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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

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MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Monday, June 19, 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 Minutes of May 8, 1989
4. Report on the Six-City Opt-Out Study
(Dean Johnson)
5. **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Ruth Franklin, Chair
6. **REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**
Doris Caranicas, Chair
 - A. Regional Coordination Study Final Report
 - B. Regional Transit Board's Draft Five-Year Transit Plan
 - C. I-35W Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program
7. **REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT,**
George Isaacs, Chair
8. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - A. Chairman's Report
 - B. Members Reports
 - C. Advisory Committee Reports
 - D. Staff Reports
 - E. Public Comment

Elliott Perovich
Chairman

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE SHEET

Date: June 19, 1989

BOARD OR COMMITTEE: Board + ATF

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>ATF</u> <u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Chair	✓	yes			JH MK BS HB DU CL A.B. EF R.D. R.R.
James Brimeyer	✓	yes			
Doris Caranicas	✓	yes			
Ruth Franklin	✓				
Carole Faricy	✓	yes			
Rochelle Graves	✓	no			
George Isaacs	✓	yes			
Paul Joyce	✓	no			
Ed Kranz	✓	no			
Pero		yes			
Visitors:					

Beant, Korstad
Dean Johnson
Edy Nee
Mike Neuman → DT 5
Ed Polyn
Egon Huss
NO last present



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Minutes of the meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre Room A
May 8, 1989

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Perovich, Chairman; James Brimeyer; Doris Caranicas, Carole Faricy, Ruth Franklin; George Isaacs; Rochelle Graves; Paul Joyce and Ed Kranz

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregory Andrews, Judy Hollander, Mary Fitzgerald, Ed Kouneski, Becky Scudder, Robert Dietrick, Howard Blin, Dale Ulrich, Lori Yager, Regional Transit Board staff; Ted Grindal and Tom Satre, Opperman, Heins and Paquin; Matt Peterson, Morley Bus Company; Emil Brandt, Metropolitan Council

The chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and roll was taken. He then administered the Oath of Office to James Brimeyer, the newly appointed member representing District F.

Isaacs moved and Franklin seconded that the amended agenda be approved; the motion carried unanimously.

Franklin moved and Joyce seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 1989. The chairman said Page 5, Other Business, should be amended; Franklin noted that the language on Page 7, paragraph 4, should be amended to reflect that designated seats would restrict the opportunity to select the most qualified people for the board. Perovich said an attempt was made at a Government Operations Committee meeting to remove those stipulations, but it was unsuccessful. The minutes as amended were unanimously approved.

Resolution of Appreciation for Lori Yager, Resolution No. 89-13

Andrews read the resolution. Franklin moved and Isaacs seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board approve Resolution No. 89-13, Resolution of Appreciation for Lori Yager.

On a roll call vote, the motion and resolution were unanimously approved. (Graves arrived.)

Andrews introduced Assata Brown, the new project administrator. Ms. Brown will be responsible for the Jobseekers Program and Transit Disadvantaged programs.

CONSENT LIST

Columbus Township Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Joyce moved and Isaacs seconded approval of the April 24 consent list item. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The committee had no report. The next meeting will be May 22, 1989.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Franklin reported that the committee will meet immediately after this meeting is adjourned.

OTHER BUSINESS

Grindal distributed a draft "Resolution Expressing Consensus on the 1989 Legislative Agenda of the Regional Transit Board in Relation to Agency Retention and Light Rail Transit Planning." Grindal said the most current information is the Senate will not take up the Novak bill until later in the week. Senator Novak and Representative Carruthers have met and discussed the differences in the bills, but have not resolved all of them. Last week he and Tom Satre spent a lot of time correcting the misinterpretation of the board's action last week since there was an impression that the members wish only to preserve their own positions. The draft resolution is meant to clarify the members' intent. Satre reviewed the major elements of the resolution. (Kranz arrived.)

Franklin said the resolution is well-written and she feels the board needs to take this action. There is some urgency because earlier in the session the board did not wish to appear self-serving and was very low key. Joyce said the resolution spells out the members' interest in continuing the board, regardless of the composition of the board. Isaacs suggested that the resolution include regional coordination of light rail transit. Franklin said it alludes to all forms of transit. Perovich asked how the resolution differs from the letter the members sent to the Governor. Graves said this resolution restates the concerns raised in that letter. Grindal said the timing may be beneficial in reminding people of the board's position. Franklin moved:

That the Regional Transit Board approve Resolution No. 89-14, Resolution Expressing Consensus on the 1989 Legislative Agenda of the Regional Transit Board in Relation to Agency Retention and Light Rail Transit Planning and the May 15 comparison of the House and Senate Files.

Graves seconded the motion. Isaacs said he does not support attaching the comparison. On a roll call vote, the motion and resolution were approved (Perovich abstained; Isaacs voted no).

Brimeyer asked if the lobbyists were given the authority to work out a compromise. Grindal said their understanding is that they will work within the parameters set by the board and communicate with Rochelle Graves, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislation. If there is a significant change in either version of the bills, they will come back to the members for approval to take other action. Graves said the board is not in a position to with the lawmakers.

There was discussion of the planning process. Grindal said the board members agreed that they prefer the Senate version. Franklin said the members' concern was that in creating another layer of planning, the LRT planning process will be slowed down and there may be a negative effect on Hennepin County's ability to secure a grant from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). Satre said there are specific provisions in both bills that there will be no interference with the federal grant application process. If the joint planning process is approved, there may be disagreement at some point in the future on how strictly the approval process would be interpreted.

Kranz said the record should be clear that he did not approve any action that would kill the bill. Satre said he and Grindal left the last meeting with the direction that there should be a merger of the two bills and the desirable outcome is a strong Regional Transit Board and preference that a joint planning board not be part of that bill. Kranz said even if that cannot be worked out, the members do not want to kill the bill and will support any interpretation. Grindal said the the board would have to pass a resolution opposing the bill before they spend time trying to kill it, and he does not know if that attempt would be successful.

The chairman said he was not pleased with the memorandum that referred to conversation between him, Mike Kuehn, and the lobbyists. When Satre called the day after being retained, he and Kuehn had to go to the Capitol. Perovich told him that it was in the board's best interest that they not miss meetings with lawmakers. Further, he does not want board members to think he is influencing the lobbyists because they work for the members and he would talk to the lobbyists anytime about the issues. Grindal said Perovich had been very kind and they had a candid visit the next day. Perovich indicated he did not want to work with the lobbyists because of his concerns about the decision and his personal feelings. Perovich said he will continue to represent the board's legislative position. Satre and Grindal have a separate task with the board and the two should not be entangled. Grindal said they will continue to invite the chairman to participate in meetings scheduled with legislators and try to speak with one voice.

Franklin said one of the reasons the board was concerned was that at the April 17 meeting the chair said he would continue to express his personal feelings. Perovich said he would represent the board's position and had hoped the members would not personally differ. He has to feel free to express his opinions as the members do. On issues where the board has not taken a position, board members should express their own feelings. Satre said he will try to get signatures of all the members on the resolution.

Kuehn reported on the status of Semi States bill S.F. 1618-1 and distributed portions of S.F.1618, First Engrossment.

Responding to Isaacs' question about the MTC Impact Assessment, Perovich said it still applies to regular route service, but does not apply to shared cost transit systems.

Copies of H.F. 1408 and S.F. 1202 were distributed. Kuehn said the House tax bill contains language on lobbyists. The speaker is very frustrated with the situation and reports would be required. Government staff who lobbying would be required to report.

Andrews said the tax bills are being reviewed because they contain implications for the budget approval process. Staff will report on the issue at a later meeting.

There will be a Special Policy Committee meeting next week to review the draft Implementation Plan. The board is expected to take action on May 22, 1989.

There being no other business, Joyce moved and Isaacs seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved by the board on _____, 1989.



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REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

At its meeting of June 13, 1989, the Policy Committee approved the following recommendations:

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD'S DRAFT FIVE-YEAR TRANSIT PLAN

That the Regional Transit Board approve the draft Five-Year Transit Plan for the purpose of receiving public comment during the 30-day period between June 20, 1989 and July 19, 1989; and that a public hearing on the document be set for July 10, 1989 at 5:30 p.m.

I-35W TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM) PROGRAM

That the Regional Transit Board endorse the following I-35W Travel Demand Management Program recommendations for the purposes of public discussion:

1. Implement an "Immediate Action TDM program" during the next three months that will include the following elements for the overall corridor and/or specific I-35W commuter markets:
 - * Appoint a corridor manager and establish a I-35W interagency team to coordinate all I-35W improvements and TDM elements
 - * Establish public information and marketing programs for:
 - Traffic management changes
 - HOV bypass ramps
 - Carpooling and related incentives
 - Transit service and related incentives
 - * Enforce proper usage of HOV bypass lanes
 - * Establish a downtown Minneapolis Transportation Management Organization (TMO)
 - * Expand "Improve 494" TMO to include I-35W TDM recommendations
 - * Expand employer-based transit and rideshare promotional activities
 - * Continue Highway Helper program
 - * Accident investigation sites
 - * Radio announcements
 - * HOV bypass ramp enforcement
 - * Temporary changeable message signs

- * Design of selected metering at HOV ramps
 - * Study of transit service improvements
2. Develop estimated costs and an implementation schedule for the following mid-range TDM actions:
- * Expand public information and marketing programs
 - * Enforced HOV bypass ramps and selected metering of HOV ramps
 - * Temporary and permanent changeable message signs
 - * Accident Investigation Sites
 - * Expand Highway Helper
 - * Expand and improve transit service
 - * Expand transit and rideshare incentives (instant matching, transit passes, reduced parking fees, etc.)
 - * Provide technical support to TMOs (downtown, fringe, I-494)

The members discussed the schedule of meetings for the committees and board for July. Recommendations will be presented at the board meeting.

Doris Caranicas
Chair

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6/14/89



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REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

At its meeting of May 22, 1989, the Policy Committee reviewed and approved the following recommendation.

REGIONAL COORDINATION STUDY FINAL REPORT

That the Regional Transit Board accept the Regional Transit Operations and Transit Information Study Final Report, dated March 31, 1989 and direct that its recommendations be incorporated into the Regional Transit Board's Five-Year Transit Plan.

The next meeting of the committee will be June 13, 1989.

Ruth Franklin
Chair

RF/mff
5/23/89



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DATE: June 14, 1989
TO: Regional Transit Board
FROM: Gregory L. Andrews, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Schedule of Board Meetings

As I mentioned at the Policy Committee meeting June 13, the first regular meeting of the board and the Administration and Finance Committee would normally be Monday, July 3. Because that day precedes a major holiday, I suggest that the board adopt the following schedule for the month of July:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the following meeting schedule:

July 10, 1989	Board Meeting, Administration and and Finance Committee Meeting, and Public Hearing
July 24, 1989	Board Meeting and Policy Committee Meeting

GLA/mff