

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
June 11, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Vice Chair Aaron Reardon, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

Vice Chairs

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(A) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Council Chair

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(A) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(A) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(A) Peter 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

Vice Chair Reardon noted that he would be chairing the meeting in Chair Nickels' absence.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

- New Sounder and ST Express service began on June 1, 2009 including the ninth trip on the Seattle to Tacoma Sounder line. The schedule on the Seattle to Tacoma line has been shifted to accommodate the additional train and additional bus connections to Lakewood Station have been added to correspond with the train routes. ST Express routes have been added at peak times, Route 578 has been added to serve Federal Way, Auburn, Sumner and Puyallup and Route 554 has been rerouted to be more efficient in the Eastgate area. In addition, the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel will be open from 5:00 am to 1:00 am on Monday through Saturday, and from 6:00 am to 12:00 am on Sunday to accommodate the coming of Link light rail.
- A study will be conducted to look at issues and options to price parking in the Sound Transit system. The study will include interviews with cities along the Sounder South route and a survey of Sounder riders as a basis for looking at the entire system. It will be conducted the second half of this year and results will be brought to the Board to inform a broader discussion on parking management policies early next year.
- The first steps to implement the legislative proviso for valuing the center roadway of I-90 are underway. An agreement between WSDOT and Sound Transit needs to be in place for East Link to use the I-90 center roadway by December 1, 2009. An intergovernmental agreement has been signed that identifies consultants who will do an analysis that will lead to a valuation of the center roadway on I-90. The Board and Joint Transportation Committee will be updated on the progress later this year.

- Brooke Belman, Program Manager, and Carol Doering, Community Outreach Specialist reported on outreach for the start-up of Link light rail. Ms. Belman noted that community outreach has focused on safety for kids who go to school and live near the light rail line. A board game has been developed and distributed to area elementary schools. Sound Transit worked with six high schools to develop student films based on safety themes. The films will be shown on June 18, 2009 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Rainier Vista Boys and Girls club. A film by students at Seattle Urban Academy was shown along with a professional video developed about train safety. The films are included on the safety education website www.soundtransit.org/zaponboard.

Public Comment

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

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Action Items

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2009-47 – (1) Ratifying the lease holdover period with Thrifty Park, Inc., at Edmonds Station from April 27, 2009 to June 6, 2009; and (2) authorizing the chief executive officer to extend the lease agreement with Thrifty Park, Inc., on a month-to-month basis until the Edmonds Commuter Rail Station is ready to begin construction

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-47 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-48 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment for a one-year contract extension with GSF Advisors to provide financial advisory services for Sound Transit's lease-leaseback transaction for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$210,000

In response to a question from Boardmember Marchione, Brian McCartan, Chief Financial Officer, noted that GSF Advisors is paid on a month-to-month basis based on task orders.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-48 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2009-12 – 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 the Sounder Commuter Rail D to M Street Track & Signal Project

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2009-12 be approved as presented.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

Ms. Earl announced that the Transit Operations Task Force held its last meeting earlier in the day and made recommendations for reducing operations costs. Ms. Earl noted that she would be bringing those recommendations to the June 25, 2009 Board meeting.


Next Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2009
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

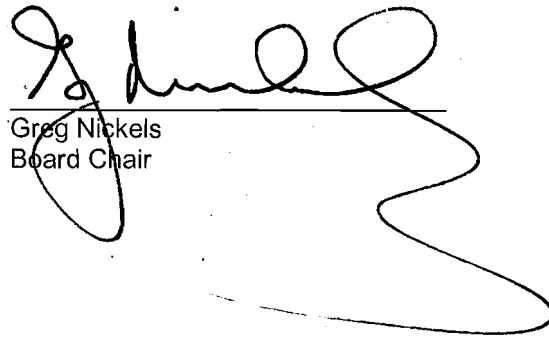
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Greg Nickels
Board Chair