

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-027**

1 A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area  
2 Authorizing the Convening of a Public Transportation Improvement Conference for the Purpose of Evaluating the  
3 Need for and Desirability of Revision to the Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area ("Pierce Transit")  
4 Boundary

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6 WHEREAS, Pierce Transit was formed on April 4, 1979, to provide bus service to the residents  
7 of Pierce County; and

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9 WHEREAS, after the failed Pierce Transit February 2011 sales tax increase proposal, the  
10 Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners, following a series of public hearings, directed Pierce Transit staff to  
11 reduce expenses as a result of declining sales tax revenues and make further service reductions in the amount of  
12 35 percent which reduced the cost of operating transit service and ensured a balanced budget by December  
13 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, public comment was received during the aforementioned public hearings and  
15 expressed concern for the level of reductions necessary for the Agency to be financially sustainable. Generally  
16 the comments expressed support for maintaining some level of service for passengers to be able to continue to  
17 connect to jobs and school with early morning and peak commute time services; and

18 WHEREAS, Pierce Transit should provide public transportation services to Pierce County areas  
19 where the services are best utilized and supported; and

20 WHEREAS, the failed February 2011 sales tax increase proposal identified areas of highest  
21 Pierce Transit voter support and the public hearings and staff work identified the areas of highest and best  
22 utilization of Pierce Transit; and

23 WHEREAS, Pierce Transit has authority to revise its boundary pursuant to Ch. 36.57A RCW  
24 and Washington State Supreme Court decisional law in order to best serve public transportation needs; and

25 WHEREAS, Pierce Transit's Board of Commissioners are uniquely knowledgeable and familiar  
26 with the financial and operational facts, plans and policies of Pierce Transit with respect to its current and future  
27 fulfillment of its statutory purpose in the furtherance of public transportation; and

28 WHEREAS, Pierce Transit's Board of Commissioners will substantially comply with all  
29 applicable laws regarding the review and potential revision of the Pierce Transit boundary, consistent with the  
30 principles and requirements of input from public jurisdictions and citizens;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit as  
32 follows:

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Section 1. The Board of Commissioners creates and will convene the Pierce Transit Public Transportation Improvement Conference, which conference will be conducted in substantial compliance with Ch. 36.57A RCW and Washington State Supreme Court decisional law and which conference will evaluate the need for and desirability of revision to the Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Boundary in order to best serve public transportation needs, effective November 14, 2011.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011



Claudia Thomas, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Treva Perival, MMC  
Clerk of the Board

