

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 10, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by Board member Kevin Phelps in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, announced that the Board's rules and operating procedures, Section 2.C., states that "in the event of the absence or inability to act of the Board Chair and the Board Vice Chairs, a quorum of the Board shall select one of its members by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members in attendance to act as Board Chair Pro Tem." She said that the Chair and both Vice Chairs were unable to attend today's meeting. The Board members in attendance selected Board member Phelps to act as Board Chair Pro Tem.

Roll Call

Chair

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Deputy Mayor

(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Jack Start, Mill Creek City Councilmember

(A) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council V
Chair

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

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Dr. Richard Harkness

Mr. Richard Borkowski, President, People for Modern Transit

Mr. Andy McCord, PCL Construction Services

Report of the Chair

Mr. Phelps reported changes in membership on the Executive and Finance Committees. Due to heavy workloads, Board member Julia Patterson has resigned from the Executive Committee and Board member Mark Olson has resigned from the Finance Committee.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl announced that a memorial service for the Honorable Ruth Fisher would be held at the Pantages Theater in Tacoma on Saturday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m. She advised that at the Board's suggestion, Sound Transit's Board Room will be named in her memory to recognize her vision and single-minded determination to work on Washington State's transportation problems. A naming ceremony will occur at an upcoming Board meeting when Ruth's family is able to attend.

(Board member Reardon arrived.)

Ms. Earl stated that on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, a joint workshop with representatives from King County Metro, City of Seattle, Sound Transit, Community Transit, and Pierce Transit was held to discuss the downtown Seattle transit tunnel closure in September.

Ms. Earl advised the Board that an investigation concerning Wackenhut Security Services has been completed by Sound Transit and a copy of the report will be sent to each Board member.

Mid-Year Report – Regional Express Performance Audit.

Mr. Hamid Qaasim, Quality Assurance/Quality Control Manager, reminded the Board that in June 2004, the Performance Audit Committee released the "Audit of Regional Express Operations." The report evaluated Sound Transit's performance compared with similar transit agencies and made 22 specific recommendations for improvements. He went through each of the 22 recommendations (copy on file). Mr. Qaasim summarized the report by stating that sixteen items have been completed, five are well underway, and one is in the early implementation stage.

Long-Range Vision and ST 2 Planning

Mr. Phelps stated that Chair Ladenburg asked him to convey the following information to the Board.

"Today you will be talking about the existing Long-Range Plan and what the Board might want to reflect in the updated Plan.

The existing Long-Range Plan was adopted by the Board in 1996. It was developed without the benefit or the detriment of a "Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority" history. Its framework is a REGIONAL transit SYSTEM. As the Board goes through the process to update the plan, it'll be challenging to maintain that Regional focus.

This Board and this Region have been through eight years of "Lessons Learned" since voters approved Sound Move. Let's make sure we look at what we've learned with our "Regional Vision" as we go forward.

In terms of mechanics for updating the plan, changes will be considered by the Board through amendments. Most changes will probably fall into one of three main categories – changes that are housekeeping in nature (routine, factual, terminology); policy changes; and system plan changes (changes on the map).

For other amendments, I encourage Board members to get them to staff soon, so they can be ready for distribution to the full Board before we vote on them. You can give them to Paul, Joni, or directly to Marcia, who is tracking them internally."

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, reviewed the text of the Long-Range Plan, identifying many of the policy issues.

(Board member Patterson arrived.)

Action Items

Resolution No. R2005-08 – Transferring uncommitted lifetime capital budget in the amount of \$4 million from the Right of Way Phase to the Construction Phase of the Link Light Rail Initial Segment adopted budget, maintaining the total adopted project capital budget of \$2.07 billion

Mr. Phelps advised that approval of Resolution No. R2005-08 would require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board, which is twelve.

Mr. Martin Schachenmayr, Senior Project Control Manager, presented Resolution No. R2005-08, Motion No. M2005-28, and Motion No. M2005-29.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried by unanimous vote of the twelve Board members present that Resolution No. R2005-08 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-28 – Increasing the authorized contract expenditure for the Rainier Valley LRT construction contract with RCI Herzog, a Joint Venture (Contract C735) in the amount of \$3,250,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$146,949,260, which includes reimbursements to Sound Transit by third parties for betterments in the amount of \$14,123,336

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-28 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-29 – Increasing the authorized contract expenditure for the Beacon Hill tunnel construction contract with Obayashi Corporation (Contract C710) by an amount of \$750,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$300,714,375, which includes reimbursements to Sound Transit by third parties for betterments in the amount of \$215,066

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Start, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-29 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-27 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with PCL Construction Services, Inc. for the construction of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment light rail guideway between Boeing Access Road and South 154th Street in the City of Tukwila, including the Tukwila International Boulevard station and park and ride facility, in the amount of \$231,675,340, with a contract contingency of \$23,167,534 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$254,842,874

Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Director, and Mr. Ron Kempkes, Senior Civil Engineer, presented Motion No. M2005-27.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-27 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-15 – Ratifying and approving the contract for civil engineering design services with Hatch Mott MacDonald and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract to provide additional civil engineering design services during construction for Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment project from South Boeing Access Road to South 154th Street in the amount of \$1,650,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$15,950,000

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Start, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-15 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Audit and Reporting Subcommittee – March 2, 2005

Mr. Phelps reported that the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee reviewed the fourth quarter reports including the investment reports, financial reports, agency progress reports, and contract reports. He noted that there have been significant improvements to the agency progress report format and it has become a very effective tool. Finally, we did look at our pension and deferred compensation program which are administered by the ICMA.

Finance Committee – March 3, 2005

Mr. Crawford reported that in addition to the actions that came before the Board earlier, the committee approved Motion No. M2005-23, executing a contract amendment with Ad Club, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000 for employment advertisement services, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$305,000, and to exercise the option to extend the term of the contract through March 31, 2006; and Motion No. M2005-24, executing Agreement GCA 3536 Task Order with the Washington State Department of Transportation for final design services for the Canyon Park Freeway Station/I-405 Project in the amount of \$1,081,702, with a 10% contingency of \$108,170, for a total authorized Task Order amount not to exceed \$1,189,872.

Other Business

None


Next Meetings

Thursday, March 24, 2005, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room, Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair