

**Sound Transit  
Executive Committee Summary Minutes**

**January 15, 1999**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:45. p.m. by Chair Paul Miller.

**Attendance**

(P) Paul Miller, Chair	(P) Greg Nickels
(P) Bob Drewel, Vice Chair	(P) Paul Schell
(A) Dave Earling	(A) Ron Sims
(P) Mary Gates	(A) Cynthia Sullivan
(A) Jane Hague	(A) Doug Sutherland
(P) Richard McIver	

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Miller called the Executive Committee meeting to order noting that a quorum was not yet present.

Mr. Miller reported that there are additional items on the agenda from the canceled Board meeting. He stated that under special circumstances, the Executive Committee might act in lieu of the Board, subject to ratification by the Board. The Board will ratify the actions taken by the Executive committee today at the January 28, 1999 Board meeting.

Mr. Miller stated that the Committee would convene an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

**Executive Director Report**

None

**Public Comment**

The following individuals addressed the Committee:

Ms. Rosemary Ives, Mayor of Redmond, addressed the relationship between Sound Transit and Redmond, and service for greater Redmond.

Mr. Bruce Anderson, representing Amalgamated Transit Union #758, stated their support of Motion No. 99-4, Allocating the Regional Express Bus Routes.

(Copies of comments are on file with the Board Administrator.)

### Service Implementation Update

Ms. Veronica Parker, Program Manager, Regional Bus, gave a progress report on the Redmond to Bellevue Regional Express Service and on the SR522 Corridor Service.

### Commuter Rail Construction Management Services

Mr. Bob Sundin, Construction Program Manager, Sounder Commuter Rail, gave an update to the Committee on the feasibility of using more than one construction management firm for the construction of Sounder Commuter Rail stations. He touched on each of the three options being presented (copy on file). Mr. Sundin stated that staff was recommending Option 2 which would award one construction management contract for the Sounder south segment and provide an option in the contract to add the north segment stations.

### Resolution No. 98-39 – Authorizing the development and implementation of a Business Support Program for small businesses and contractors to provide mentoring, accounting, management, and financial advice and technical assistance for such businesses and contractors involved in or desiring to be involved in a construction contract with Sound Transit

Mr. Dale Wydman, Risk Manager, Finance and Administration, advised that staff was proposing Sound Transit provide a Small Business Program. He stated that rather than making it strictly a surety program, it was now being presented as a Small Business Support Program.

Mr. Wydman mentioned that Sound Transit was directed to make available as much work as possible to local and small businesses. He stated that the problems most of these businesses face are bonding requirements and obtaining working capital. Staff is recommending providing a mentoring program to small businesses that will provide education and assistance in their bidding process. There would be no financing involved with this, Sound Transit would only be paying for the services of the mentors. Through this process, staff hopes some of the contractors will be able to grow and become prime contractors for Sound Transit.

Mr. Nickels stated that the Finance Committee had reviewed the resolution and felt this was a good program.

Mr. Alec Stephens, Diversity Programs Manager, Legal Department, stated that this was one of the elements discussed when the Economic Development Program was brought to the Executive Committee. He advised that staff would like the Board to know that other concerned voices include minority contractors who may not be union signatories. He mentioned that this action answers some of the concerns of the business owners. Mr. Stephens mentioned that this is one of the critical pieces as the project labor agreement is discussed.

Mr. Nickels stated that he would like to know about the progress that has been made on the project labor agreement.

Mr. Bob White, Executive Director, advised that staff is engaged in talks concerning this issue and will bring it back to the Committee in the near future.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. McIver, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Committee members present to approve Resolution No. R98-39.**

Motion No. M99-2 - Adopting policies to guide grant activities to secure funds that will augment local option tax revenues and fulfill *Sound Move* financial policies

Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Government Relations Manager, Public and Government Affairs, stated that staff has researched federal, state, and other grants that may be available to Sound Transit. She went over the grant policies being proposed by staff (copy on file).

Mr. Nickels addressed Policy No. 7 and recommended the following changes: Delete the first sentence, "*Sound Move* did not assume receipt of state funding." Add language after "Referendum 49" to say "and will explore state funding opportunities, starting with full exemption for Sound Transit from state sales tax, that will allow full funding of Phase I activities."

Mr. Schell agreed that state should be helping to fund a project that is for the region.

Ms. Gates stated that there have been some changes and Policy #7 needs to be reworked. She questioned what were the directives from the legislature and what were the promises to voters. She asked that this come to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Committee members present that Motion No. M99-2 be amended as recommended and passed to the Finance Committee for further refinements.**

Minutes of December 4, 1998, Meeting

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Committee members present to approve the Minutes of December 4, 1998.**

Motion No. M99-3 - Authorizing board member travel for the remainder of 1999 within the State of Washington and to Washington DC, for the purpose of briefing legislators and congressional delegates on behalf of Sound Transit

Mr. Miller asked that the motion be amended to include board member Dave Enslow to travel to Portland to inspect the light rail system.

**It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Committee members present to approve Motion No. M99-3 with the amendment adding Mr. Enslow's travel to Portland.**

Resolution No. R99-1 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement for the development, ownership, operation, maintenance, and funding of the Weller Street Pedestrian Bridge

**It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Committee members present to approve Resolution No. R99-1.**

Motion No. M99-4 - Allocating the Regional Express Bus Routes to the local agencies

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Mr. McIver that Motion No. M99-4 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels stated his concern that Route N be operated by Pierce Transit rather than Metro and asked to hear from staff concerning this before board ratification.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M99-4 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Committee members present.**

Motion No. M98-92 - Authorizing the Executive Direction to execute a contract with Scheidt & Bachmann U.S.A. for the automatic fare vending equipment for the Sounder Commuter Rail service in an amount not to exceed \$8,800,000 which includes a 10% contingency

Mr. Nickels stated that the Finance Committee has reviewed this Motion and recommends a do pass.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Committee members present to approve Motion No. M98-92.**

### Executive Session

The Executive Committee adjourned to an Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

### Other Business

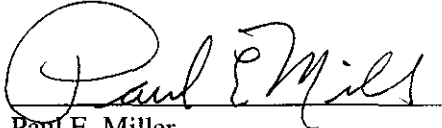
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### Next Meeting

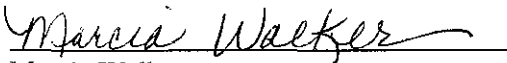
Friday, February 5, 1999  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Sound Transit  
1100 Second Avenue  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
Seattle, Washington

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

  
Paul E. Miller  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator