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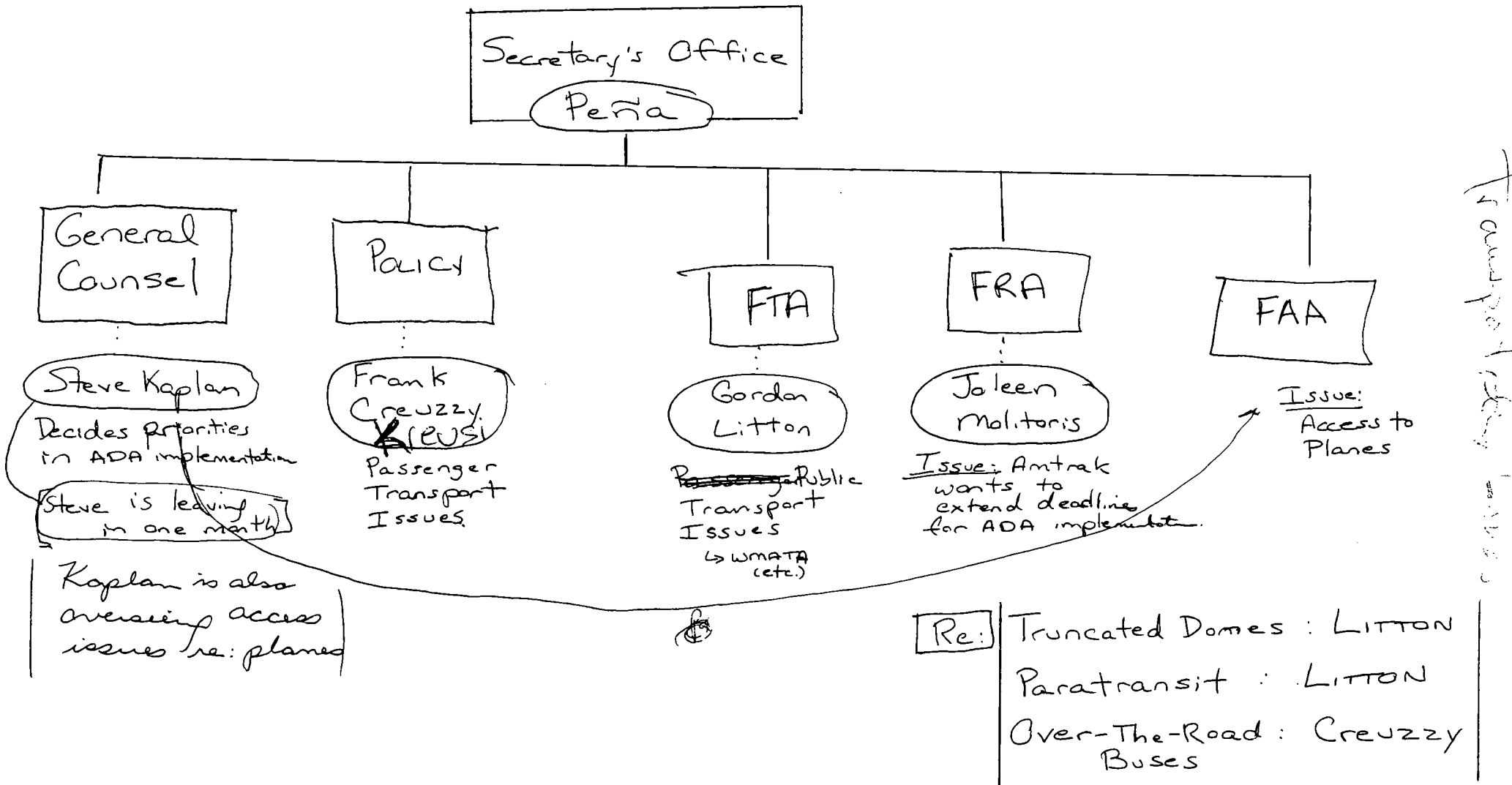
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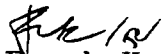
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Carol,

I wanted to make sure you are personally aware of a proposal I plan to introduce at this afternoon's Access Board meeting regarding platform edge warning strips. The draft resolution, which I expect to be approved today, is attached.


Frank Kruesi

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Resolution

Whereas, the Access Board has received petitions for rulemaking on detectable warnings at transit platform edges from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the National Federation of the Blind, and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority;

Whereas, ADAAG is the minimum standard that must be used by the Federal Transit Administration in its enforcement of the Americans With Disabilities Act;

Whereas, the Federal Transit Administration has recently determined that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority should be granted equivalent facilitation for their transit platform edge warning system;

Whereas, the Access Board has an existing mechanism--the ADAAG Review Advisory Committee--to provide recommendations on changes to ADAAG requirements;

Whereas, in the five years since ADAAG was published there has been continuing development of new technology, that has the promise of providing new forms of cues to people with visual impairments as to their approach to a platform drop off, other hazards, and the location of entrance door openings to rail cars.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that action on the petitions for rulemaking received from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, National Federation of the Blind and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority be deferred until the ADAAG Review Advisory Committee has considered the issue and made a recommendation.

And be it further resolved that the Advisory Committee should consider a flexible performance based guideline to warn passengers of transit platform drop offs allowing for the use of truncated domes or other viable means of assisting passengers in accessing a transit system and alerting them to hazards. The Advisory Committee should make this issue a high priority for consideration.

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