



Minnesota Regional Transit
Board: Records.

Copyright Notice:

This material may be protected by copyright law (U.S. Code, Title 17). Researchers are liable for any infringement. For more information, visit www.mnhs.org/copyright.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre
230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/292-8789

MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Monday, October 8, 1990
Mears Park Centre Chambers
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the Following Meetings:
 - A. Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 4, 1990
 - B. Regional Transit Board Meeting of September 4, 1990
 - mt Cpn.* C. Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 10, 1990
 - D. Administration and Finance Committee Meeting of September 10, 1990
 - E. Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 17, 1990
 - F. Regional Transit Board Meeting of September 17, 1990
 - G. Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 24, 1990
 - H. *wrecked motion* Policy Committee Meeting of September 24, 1990
4. Chair's Report
 - A. Driver of the Month Award - *Jackie Christensen*
5. Report of the Policy Committee *Connelly Contract*
Jeff Spartz, Chair
 - A. City of Minneapolis Transportation Management Plan
6. Report of the Committee Of the Whole
Jeff Spartz, Chair
 - A. Accept Regional Transit Board Draft Five-Year Plan for Purpose of Public Hearing
7. Public Comment

Michael J. Ehrlichmann
Chair

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: 10/8/90

BOARD OR COMMITTEE: Board

Member Name	Present	Vote							
Mike Ehrlichmann	✓								
Doris Caranicas (P)	✓								
John Finley (A&F)	✓								
Ruth Franklin (A&F)	✓								
Ed Kranz (A&F)	✓								
Sandra Hilary (P)									
Terry O'Toole (P)	✓								
Jeff Spartz (Chair-P)	✓								
Norbert Theis (P)	✓								
El Tinklenberg (Chair-A)	✓								
Richard Wedell (A&F)	✓								

Visitors

Weaver, M M-Saughlin
Jackie Christensen, Handshu
Greg Fails
Arnie Entz
Richard Chin

Staff

CA J.H. Garnock Pitman
#B DU



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

Minutes of the Meeting of the
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Mears Park Centre Chambers
September 4, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Spartz, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Michael J. Ehrlichmann; Ruth Franklin; Sandra Hilary; Terrance O'Toole; Norbert Theis; Richard Wedell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John T. Finley, Ed Kranz, Elwyn Tinklenberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Weaver, RTB Legal Counsel; Greg Failor, Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC); Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Alan Morris, Metropolitan Council; Doug Ewald, Alliance for Progressive Transit; Richard Chin, St. Paul Dispatch; Mary Richardson; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, Howard Blin, Garneth Peterson, Randy Rosvold, Dale Ulrich, Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. and roll taken. Caranicas moved and Wedell seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

FIVE YEAR TRANSIT PLAN

Rideshare Travel Demand Management

Blin reviewed the staff report dated August 25, 1990. There was discussion of incentives to ridesharing, preferred access to parking for HOV vehicles, and the demand for parking in the central business districts.

Spartz suggested that the Legislative Committee consider legislative initiatives for doing something about travel demand management.

Regular Route Performance Standards

Blin reviewed the August 29, 1990 staff report, noting that one of the recommendations is that staff conduct the public hearings on route terminations. There was discussion of the efficacy of public hearings

Financial Plan

Blin and Ulrich reviewed the Financial Plan Assumptions that were handed out before the meeting. Ehrlichmann said it is important that we work with others to persuade the legislators that our funds must be increased over the biennium.

There being no other business, Caranicas moved and Wedell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Minutes
September 4, 1990

Page 2

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 4, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

Minutes of the Meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre Chambers
September 4, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael J. Ehrlichmann, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Ruth Franklin; Sandra Hilary; Ed Kranz; Terrance O'Toole; Norbert Theis; Elwyn Tinklenberg; Jeff Spartz; Richard Wedell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John T. Finley

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Weaver, RTB Legal Counsel; Greg Failor, Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC); Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; James Boldt, HealthEast Med Kab; Mary Richardson; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, Howard Blin, Garneth Peterson, Randy Rosvold, Dale Ulrich, Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. and roll was taken. O'Toole moved and Caranicas seconded approval of the agenda; the motion was unanimously approved.

O'Toole moved and Theis seconded that the minutes of the following meetings be approved:

Administration and Finance Committee, August 13, 1990
Committee of the Whole, August 13, 1990
Committee of the Whole, August 20, 1990
Regional Transit Board, August 20, 1990

The motion was unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Driver of the Month Award - James Boldt

O'Toole presented the Driver of the Month Award to James Boldt. The chair noted that recipients of the award are nominated by the people they serve. Mr. Boldt was nominated by the passengers of HealthEast Med Kab.

Marketing Committee Ratification

The chair noted that the proposed membership of the committee had been distributed before the meeting. After discussion of the charge to the committee, O'Toole moved and Kranz seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board establish a Marketing Committee and appoint the following members:

Richard Wedell, Chair
Dave Bilkey
Dennis Cavanaugh
Michael Ehrlichmann
Carole Faricy
John Morley
Terrance O'Toole

These appointments shall be effective immediately.

The motion was unanimously approved.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Policy Committee Chair Spartz reviewed the report of the committee's August 27, 1990 meeting.

City of St. Louis Park Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element

Spartz moved and Hilary seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the comments contained in the August 9, 1990 memorandum to the Policy Committee for transmittal to the City of St. Louis Park and to the Metropolitan Council.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Stage One Preliminary Design

Spartz moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the staff Findings and Recommendations on the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority's Stage One Light Rail Transit System Preliminary Design Plans and Cost Estimates as contained in the August 23, 1990 staff memorandum for transmittal to the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority for appropriate action and a formal response to the Regional Transit Board.

The motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

A sheet proposing a revised schedule for October board meetings was distributed. After discussion, it was agreed that the meeting schedule would be revised; the board will meet on October 8 and October 22, 1990. Tinklenberg said the budget review will require a series of Committee of the Whole meetings. Staff will prepare and distribute a schedule for those meetings. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 27, 1990.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Regional Transit Board's meeting of September 4, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

Minutes of the Meeting of the
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Mears Park Centre Chambers
September 10, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elwyn Tinklenberg, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Ruth Franklin; Ed Kranz; Terrance O'Toole; Richard Wedell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John T. Finley, Sandra Hilary, Michael J. Ehrlichmann, Jeff Spartz and Norbert Theis

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregory Korstad, legal counsel; Greg Failor, Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC); Christopher Gran, Metro Mobility Administrative Center; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Richard Chin, St. Paul Dispatch; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, Dale Ulrich, Randy Rosvold, Ed Kouneski, Howard Blin, Garneth Peterson, Eric Waage, Randy Rosvold, Dan Murray, Suzanne Hanson and Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. and roll taken. Caranicas moved and O'Toole seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD PROPOSED 1991 BUDGET

Chair Tinklenberg said this meeting will initiate review of the 1991 budget. The committee will go through the document in detail and get a perspective on the budgetary concerns, the components of the budget and how it is all put together.

Ulrich distributed copies of the draft budget and a staff memorandum, dated September 10, concerning new information regarding the budgeted revenues, expenditures and miscellaneous changes made to the first draft document.

Tinklenberg said it is clear there will be no new funds available until 1991. We will have to share the burden and MTC's fund balance may have to be reduced. There was discussion of expediting the proposed fare increase.

It was agreed that there will be at least three more meetings to review the work programs and a session to review the MTC portion of the budget, September 27, October 8 and October 15.

There being no other business, it was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be adjourned.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 10, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

Minutes of the Meeting of the
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Mears Park Centre Chambers
September 10, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elwyn Tinklenberg, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Ruth Franklin; Ed Kranz; Terrance O'Toole; Richard Wedell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John T. Finley, Sandra Hilary, Michael J. Ehrlichmann, Jeff Spartz and Norbert Theis

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregory Korstad, legal counsel; Greg Failor, Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC); Christopher Gran, Metro Mobility Administrative Center; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Richard Chin, St. Paul Dispatch; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, Dale Ulrich, Randy Rosvold, Ed Kouneski, Howard Blin, Garneth Peterson, Eric Waage, Randy Rosvold, Dan Murray, Suzanne Hanson and Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. and roll taken. Caranicas moved and O'Toole seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD PROPOSED 1991 BUDGET

Chair Tinklenberg said this meeting will initiate review of the 1991 budget. The committee will go through the document in detail and get a perspective on the budgetary concerns, the components of the budget and how it is all put together.

Ulrich distributed copies of the draft budget and a staff memorandum, dated September 10, concerning new information regarding the budgeted revenues, expenditures and miscellaneous changes made to the first draft document.

Tinklenberg said it is clear there will be no new funds available until 1991. We will have to share the burden and MTC's fund balance may have to be reduced. There was discussion of expediting the proposed fare increase.

It was agreed that there will be at least three more meetings to review the work programs and a session to review the MTC portion of the budget, September 27, October 8 and October 15.

There being no other business, it was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be adjourned.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 10, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

Minutes of the Meeting of the
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Mears Park Centre Chambers
September 10, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elwyn Tinklenberg Chair; John T. Finley; Ruth Franklin; Ed Kranz and Richard Wedell

OTHERS PRESENT: Doris Caranicas, Michael J. Ehrlichmann, Norbert Theis and Terrance O'Toole, RTB Board; Gregory Korstad, legal counsel; Greg Failor, Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC); Christopher Gran, Metro Mobility Administrative Center; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Richard Chin, St. Paul Dispatch; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, David Minister, Dale Ulrich, Len Simich, David Jacobson, Mary Lutz, Paul Moline, Garneth Peterson and Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

Ehrlichmann distributed and discussed his September 10 memorandum regarding abuse of vulnerable adults. Tinklenberg suggested that Ehrlichmann bring recommendations to the board on how complaints are reported and handled in the future.

Caranicas moved and O'Toole seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. p.m. and roll taken. Caranicas moved and Franklin seconded approval of the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - JULY 1990

Ulrich reviewed the September 4 staff report. Franklin moved and Finley seconded:

That the Administration and Finance Committee recommend:

That the Regional Transit Board receive the July 1990 financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

The motion was unanimously approved.

FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL FOR I-35W LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PATRONAGE FORECASTING

Blin reviewed the September 4 staff report. There was discussion of the ridership models that were scheduled for completion by June 15 and are needed to complete the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Midway Corridor. The Metropolitan Council has not completed that project. O'Toole moved and Kranz seconded:

That the Administration and Finance Committee table the above matter to the call of the chair.

The motion was unanimously approved.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION INCENTIVES

Simich reviewed the August 28 staff report. Ehrlichmann noted that parking rates at the University are as low as 80 cents, creating a disincentive to use of Rideshare and public transit. After discussion, Wedell moved and Finley seconded:

That the Administration and Finance Committee recommend:

That the Regional Transit Board allocate \$25,000 from the RTB budget, Project 90-26, Implementation of New Services, to undertake Travel Demand Management demonstrations at the University of Minnesota for the 1990-1991 academic year; and

That the Regional Transit Board encourage the University of Minnesota to dedicate more space to parking for Rideshare vehicles and reexamine the rates charged for campus parking with the goal of encouraging greater use of public transit and carpooling by students and faculty.

The motion was unanimously approved. Tinklenberg added that the committee would like a response to the above recommendation.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR I-494 TRANSIT DEMONSTRATION SERVICE

Jacobson reviewed the August 30 staff report. After discussion of cash flow and the level of subsidy, Franklin moved and Wedell seconded:

That the Administration and Finance Committee recommend:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the executive director to:

1. Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP for weekday/peak dial-a-ride services to serve Bloomington, Richfield and Edina, and
2. Enter into a contract with Minneapolis Rideshare, not to exceed \$10,000, for a Guaranteed Ride Home program, as outlined in the August 30, 1990 staff report to the Administration and Finance Committee.

The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, it was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee on September 10, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



Minutes of the Meeting of the
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Mears Park Centre Chambers
September 17, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Spartz, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Ruth Franklin; Norbert Theis, Elwyn Tinklenberg and Richard Wedell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Michael Ehrlichmann, Ed Kranz, Sandra Hilary, Terrance O'Toole

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Vanderpoel, Citizens League; Alan Morris, Metropolitan Council; Emil Brandt, Transportation Advisory Board; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, Howard Blin, Garneth Peterson, Dan Murray, Suzanne Hanson and Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. and roll taken. Caranicas moved and Franklin seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD PRELIMINARY DRAFT FIVE-YEAR TRANSIT PLAN

Copies of the September 13 document were delivered to the members prior to the meeting. Blin said this meeting was scheduled to receive comments from the members on the plan and make any final changes before the public hearing, which is scheduled for October 29, 1990, followed by a 30-day comment period.

Tinklenberg said land use planning is critical to the creation of incentives to transit use and disincentives to use of automobiles. In response to his question on how that will be incorporated in planning, Blin said RTB staff is working with staff of the Metropolitan Council, which is responsible for land use planning. Over the next few years a planning strategy will be developed that the local communities can adopt when they amend their comprehensive plans.

There was discussion of performance subsidies, Minnesota Valley Transit Association and performance standards. Spartz said this document will be accepted for purposes of public hearing at the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 24, 1990.

There being no other business, it was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be adjourned.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 17, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

Minutes of the Meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre Chambers
September 17, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael J. Ehrlichmann, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Ruth Franklin; Terrance O'Toole; Norbert Theis; Elwyn Tinklenberg; Jeff Spartz; Richard Wedell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John T. Finley, Ed Kranz and Sandra Hilary

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Weaver, RTB Legal Counsel; Peter Vanderpoel, Citizens League; Dirk deVries, Metropolitan Council Liaison to the RTB; Emil Brandt, Transportation Advisory Board; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, Ed Kouneski, Stephanie Eiler, Howard Blin, Dale Ulrich, Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and roll was taken. He introduced Stephanie Eiler who has joined RTB to work with David Minister on light rail transit planning. Spartz moved and Caranicas seconded approval of the agenda; the motion was unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The chair asked members to review the draft Five-Year Transit Plan very carefully. It will be reviewed by the the Local Officials Advisory Committee at its October 9 meeting..

The study of Metro Mobility complaints is underway and a number of clients' parents have called to discuss their concerns about the program.

There will be a meeting very shortly between the RTB and the University of Minnesota regarding the Travel Management Organization dealing with congestion problems on the Twin Cities campus.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Andrews announced that Suzanne Hanson has received an award from APTA for RTB publications. The award will be presented to her at the APTA Annual Conference in Houston at the end of the month.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Tinklenberg reviewed the report of the committee meeting of September 10, 1990.

Financial Statements - July 1990

Tinklenberg moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board receive the July 1990 financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

The motion was unanimously approved.

University of Minnesota Travel Demand Management Demonstration Incentives

Tinklenberg moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board allocate \$25,000 from the RTB budget, Project 90-26, Implementation of New Services, to undertake Travel Demand Management demonstrations at the University of Minnesota for the 1990-1991 academic year; and

That the Regional Transit Board encourage the University of Minnesota to dedicate more space to parking for Rideshare vehicles and reexamine the rates charged for campus parking with the goal of encouraging greater use of public transit and carpooling by students and faculty.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Proposal for I-494 Transit Demonstration Service

Tinklenberg moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the executive director to:

1. Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP for weekday/peak dial-a-ride services to serve Bloomington, Richfield and Edina, and
2. Enter into a contract with Minneapolis Rideshare, not to exceed \$10,000, for a Guaranteed Ride Home program, as outlined in the August 30, 1990 staff report to the Administration and Finance Committee.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

There being no other business, O'Toole moved and Caranicas seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Regional Transit Board's meeting of September 17, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Minutes of the Meeting of the
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Mears Park Centre, Room A
September 24, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Spartz, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Michael J. Ehrlichmann;
Ruth Franklin; Terrance O'Toole; Norbert Theis and Richard Wedell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John T. Finley, Sandra Hilary, Ed Kranz, and Elwyn
Tinklenberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Ewald, Alliance for Progressive Transit; Greg Andrews, Judy
Hollander, Howard Blin, Steve Thompson, Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. and roll taken. Theis moved and O'Toole
seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ACCEPT DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD FIVE-YEAR TRANSIT PLAN FOR
PURPOSES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

O'Toole moved and Franklin seconded:

That the Committee of the Whole recommend:

That the Regional Transit Board accept the Regional Transit Board Draft
Five-Year Transit Plan, dated September 24, 1990, for purposes of
public hearing.

Ehrlichmann commented that if there is an expression of interest from people who
cannot attend this hearing, another hearing can be scheduled. The motion was
unanimously approved.

There being no other business, O'Toole moved and Caranicas seconded that the meeting be
adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the
Committee of the Whole meeting of September 24, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

Minutes of the Meeting of the
POLICY COMMITTEE
Mears Park Centre, Room A
September 24, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Spartz, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Terrance O'Toole and Norbert Theis

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sandra Hilary

OTHERS PRESENT: RTB Chair Michael J. Ehrlichmann; RTB Members Ruth Franklin and Richard Wedell; Charles Weaver and Greg Korstad, RTB Legal Counsel; Richard Neumeister; Tom Vida, Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC); Christopher Gran, Metro Mobility Administrative Center; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, Randy Rosvold, Garneth Peterson, Howard Blin, Suzanne Hanson, Ed Kouneski, Cyndie Mayer and Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board Staff

The meeting was called to order and roll taken. O'Toole moved and Caranicas seconded that the agenda be approved. Ehrlichmann requested that the item related to a substance policy be deleted at this time to allow thorough review by legal counsel and vendors. It should be reviewed by the committee at its next meeting. With that amendment, the motion was carried unanimously.

City of Minneapolis Transportation Management Plan

Blin reviewed the staff report dated September 17, 1990. There was discussion of developing some means of creating disincentives to use of single-occupancy vehicles in order to mitigate the need for parking spaces.

Copies of the Executive Summary of the Nicollet Transit Mall Shuttle Project, Phase II Application, Urban Mass Transit Administrative Alternative Fuels Initiative Program. O'Toole moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Policy Committee recommend:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the comments contained in the August 9, 1990 memorandum to the Policy Committee for transmittal to the City of St. Louis Park and to the Metropolitan Council.

Since it was not yet 4 p.m., the published time for the meeting to start, vote was held over to the end of the meeting to allow any public comment.

Vulnerable Adult Protection Work Plan

Hollander reviewed the September 18 staff report. Ehrlichmann noted that copies of a letter distributed to all users of the system and their caregivers had been placed in the mailboxes. Weaver described some of the concerns related to the kind of driver background checks that can be done and how they can be used.

Neumeister said he has lobbied extensively on Data Privacy issues and is a part-time driver for the Wilder Foundation. He addressed the need for due process and the civil rights of the drivers, and the possibility of false charges filed against a driver.

Hollander said staff would support delaying action on this item until it has been reviewed by the Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee. O'Toole moved and Theis seconded:

That the Policy Committee recommend:

That the Regional Transit Board delay action on the Vulnerable Adult Protection Work Plan.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

There being no one present wishing to comment on the City of Minneapolis Transportation Management Plan recommendation, vote was taken. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, O'Toole moved Theis seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Policy Committee meeting of September 24, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

Minutes of the Meeting of the
POLICY COMMITTEE
Mears Park Centre, Room A
September 24, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Spartz, Chair; Doris Caranicas; Terrance O'Toole and Norbert Theis

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sandra Hilary

OTHERS PRESENT: RTB Chair Michael J. Ehrlichmann; RTB Members Ruth Franklin and Richard Wedell; Charles Weaver and Greg Korstad, RTB Legal Counsel; Richard Neumeister; Tom Vida, Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC); Christopher Gran, Metro Mobility Administrative Center; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Greg Andrews, Judy Hollander, Randy Rosvold, Garneth Peterson, Howard Blin, Suzanne Hanson, Ed Kouneski, Cyndie Mayer and Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board Staff

The meeting was called to order and roll taken. O'Toole moved and Caranicas seconded that the agenda be approved. Ehrlichmann requested that the item related to a substance policy be deleted at this time to allow thorough review by legal counsel and vendors. It should be reviewed by the committee at its next meeting. With that amendment, the motion was carried unanimously.

City of Minneapolis Transportation Management Plan

Blin reviewed the staff report dated September 17, 1990. There was discussion of developing some means of creating disincentives to use of single-occupancy vehicles in order to mitigate the need for parking spaces.

Copies of the Executive Summary of the Nicollet Transit Mall Shuttle Project, Phase II Application, Urban Mass Transit Administrative Alternative Fuels Initiative Program. O'Toole moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Policy Committee recommend:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the comments contained in the September 17, 1990 memorandum to the Policy Committee for transmittal to the City of Minneapolis and to the Metropolitan Council.

Since it was not yet 4 p.m., the published time for the meeting to start, vote was held over to the end of the meeting to allow any public comment.

Vulnerable Adult Protection Work Plan

Hollander reviewed the September 18 staff report. Ehrlichmann noted that copies of a letter distributed to all users of the system and their caregivers had been placed in the mailboxes. Weaver described some of the concerns related to the kind of driver background checks that can be done and how they can be used.

Neumeister said he has lobbied extensively on Data Privacy issues and is a part-time driver for the Wilder Foundation. He addressed the need for due process and the civil rights of the drivers, and the possibility of false charges filed against a driver.

Hollander said staff would support delaying action on this item until it has been reviewed by the Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee. O'Toole moved and Theis seconded:

That the Policy Committee recommend:

That the Regional Transit Board delay action on the Vulnerable Adult Protection Work Plan.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

There being no one present wishing to comment on the City of Minneapolis Transportation Management Plan recommendation, vote was taken. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, O'Toole moved Theis seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Policy Committee meeting of September 24, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1990.

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre
230 East Fifth Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/292-8789

DATE: October 4, 1990
TO: Members of the Regional Transit Board
FROM: Michael J. Ehrlichmann, Chair
SUBJECT: Travel Skills Training Demonstration

At the August 3, 1990 meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, RTB staff proposed a travel skills training demonstration project that would provide monthly bus passes for up to 100 persons with developmental disabilities. Staff recommended the purchase of bus passes for a six-month period in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 and the issuance of a request for proposals to metropolitan area day training and habilitation centers and extended employment centers in order to enter into contracts. The committee approved the staff recommendations adding that first preference be given to day training and habilitation centers in the award process.

At the Regional Transit Board meeting on August 20, 1990, the Board discussed the intent of the committee's action and offered a new motion to authorize the executive director to issue a request for proposals to the agencies for all certified Metro Mobility clients who applied for a free bus pass.

The motion was unanimously approved. After the meeting, it was determined that the RTB could obtain bus passes from the MTC at no cost.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board rescind the part of the action taken on August 20, 1990 that approved an expenditure for the purchase of bus passes in an amount not to exceed \$18,000;
2. That the Regional Transit Board direct the MTC to distribute the monthly bus passes to the RTB for the six-month demonstration project at no cost and authorize RTB staff to distribute the bus passes to the selected agencies on a monthly basis.

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre
230 East Fifth Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/292-8789

DATE: October 8, 1990

TO: Chair and Members of the Regional Transit Board

FROM: Judith Hollander, Director of Planning and Programs 
Edward Kouneski, Manager of Programs 

SUBJECT: Metro Mobility Vulnerable Adult Protection -- Work Plan

In September, RTB staff developed a draft work plan to identify immediate and ongoing activities that can be conducted to investigate the scope and nature of all incidents of alleged abuse of vulnerable adults riding Metro Mobility. This plan was reviewed with the Policy Committee on September 24 and with the Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee on September 26.

Based on TAAC comments tasks 8, 10, and 15 were revised, and after consultation with RTB attorneys tasks 6 and 16 were changed. Furthermore, the timing of tasks 6, 10, and 12 were modified.

The work plan, in its final version, is now being forwarded to the board for action.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Transit Board approve the attached Metro Mobility vulnerable adult protection work plan, dated October 4, 1990.

METRO MOBILITY VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION

WORK PLAN

Revised October 4, 1990

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this work plan is to identify immediate and ongoing activities that Regional Transit Board staff and Metro Mobility Administrative Center (MMAC) will conduct to investigate the scope and nature of all incidents of alleged abuse of vulnerable adults riding Metro Mobility. Corrective measures will also be developed and implemented. All work activities will receive high priority attention over the next few weeks.

Progress on the work plan will be discussed on a weekly basis, internally, and reported to RTB's Policy Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings, the fourth Monday of each month. Staff will also regularly share its findings and seek input from the RTB's Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC).

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this work plan are to:

- Identify the number and nature of all incidents of alleged abuse of vulnerable adults riding Metro Mobility.
- Develop and implement ongoing communications, training and monitoring of Metro Mobility providers regarding their responsibilities and RTB contractual expectations for vulnerable adult protection.
- Communicate with riders, agencies and other affected parties about the RTB's commitment and activities for improving Metro Mobility safety.
- Identify and implement revised administrative procedures to ensure better reporting and resolution of complaints of vulnerable adult abuse.

SCOPE

The scope of the work plan has been developed into 19 tasks. Following are the task descriptions which list the assignment of responsibility, any external resources required, and the timing for completion.

Task 1: Request in writing from county adult protection services units, in all seven counties, the following summary data on incidents of alleged abuse of vulnerable adults riding Metro Mobility since May 1988. Visit offices, as needed, to review files.

- Nature of allegation and date occurred.
- Provider (transport company) name.
- Date provider was notified, name of person(s) contacted, and description of their response.

- Name and phone number of detective or investigator assigned to case.
- The accused driver's, or defendant's, criminal history pertaining to sexual conduct.
- Current status of investigation.
- Disposition, if completed.
- Copies of the formal "Complaint" document with data privacy restricted information stricken as necessary.

Responsibility: MTC, MMAC
Resources: MTC attorneys, to facilitate gathering of information
Timing: Send request Mon., Sept. 17 for submittal of data by Mon., Oct. 1

Task 2: Request law enforcement agencies to notify MMAC of any reports on file for Metro Mobility incidents and to share appropriate information. This involves all the police departments in the metropolitan area.

Responsibility: MMAC
Resources: MTC attorneys and/or security personnel, to assist as needed
Timing: Send letters Mon., Sept. 17; compile information by Mon., Oct. 7

Task 3: Direct Metro Mobility providers to submit information now on any past unreported passenger incidents, for the period May 1988 to present, and communicate the consequences for not providing such information. Providers will be asked to respond to the questions such as the following:

- Are you aware of any allegations of sexual abuse of Metro Mobility riders by your employees that have not been reported to the MMAC? If so, file a written report on each incident, and describe the circumstances under which you learned of the incident.
- Do you currently employ persons who have been involved in these or other reported incidents of sexual abuse? If so, identify the employee and current job responsibilities.

Responsibility: MMAC
Timing: Send letter Thurs., Sept. 13; require information to be returned by Tue., Sept. 18; conduct follow-up inquiries as needed

Task 4: Issue bulletin to Metro Mobility providers that reiterates the requirement for criminal history background checks to be conducted for all new driver applicants.

Responsibility: MMAC
Timing: Send bulletin Thurs., Sept. 13

Task 5: Conduct site inspections of Metro Mobility provider personnel records to verify that criminal history checks were conducted for new hires since July 1, 1990.

Responsibility: MMAC
Timing: Complete by Wed., Oct. 3

Task 6: Direct each Metro Mobility provider to prepare a complete listing of existing drivers, noting for whom criminal history checks have been performed.

Responsibility: MMAC
Timing: Send letter to providers Wed., Oct. 10 to receive lists by Mon., Oct. 22

Task 7: Continue plans to conduct mandatory training sessions for Metro Mobility providers to receive greater instruction on sexual abuse and vulnerable adult abuse topics. Instruct providers to incorporate this training for all new hires and to conduct refresher training for all existing hires.

Responsibility: MMAC
Resources: State Department of Human Services and Department of Corrections, to develop agenda and conduct training
Timing: Hold training sessions Fri., Sept. 21 and Thurs., Sept. 27. Require training for new hires to start no later than Sept. 28 and that all existing drivers receive the same training by Mon., Dec. 3

Task 8: Institute random, unannounced site inspections, in addition to announced inspections, as part of the ongoing MMAC contract enforcement program. Expand the review of driver personnel records to include steps to verify that both the required training and the criminal history checks were conducted by the providers.

Responsibility: MMAC
Timing: Begin Fri., Sept. 28

Task 9: Prepare a letter to day training and extended employment centers that reinforces the agencies' understanding of the procedures for reporting complaints to the MMAC and clarifies the role of the MMAC in investigations of vulnerable adult abuse. Consider preparing a similar letter to county sexual assault services centers.

Responsibility: MMAC
Timing: Send letter to agencies by Fri., Oct. 7

Task 10: Prepare a special, distinctive issue of the *Metro Memo*, the newsletter for Metro Mobility riders, on topics related to vulnerable adult protection, training, complaint reporting, and investigation.

Responsibility: MMAC
Resources: MTC public relations firm, to assist with copywriting
Timing: Review with TAAC's Metro Mobility subcommittee; ensure mailing by Wed., Oct. 17

Task 11: Issue letters from the RTB chair to Metro Mobility riders to emphasize the RTB's commitment to safety for Metro Mobility.

Responsibility: RTB staff
Timing: Prepare letter for mailing; process to begin Thurs., Sept. 20

Task 12: Issue letters from the RTB chair to Metro Mobility providers for the benefit of drivers employed by these companies, to convey the RTB's confidence and appreciation for the work they do.

Responsibility: RTB staff
Timing: Prepare letter for mailing by Wed., Oct. 10

Task 13: Explore any legal issues concerning the liability of the RTB or the MMAC to require that providers meet certain minimum qualifications for selecting driver candidates, in areas such as:

- Driving record, i.e., number of moving violations, DWI convictions, and other citations.
- Previous work background, performance, and safety record.
- Relevant criminal convictions or investigations.
- Pre-employment alcohol and substance abuse screening.
- Other relevant screening and testing requirements.

Consider requesting an opinion from the Minnesota Attorney General's office, if needed.

Responsibility: RTB staff/MMAC
Resources: RTB attorneys
Timing: Prepare draft guidelines and request legal review by Fri., Sept. 21

Task 14: Investigate an expanded role for the MMAC to conduct driver training sessions on select topics, to supplement the training conducted by providers and to establish a mechanism for MMAC evaluation of driver candidates. All new driver hires could be required to pass the course before beginning in Metro Mobility service.

Responsibility: MMAC
Resources: RTB attorneys, to identify legal concerns; consultants, as needed, to develop MMAC training course
Timing: Prepare recommendation for RTB staff review by Thurs., Nov. 1

Task 15: Direct Metro Mobility providers to (1) place in each vehicle a large, visible or permanent sign that encourages clients to report any incident or complaint to the MMAC and lists the MMAC phone number, and (2) maintain a supply of Rider's Bill of Rights in all vehicles. In addition, explore modifying the rider certification card.

Responsibility: MMAC
Resources: Graphic design consultant, as needed
Timing: Prepare artwork for RTB staff review by Tues., Sept. 25; distribute prints for posting in vehicles by Mon., Oct. 15 (ongoing field checks will ensure compliance)

Task 16: Seek interpretations of (1) the Data Privacy Act as it relates to information which county adult protection agencies may provide to the MMAC and RTB in relation to past and ongoing investigations of vulnerable adult abuse; and (2) Also, the Vulnerable Adult Protection act regarding the definitions of "mandatory" and "volunteer" reporters and explore the feasibility of having the RTB or the MTC/MMAC function as a licensed agency, as defined in the law. Licensed agencies can have access to confidential information assembled as part of a county investigation. Consult the Attorney General's office, as needed.

Responsibility: RTB staff
Resources: RTB attorneys
Timing: Prepare request by Fri., Sept. 21

Task 17: Conduct research and prepare draft recommendations on appropriate legislation related to licensing of Metro Mobility drivers and other reporting and/or administrative procedures that may be required to ensure that monitoring and enforcement of vulnerable adult complaints can be carried out effectively.

Responsibility: RTB staff
Resources: RTB attorneys
Timing: Prepare recommendations for Policy Committee approval on Mon., Nov. 26

Task 18: Revisit the recommendation of Carter Goble & Associates, engaged by the RTB in 1987 to evaluate the Metro Mobility program, that the Metro Mobility provider contracts be executed between the providers and the MTC, not the RTB, in order to avoid potential confusion over contract enforcement responsibilities.

Responsibility: RTB staff
Timing: Prepare report for Policy Committee review on Mon., Oct. 22

Task 19: Examine the benefits of creating a task force to review issues relating to vulnerable adult protection and possible legislative changes. Involve members of the developmentally disabled community in conjunction with TAAC.

Responsibility: RTB staff
Timing: After completion of the other tasks in this work plan

REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre
230 East Fifth Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/292-8789

DATE: October 8, 1990
TO: Members of the Regional Transit Board
FROM: Michael J. Ehrlichmann, Chair
SUBJECT: Consulting Contract Monitoring Metro Mobility Administration
Center Operations

DISCUSSION

1. In conjunction with the work plan that Judith Hollander has just presented to you, I am requesting that the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a special consulting contract to review contract compliance procedures with MMAC and vendors. The scope of this work program should include, but not be limited to: the handling of complaints, hiring practices, employer and driver training programs, passenger loading and unloading practices, and procedures for the prevention of fraud, review data privacy restrictions and review licensing issue.

The consultant will review and report on the status of Mn/DOT's promulgation of rules and the Department of Public Safety's program for vehicle inspection and equipment maintenance. After review of current procedures the consultant will make recommendations for change to ensure that compliance measures are adequate to ensure the safety of passengers.

Upon completion of review of contract compliance procedures and review of the RTB Findings pursuant to its work plan, the consultant will make recommendations for change and assist with legislative proposals.

2. This consultant contract will also serve as a follow-up to a contract let in 1988, which established that "Effective customer service and complaint handling procedures should ensure two critical actions: 1) that follow-up investigation occurs with consequences, and 2) that the customer receives satisfaction that the report and the manner in which it was responded to is proper and professional."
3. This contract is for a period of six months, beginning November 1st, in the recommended amount of \$15,000, with at least 30 day progress reports. The consultant will report to Judith Hollander, Director of Planning and Programs, and Sherry Munyon, Deputy Chair, who will be responsible for preparing a work plan.
4. I recommend that the Board contract with Mary O'Hara Anderson, who has been a strong advocate for an accessible transportation system which is responsive to persons needs and provides service of high quality. If awarded the contract, Ms. Anderson would resign her current role as chair of the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC).
5. Regional Transit Board members will take under advisement the consultant's recommendations, the findings of the staff work plan and legal opinions and audit findings, as well as any other pertinent data.

Memorandum to: Members of the Regional Transit Board

October 8, 1990

Page 2

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Transit Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Mary O'Hara Anderson to review: Metro Mobility Administration Center and Regional Transit Board contract compliance procedures, status of the Department of Public Safety vehicle inspection program, status of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's promulgation of rules, review findings of staff work programs and make recommendations for change, and assist with legislative proposals.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
612/229-2700

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

At its meeting of September 24, 1990, the Policy Committee considered and approved the following:

City of Minneapolis Transportation Management Plan

The Policy Committee recommends:

That the Regional Transit Board approve the comments contained in the September 17, 1990 Policy Committee memorandum for transmittal to the City of Minneapolis and to the Metropolitan Council. The RTB further states its willingness to work with the city to address these comments.

Other Business:

The committee tabled the item regarding the proposed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy for Metropolitan Transit Service Providers until the committee meeting of October 29, 1990 and to delay action on the Metro Mobility Vulnerable Adult Protection Work Plan dated September 18, 1990.

Jeff Spartz
Chair

mff
9/28/90
Att.



REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Mears Park Centre, 230 East 5th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
229-2700

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

At its meeting of September 24, 1990, the Committee of the Whole approved the following recommendation:

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Regional Transit accept the Regional Transit Board Draft Five-Year Transit Plan, dated September 24, 1990, for purposes of public hearing. on October 29, 1990 at 4:00 p.m.

Jeff Spartz
Chair

10/1/90
mff



Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

316 Courthouse, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 612-298-4145 / FAX 292-6689

John T. Finley, Chairman

District 3

Duane W. McCarty, Vice Chairman

District 1

Warren W. Schaber, Secretary

District 6

Ruby Hunt, Treasurer

District 5

Diane Ahrens

District 4

Hal Norgard

District 7

Donald Salverda

District 2



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Intergovernmental Committee
Members of Midway Corridor Task Force
Members of Downtown Task Force
Members of Midway Corridor Technical Group

FROM: Kathryn DeSpiegelaere, Director of LRT Planning *KD*

SUBJECT: Midway Corridor Preferred Alignment

DATE: September 28, 1990

The attached letter has been received from Senator Keith Langseth and will be discussed at your next meeting.

Please contact me at 298-5420 if you have questions about the letter.

KD/blk
Attachment

KEITH LANGSETH
Senator 9th District
RR 2
Glyndon, Minnesota 56547
and
Room 24F State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Senate

State of Minnesota

September 14, 1990

Mr. John Finley, Commissioner
Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
316 Court House
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear John:

I would like to thank you for the opportunities to meet with you and other rail authority representatives to discuss Light Rail Transit. I share with you the belief that LRT will improve transportation in the Twin Cities, especially in the corridor between Minneapolis and St. Paul. You are to be commended for your leadership and initiative in bringing LRT development to the point we are at today.

It is my intent to author a comprehensive transportation bill, stemming from the work of the Transportation Study Board, which will include a provision for enabling the construction of an LRT line linking downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul. At this point, the 1/2¢ regional sales tax seems to be the most likely funding source.

It is extremely important that consensus be reached on the major issues surrounding LRT prior to the 1991 Legislative Session; corridor selection is one of these important issues. I understand that the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority is the lead group in selecting the LRT corridor for Ramsey County, and I have also been informed that you are now in the process of drafting an environmental impact statement (EIS) analyzing 3 basic corridors. While I am not expressing a preference for any of these corridors, I feel it is essential that a preference be proposed prior to the start of the coming legislative session. It is therefore my hope that the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority will announce its preferred route in the draft EIS and will then let the review process occur from there. State EIS processes allow for preferred alternatives to be indicated in the draft document, and this is desirable for us who are working on the needed legislation. The March 12th date, which I

COMMITTEES • Chairman, Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-States
• Education • Finance • Transportation

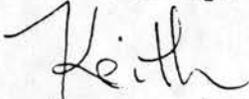
SERVING • Clay, Wilkin, Becker and Otter Tail Counties

Page 2
September 14, 1990
Mr. John Finley

understand has been discussed for announcing the preference, leaves this major decision unresolved for too long a period of time. If individuals, groups, or organizations disagree with Ramsey County's preferred route, I would like to be aware of the issues early in the legislative session as opposed to mid-session. This will also give Ramsey County time to work with all concerned parties at an early stage in the process.

I look forward to working with you and others who support LRT as we strive to gain approval for the Transportation Study Board's recommendations as well as early implementation of the Midway Corridor.

Sincerely,



Senator Keith Langseth

cc: Senator Roger Moe
Senator Donald Moe
Representative Robert Vanasek
Representative Sandy Pappas
Representative Henry Kalis
Commissioner Leonard Levine