial assistance to any recipient that proposes to use
18 any part of the grant to provide special transportation service
19 in the metropolitan area unless the program is coordinated with
20 the board's special transportation service in the manner deter-
21 mined by the board. The board is not required to provide funding
22 for transportation services to be used by individuals in conjunc-
23 tion with their participation in human and social service
24 programs operated by other public or private entities.

25 Sec. 3. [APPLICABILITY.] Sections 1 and 2 are effective
26 July 1, 1989 in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin,
27 Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

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Re: Restrictions on funding certain special transportation services under the metro mobility program.

1 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 473.386,
2 subdivision 3 is amended to read:

3 Subd. 3. [DUTIES OF BOARD.] In implementing the special
4 transportation service, the board shall:

5 (a) encourage participation in the service by public,
6 private, and private nonprofit providers of special transporta-
7 tion currently receiving capital or operating assistance from a
8 public agency;

9 (b) contract with public, private, and private nonprofit
10 providers that have demonstrated their ability to effectively
11 provide service at a reasonable cost;

12 (c) encourage individuals using special transportation to
13 use the type of service most appropriate to their particular
14 needs;

15 (d) ensure that all persons providing special transporta-
16 tion service receive equitable treatment in the allocation of the
17 ridership;

18 (e) encourage shared rides to the greatest extent practic-
19 able;

20 (f) encourage public and private agencies and entities that
21 provide transportation to eligible individuals as a component of
22 human services, and educational, or similar programs to coordi-
23 nate with this service ~~and to allow reimbursement for transporta-~~