Sound Transit Executive Committee Minutes

January 7, 2000

Call to Order

Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The meeting was held in the Boardroom of Union Station, 401 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104.

Attendance

(P) Dave Earling, Chair

(P) Greg Nickels

(P) Bob Drewel

(P) Paul Schell

(A) Mary Gates

(A) Ron Sims

(A) Jane Hague

(P) Cynthia Sullivan

(P) Richard McIver

(P) Doug Sutherland

Public Comment

Paul W. Locke ⁻ Kristina Hill, Ph.D.

Report of the Chair

None.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White reported that the Federal Transit Administration signed the Record of Decision on Sound Transit's Central Link light rail project. He stated that this action completed the federal environmental process and cleared the way to proceed.

Minutes of September 17, 1999, October 15, 1999, November 5, 1999 and December 3, 1999 Executive Committee Meetings

It was moved by Mr. Schell, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of the September 17, 1999, October 15, 1999, November 5, 1999 and December 3, 1999 Executive Committee meetings be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R99-35 – Adopting the Real Property Disposition Policy, Procedures, and Guidelines for the disposition of surplus real property

Ms. Sullivan stated that the Transit-Oriented Development Subcommittee went through many steps and discussions that resulted in Resolution No. R99-35. She advised that Subcommittee would begin working on TOD projects following Board adoption of the policy.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R99-35 be forwarded to the Board with a dopass recommendation.

Motion No. M2000-04 – Adoption of the revised responsibilities for the Board's committees and task forces

Mr. Earling recommended to the Executive Committee that the Board retain the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Transit-Oriented Development Subcommittee. In addition, he recommended eliminating the Public and Government Affairs Committee, moving its public involvement responsibilities to the Executive Committee, and forming a Government Affairs Task Force. He also suggested creating a Central Link Implementation Task Force.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. McIver, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-04 be forwarded to the Board with a dopass recommendation.

<u>Update on projects to be funded through Sound Transit's Research and Technology Fund for</u> 2000

Ms. Barbara Gilliland, Program Manager, stated that the Finance Committee discussed the projects to be funded from the Research and Technology Fund in 2000 at the January 6, 2000 meeting and staff recommendations will go back to the Committee in the form of a motion. She advised that Mr. Nickels requested an amendment to add \$50,000 for the Elevated Transportation Company (ETC) for evaluation of a downtown circulator monorail, with distribution of funds contingent upon \$50,000 matching funds being provided by the City of Seattle.

Mr. Sutherland asked if the Smart Card should be included on the list of projects. Ms. Gilliland replied that the Smart Card was considered, but was not included because the project is suspended until at least September.

Mr. McKenna questioned the inclusion of the Water Taxi. Mr. Nickels explained that the Water Taxi was in service during the summer months and demonstrated a real need. The question now is whether there is demand during the other times of the year. He said it would be included for a two-year period to determine the market for the service.

Mr. Schell added that the Water Taxi route was very effective in the summer and stated his support. Mr. Sutherland expressed concern that the Water Taxi and monorail do not fit into the regional transit system. Mr. Earling indicated the motion should be brought to the Executive Committee as well as the Finance Committee.

Resolution No. R2000-01 – Acquisition of certain Real Property interests, including temporary construction easements, by Purchase or Condemnation, and payment of eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties for Pacific Avenue Overpass (Everett) Regional Express Project

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2000-01 be forwarded to the Board with a dopass recommendation.

Motion No. M99-86 – Authorizing the reallocation of \$2.66 million (1995 dollars) from the Lynnwood Transit Center/Park-and-Ride Connector Project (the "Connector Project") to the Regional Express Lynnwood Project grouping, specifically the Lynnwood Transit Center Project

Ms. Linda Sullivan, Project Manager, explained that cost estimates for construction and land acquisition for the project show a funding shortfall of approximately \$8.4 million. This reallocation would help address a deficit in the Regional Express Lynnwood Project without adversely affecting the Connector Project, which was constructed with funding that the City of Lynnwood obtained from other sources.

Mr. Earling stated that the Community Transit Board discussed the alternatives extensively and agreed this is the correct alternative. He asked that the motion come back to the Executive Committee on January 21, 2000.

Other Business

Ms. Patrice Hardy, Government Relations Specialist, gave a brief state legislative report.

Mr. Schell requested that a legislative report be provided at future Executive Committee meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board Administrator

Dave Earling

Executive Committee Chair