

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
February 28, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Chair Greg Nickels, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) *Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor*

Vice Chairs

(P) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(P) *Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember*

(P) *Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember*
(P) *Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember*
(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President*
(P) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember*
(P) *Dow Constantine, King County Council Vice Chair*
(P) *Deanna Dawson, Edmonds Councilmember*
(P) *David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor*
(P) *Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary*

(A) *John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive*
(P) *John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor*
(P) *Julia Patterson, King County Council Chair*
(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair*
(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*
(A) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*
(P) *Pete von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember*

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Chair Nickels announced he will be meeting with Boardmembers from each of the subareas to discuss ST2.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl provided an update on the ST2 online survey that was placed on the Sound Transit website. Over the past eight days there have been over 5,000 completed surveys and 22,000 page views. In response to some user requests, the website now allows respondents to skip questions.

Ms. Earl called upon Construction Safety Manager Robert Taffe to give a staff presentation on the Link Construction Safety Report, which focused on the 2007 Safety Statistics and Metrics. In 2007, the injury rate for the Central Link Initial Segment projects was below both the national and state average rates.

Mr. Taffe also discussed the process for reporting on-the-job injuries and accidents and what the agency is doing proactively to prevent such occurrences.

Public Comment

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Citizen Oversight Panel Year-End Report

Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) Chair Dick Chapin was saddened to report the death of COP member Paul Masten and asked for a moment of silence.

Mr. Chapin presented the 2007 COP year-end report, which is on file with the Board Administrator. In general, the COP feels that Sound Transit had a good year in 2007; he mentioned the progress of capital projects throughout the region, the increase in ridership, and the positive audits received by the agency.

Mr. Chapin also discussed challenges in 2007; such as the failure of Proposition 1, the construction and planning environment, improving access to transit services, transit operating costs, and transitioning from capital to operations.

Chair Nickels thanked Mr. Chapin and the COP for their volunteer service, and expressed his condolences on behalf of the Board regarding Mr. Masten's passing.

ST2 – Follow-Up to January 31, 2008 Workshop

Office of Policy, Planning, and Public Affairs Executive Director Ric Ilgenfritz and Policy and Planning Officer Greg Walker gave the staff presentation.

Mr. Walker discussed the core plan and new plan components, and reviewed the draft development plans for the north, south, and cross-lake corridors. Boardmember Patterson asked for flexibility in extending light rail versus additional Sounder commuter rail service. Boardmember Conlin suggested that the First Hill Streetcar be renamed the First Hill Connector.

Mr. Ilgenfritz reviewed the proposed schedule of upcoming activities, which culminate with Board adoption of a draft plan potentially on March 27.

Boardmember Patterson suggested a discussion on the proposed BRT connection from Burien to the intermodal station in Tukwila instead of SeaTac Airport. She also suggested that the Link terminal station be located at Highline Community College instead of South 200th Street.

Boardmember Butler suggested that the legend in the cross-lake corridor development plan be modified to reflect the BNSF corridor noted in orange on the map.

In response to questions from Boardmember Burleigh, Ms. Earl advised that staff will present options for potential service enhancements and expansion funding in the draft plan at a future Board meeting.

In response to questions from Boardmember Anderson, Mr. Ilgenfritz, Mr. Walker, and Ms. Earl discussed the proposed funding for system access and conversations with BNSF regarding potential expansion of Sounder commuter rail service.

In response to questions from Boardmember Roberts regarding transit operations, Ms. Earl announced a proposed action that will be presented to the Executive Committee on March 6, 2008 regarding the formation of a transit operations task force.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the January 24, 2008 Meeting
- B. Voucher Certification for January 1, 2008 through January 15, 2008
- C. Voucher Certification for January 16, 2008 through January 31, 2008
- D. Motion No. M2008-28 – Amending Motion No. M2008-12, which authorized execution of a contract with SCI Infrastructure, LLC for construction services for Southcenter Boulevard improvements within the Central Link Initial Segment project, to correct the authorized contract amount and to ratify execution of the contract. The correct contract amount is \$21,317,635 with a contingency of \$2,131,764, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$23,449,399

It was moved by Vice Chair Thomas, seconded by Boardmember Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Action Items

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2008-04 - Amending the Adopted 2008 Budget to (a) revise the Airport Link lifetime budget to \$269.1 million; (b) add a project for the light rail segment from South 176th to South 200th with a budget of \$3.767 million; and (c) treat as property for resale and record separately from the Airport Link project budget the previously authorized \$4.1 million acquisition costs for the “kiss-and-ride” facility at the SeaTac/Airport Link Station

Vice Chair Reardon called upon Link Executive Director Ahmad Fazel to give the staff presentation Ms. Earl added that in its fiscal year 2008 budget, Congress directed the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to add Airport Link to the Full Funding Grant Agreement.

Chair Nickels announced that a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board was necessary to pass a budget amendment. He asked Ms. Walker to conduct a roll call vote on Resolution No. R2008-04.

Ayes

Nays

- Mary-Alyce Burleigh
- Fred Butler
- Richard Conlin
- Dow Constantine
- Deanna Dawson
- Dave Enslow
- Paula Hammond
- John Marchione
- Julia Patterson
- Larry Phillips
- Aaron Reardon
- Paul Roberts
- Claudia Thomas
- Pete von Reichbauer
- Greg Nickels

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of fifteen Board members present that Resolution No. R2008-04 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-27 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to an existing and previously authorized negotiated sole source contract with Mowat Construction Company, for the construction of station finishes elements of the SeaTac/Airport Station in the amount of \$37,226,000, with a contingency of \$1,000,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$74,026,000

Ms. Earl added that she has signed a memorandum regarding the project schedule and issues, and that Mr. Fazel has signed a document regarding the review of independent cost estimates. Both documents are required to fulfill state and FTA mandates.

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-27 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2008-03 - Amending the Adopted 2008 Budget to: (a) increase the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th Project lifetime budget from \$76,262,591 to \$80,338,777, and to adopt revised phase level budgets consistent with the project budget increase; (b) increase the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th Project Adopted 2008 Annual Budget from \$110,433 to \$3,175,522 and (c) amend the Adopted 2008 Lifetime Budget for the Regional Express East King County Program Reserve from \$22,801,958 to \$18,725,772

Boardmember Hammond announced that funds reimbursing Sound Transit for the design flaws is contained in both the Senate and House budgets and is expected to pass.

Chair Nickels announced that a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board was necessary to pass a budget amendment. He asked Ms. Walker to conduct a roll call vote on Resolution No. R2008-03.

Ayes

Nays

Mary-Alyce Burleigh
Fred Butler
Richard Conlin
Dow Constantine
Deanna Dawson
Dave Enslow
Paula Hammond
John Marchione
Julia Patterson
Larry Phillips
Aaron Reardon
Paul Roberts
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Greg Nickels

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of fifteen Board members present that Resolution No. R2008-03 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-24 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contingency for GCA 3361 Task Order Agreement A-5 with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th project in the amount of \$3,865,171 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$61,086,267

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-24 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-25 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole source contract with Quilite International, Inc. to provide Quilite panels for the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th project in the amount of \$375,000, with a 15% contingency of \$56,250, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$431,250

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-25 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2008-05 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), by condemnation litigation, or by administrative settlement; and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for construction, maintenance and operation of a light rail tunnel between the University of Washington Station and the Pine Street Stub Tunnel

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Vice Chair Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2008-05 be approved as presented.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

Ms. Earl announced that the tunnel boring machine is expected to breakthrough the east portal of the Beacon Hill Tunnel next week.

Next Meeting

ST2 Board Workshop

Thursday, March 6, 2008

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Board Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2008

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Ruth Fisher Boardroom

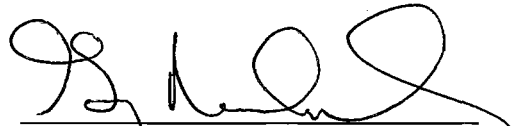
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

ATTEST:



Margia Walker
Board Administrator




Greg Nickels
Board Chair

**Regional Transit Authority
Voucher Certification Approval
January 15, 2008**

Auditing Officer Certification

I, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the expenses listed below represent claims that were just, due, and paid obligations against the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, and further that I am authorized to authenticate and certify said claims paid through the disbursement process.

Auditing Officer:



Kelly Priestley, Controller

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority's Auditing Officer.

Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks	58572 - 58843*	23,152,895.10
Treasurer Checks	1179	17.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	24	7,281,994.29
Voided Checks	55300, 57837	(740.04)
Total Claims	291	\$30,434,166.35

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	1	19,933.81
Total Claims	1	\$19,933.81

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	7106 - 7109	\$4,537.09
Direct Deposit	431	\$705,090.59
Voided Check /EFT		\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	1	\$152,260.72
Total Payroll	436	\$861,888.40

* A/P checks 58572, 58709, 58737 and 58739 were not issued


Total certified vouchers from January 1, 2008 through January 15, 2008 are \$31,315,988.56.

**Regional Transit Authority
Voucher Certification Approval
January 31, 2008**

Auditing Officer Certification

I, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the expenses listed below represent claims that were just, due, and paid obligations against the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, and further that I am authorized to authenticate and certify said claims paid through the disbursement process.

Auditing Officer:



Kelly Priestley, Controller

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority's Auditing Officer.

Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks	58844 - 59140	14,886,243.63
Treasurer Checks		0.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	30	25,586,435.36
Voided Checks	58569, 58793, 58814	(3,923.24)
Total Claims	324	\$40,468,755.75

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	1	12,600.00
Total Claims	1	\$12,600.00

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	7110 - 7115	\$9,396.23
Direct Deposit	431	\$740,883.57
Voided Check /EFT		\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	1	\$164,193.98
Total Payroll	438	\$914,473.78

Total certified vouchers from January 16, 2008 through January 31, 2008 are \$41,395,829.53.