

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

October 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

Vice Chair

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County

(P) Mike McGinn, Seattle Mayor

Councilmember

Alex Herzog, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the Committee was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

None.

CEO REPORT

Lakewood Sounder Service

Over 4,000 people attended opening service events at the South Tacoma and Lakewood Sounder stations. Former Boardmember, Claudia Thomas attended the event at Lakewood.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

East Link Cost Savings Update

Ron Lewis, East Link Executive Project Director, and Don Billen, East Link Deputy Project Director, gave an update on East Link cost savings outreach activities and the Bellevue-Sound Transit Steering Committee recommendations of cost saving ideas.

Approximately 12 stakeholder briefings and three public drop-in sessions were held in September and October 2012.

The Bellevue-Sound Transit Steering Committee recommended three engineering ideas, including an elevated guideway design, reducing storm water vaults through use of low-impact development design, and expediting tunnel construction through additional temporary road closures. Additional recommendations include:

- Shifting Bellevue Way to the west from its current location with a potential cost savings of \$7-11 million for Sound Transit. This recommendation may reduce costs, wetland, noise, historic property impacts, and construction risk.
- 112th Avenue Southeast road-over-rail alignment, combined with an at-grade alignment at Southeast 4th Street with a potential cost savings of \$9-16 million for Sound Transit. This recommendation balances neighborhood impacts, urban design, and light rail operations. This idea allows emergency access only to Southeast 4th Street.

- Optimizing the station location Northeast 6th Street station with a potential cost savings of \$23-39 million for Sound Transit. This idea has the greatest potential for cost savings and reduces construction risk.

Public Comment (Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Sue Baugh
Paul W. Locke
Patrick Bannon

The Committee directed staff to prepare an action reflecting the Committee's discussion and cost savings ideas for further study for Board consideration at its October 25, 2012 meeting. The action for consideration by the Board will include the following options:

- 1a – Shift Bellevue Way West to allow space for at-grade LRT in front of Winters House and a Proposed City of Bellevue HOV Lane.
- 2b.1 – Raise 112th Avenue SE Alignment over At-Grade Light Rail with emergency only access at SE 4th. Access options to the Surrey Downs neighborhood will continue to be evaluated with the City.
- 3c – Relocate the Downtown Bellevue Station to NE 6th Street.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes of the July 12, 2012 Capital Committee meeting

It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that the July 12, 2012 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of the August 9, 2012 Capital Committee meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Board Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that the August 9, 2012 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of the September 13, 2012 Capital Committee meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that the September 13, 2012 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2012-71: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute amendments to the Construction Services Agreement with the City of Seattle to fund final design, design review, construction, construction assistance and management to be provided by the City of Seattle for the Northgate Link Extension in an amount not to exceed \$13,507,800 for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$19,504,526

Don Davis, Executive Project Director, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Board Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-71 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2012-72: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Turner Construction Company to provide General Contractor/Construction Manager services for Capitol

Hill Station within the University Link Extension in the amount of \$104,850,276, with a 5% contingency of \$5,242,514, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$110,092,790

Joe Gildner, University Link Executive Project Director, and Chad Brown, Deputy Construction Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-72 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2012-73: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., to provide General Contractor/Construction Manager construction services for the University Link Extension systems construction in the amount of \$112,028,265, with a 5% contingency of \$5,958,372, totaling \$117,986,637, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$125,125,806

Joe Gildner, University Link Executive Project Director, and Pete Brown, Systems Construction Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-73 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2012-74: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. for fabrication and testing of the I-90 track bridge system prototype in an amount of \$10,073,327, with a 20% contingency of \$2,014,673, totaling \$12,088,000 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$16,969,800

Ron Lewis, East Link Executive Project Director, and John Sleavin, East Link Deputy Project Director, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Board Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-74 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2012-75: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., to provide final design services for the International District Station to South Bellevue segment of the East Link Extension for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$27,885,000

Ron Lewis, East Link Executive Project Director, and Dirk Bakker, East Link Corridor Design Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Board Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-75 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Proposed 2013 Budget

Pete Rogness, Director of Budget and Financial Planning, Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Planning Environmental and Project Development, Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director of Design Engineering and Construction Management, and Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations, presented their respective portions of the Proposed 2013 Budget.

The Transit Improvement Plan (TIP) was discussed. There are changes to project classifications from the last year's TIP. In 2012, projects were classified by mode such as Link, Sounder, or Regional Express. In the Proposed 2013 TIP, projects are organized by system expansion, enhancement, rehabilitation and replacement, and administrative. Staff presented information related to the following departments:

Planning, Environment and Project Development

2012 accomplishments include Board-identification of the route and station alternatives to study in the Lynnwood Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). In addition, a consultant was selected for Alternatives Analysis, DEIS/Conceptual Engineering, and Final EIS/Preliminary Engineering for the Federal Way Transit Extension. 2013 activities include environmental review of Sounder yard and shops, and beginning of construction for the First Hill Streetcar line. There are lifetime budget changes for the Tacoma Link Expansion, the Burien Transit Center Parking Expansion, ST3 Planning, and the Eastside Rail Partnership.

Design, Engineering and Construction Management

2012 accomplishments include Sounder service to Lakewood, improvements to Regional Express, and progress on University Link Extension construction. 2013 activities include completion of environmental mitigation for Northgate Link Extension sit preparation at Roosevelt and U-District Stations. There are lifetime Sounder budget changes for Mukilteo Station South Platform and the Edmonds Station.

Operations

2012 accomplishments include procurement of 43 buses, three locomotives, and operating base improvements. 2013 activities include coordination with Design, Engineering and Construction Management to advance various Link enhancements and energy savings projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 8, 2012
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Alex Herzog
Board Coordinator

APPROVED on December 13, 2012, AH