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REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

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MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD

Monday, May 6, 1991
Mears Park Centre Chambers
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regional Transit Board Meeting, April 15, 1991

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Metro Mobility Driver of the Month Award - Chuck Elliot, Wilder Transportation
2. Public Hearing Dates on Marginal Cost Policy

E. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Elwyn Tinklenberg, Chair

1. Adoption of Recommendations for Consolidation of MTC High Subsidy Crosstown Routes in Bloomington

F. OTHER BUSINESS

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael J. Ehrlichmann
Chair



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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD
Mears Park Centre Chambers
April 15, 1991

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael J. Ehrlichmann, Chair; John T. Finley; Ruth Franklin; Terrance O'Toole and Norbert Theis

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ed Kranz, Sandra Hilary and Elwyn Tinklenberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Weaver, legal counsel; Emil Brandt and Karen Lyons, Metropolitan Council; Arnie Entzel, Amalgamated Transit Union; Mary O'Hara Anderson; Diane Harberts; Sherry Munyon, Gregory Andrews, Judy Hollander, Dale Ulrich, Stefanie Eilers, Becky Scudder and Mary Fitzgerald, Regional Transit Board staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wedell moved and Finley seconded approval of the agenda; The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Caranicas moved and O'Toole seconded that the following minutes be approved:

1. Public Hearing on Metro Mobility, January 22, 1991
2. Public Hearing on Metro Mobility Fares, March 18, 1991
3. Policy Committee Meeting, March 25, 1991
4. Special Regional Transit Board Meeting, March 25, 1991
5. Public Hearing on Metro Mobility Fares, March 25, 1991
6. Regional Transit Board Meeting, April 1, 1991

The motion was approved (Wedell abstained).

CHAIR'S REPORT

The chair announced that the Policy Committee meeting originally scheduled for April 22 will be rescheduled to April 29, 1991.

Legislation

The chair said the RTB appeared before the Transportation Committee regarding the proposed Opt-Out legislation. In its current version the board is to consult with the Opt-Out communities on performance standards. The other portions of the bill that affect the board relate to transferring funds on specific dates and holding the 90 percent of funds collected in an escrow account. The entire issue of regionalism is affected. Andrews reviewed the financial implications for the regular route system.

The bill implementing the Transportation Study Board's recommendations including sales tax funds to develop light rail transit was reviewed.

The Department of Human Services bill to establish a task force to study the issue of consolidation of paratransit services passed through committee and will go to the floor and will be heard this week. The licensure provision for Metro Mobility drivers will be attached.

Senator Frank's Governance bill has passed through committee and will go to the floor for action.

Finley moved and O'Toole seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board approved the minutes of the April 8, 1991 Special Board meeting.

The minutes had been distributed prior to the start of this meeting. The motion was approved (Wedell abstained).

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Franklin reviewed the recommendations approved by the committee at its meeting of April 8, 1991.

Senior Transportation Program 1991 Contract Amendment

Franklin moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board amend its 1991 contract with the Senior Transportation Program (Contract 90/12/17-43) in an amount not to exceed \$19,053.

The motion was unanimously approved.

1991 Capital Fund Contract with the City of Plymouth

Franklin moved and Caranicas seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize its executive director to enter into a capital funding agreement with the City of Plymouth in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for calendar year 1991 and amend the 1991 RTB capital budget accordingly.

The motion was unanimously approved.

1990 Southwest Metro Transit Commission Operating and Capital Contract Amendments

Franklin moved and Theis seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize its executive director to amend Southwest Metro Transit's 1990 operating contract (Contract No. 89/12/04-16) by a total of \$11,219 from \$982,856 to \$993,856 and amend the 1990 capital contract (Contract No. 89/12/04-16) by a total of \$16,371 from \$96,000 to \$112,371.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Shakopee 1990 Contract Amendment

Franklin moved and Theis seconded:

That the Regional Transit Board authorize its executive director to amend the 1990 Shakopee contract (Contract No. 89/12/04-15) by a total of \$1,859 from \$216,640 to \$218,499.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business:

Franklin said a number of legislators have asked for an expense report on the European trip and she asked that that information also be presented to the Administration and Finance Committee. The chair said it will be sent to all the board members.

Ehrlichmann said some lawmakers have indicated that prospects are poor for receiving the additional \$13 million needed for transit that were requested. He reported on his trip to the APTA conference in Austin, Texas on the federal regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Those communities that have depended upon fully accessible buses will have to develop a paratransit system and those that have a system like ours are in a better position.

Entzel asked for clarification of the expected amount of funding reduction. The chair said that Representative Rice, Chair of the Economic Development Division of the House Appropriation Committee has indicated that the House may decide on additional dollars above the Governor's Budget which funds RTB \$13 million short of the original \$45 million. Finley asked if consideration was given to raising levy limits, which would help on bonding because of the quirk in the law that our bonding is unlimited but we cannot levy to pay for it. Ehrlichmann said if we had a bill to expand our levy our hope of getting our appropriation would be nil. If, however, we do not get the appropriation we should try to get a provision to expand our tax levy.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the Regional Transit Board's meeting of April 15, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary

Approved this 6th day of May 1991.

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REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

At its meeting of April 29, 1991, the Regional Transit Board's Policy Committee met and took the following actions:

Bloomington Regular Route Service

The Policy Committee recommends:

That the Regional Transit Board:

1. Approve the service consolidation plan for Bloomington local crosstown service
2. Direct the executive director of the RTB to solicit bids for implementation of this service according to the RTB's competitive bidding guidelines

Other Action

The Policy Committee reviewed the Metro Mobility Fare and Services Changes and endorsed the staff recommendations as presented in the April 23, 1991 to be forwarded to the Administration and Finance Committee for final approval.

Elwyn Tinklenberg
Chair

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