



## Summary Minutes

**Board Meeting**  
**January 23, 2020**

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chair Kent Keel in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

### Roll call of members

Chair	Vice Chairs
(P) Kent Keel, City of University Place Councilmember	(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive (P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Board members	
(A) Nancy Backus, City of Auburn Mayor	(P) Ed Prince, City of Renton Councilmember
(P) David Baker, City of Kenmore Mayor	(P) Kim Roscoe, City of Fife Mayor
(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Council Chair	(A) Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
(P) Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive	(A) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember
(A) Jenny Durkan, Seattle Mayor	(P) Peter von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember
(P) Debora Juarez, Seattle Councilmember	(A) Victoria Woodards, City of Tacoma Mayor
(P) Joe McDermott, King County Council Vice Chair	
(P) Roger Millar, Washington State Secretary of Transportation	

Katie Flores, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

### Report of the Chair

Board members on the phone - Chair Keel stated that Boardmembers Roscoe, Somers, and Upthegrove would like to attend by phone, and that the Board rules allowed for up to 25 percent of members to participate by phone, so he approved their request.

Welcome to Boardmember Ed Prince - Chair Keel welcomed Renton City Councilperson Ed Prince to the Sound Transit Board. Boardmember Prince was also Executive Director of the Washington State Commission on African American Affairs and formerly worked for the Washington State House of Representatives.

New Role as Sound Transit Board Chair - Chair Keel explained that as new chair, he was looking forward to the challenge of advancing the work of the agency.

Welcome to Labor Liaison Mark Riker - Chair Keel welcomed Labor Liaison Mark Riker. Labor Liaison Riker was the Executive Secretary of the Washington Building Trades Council, representing the building and construction trade unions for the entire state of Washington.

Goals and Upcoming Work for 2020 - Chair Keel explained that the Board was entering a year in which many important decisions would be made to prepare for the growth expected by 2024. Many large

system expansion projects, policy, and operational decisions would need to be addressed within the year.

## **CEO Report**

Westlake Incident – CEO Rogoff acknowledged the shooting which took place on Wednesday, January 22. He reported that thankfully, all riders and staff present in the Westlake Station were safely evacuated. Link service was suspended between Capitol Hill Station and Pioneer Square Station from approximately 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Security staff would be increased at all downtown Seattle stations and counseling services were available to any staff who were present for Connect 2020.

Connect 2020 Update – The third week of Connect 2020 was coming to a close. Construction was proceeding on schedule and operations were going smoothly. Headways were increased from 12 minutes to 14 minutes to allow for more reliable schedules. A second weekend closure would take place in early February as the agency prepared to switch directions and work on the final construction period.

Transit Equity Day – 2020 marked the third Transit Equity Day, due to take place on February 4. The day was organized by nonprofit groups nationwide and recognized the ongoing relationship between civil rights, racial equity, and transportation. Sound Transit planned to honor the day on its social media channels.

Full Funding Grant Agreement Signing – On Wednesday, January 22 Acting Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, Jane Williams, was in the region to announce the execution of the \$790 million Full Funding Grant Agreement for the Federal Way Link Extension. Local media outlets were present at the Angle Lake Station to cover the ceremonial signing of the agreement. Boardmembers, local and national elected officials, and staff were also present to celebrate the signing.

Olympia Update – On Wednesday, January 22, State Senator Mark Elias introduced a bill to address the MVET valuation schedule. The bill did not address any way to offset the potential financial impacts to Sound Transit. The agency's state relations team would continue to advocate for the agency's interests.

Tabor 100 HUB Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Mr. Rogoff, in addition to Boardmembers Durkan, and Millar were invited to speak at the Tabor 100 HUB grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony which took place the week prior. Tabor 100 was an association of entrepreneurs and business advocates committed to economic power, educational excellence, and social equity for African Americans and the community at large. Sound Transit Sponsored Tabor 100's annual gala for years and donated \$150,000 for the Economic Development Hub Center.

External Engagement – Boardmembers received the External Engagement Report earlier in the day.

Boardroom Infrastructure Refresh – The Ruth Fisher Boardroom was undergoing an infrastructure refresh to continue to allow meeting streaming services.

Welcome to Deputy CEO Mary Cummings – Mr. Rogoff introduced new Deputy CEO Mary Cummings. She is a strong leader who brings a wealth of experience in academia and international business and was known for building inclusive and collaborative teams. She had already begun to take hold of her responsibilities in the agency.

## **Public Comment**

Joe Kunzler

Ildfonso Eustaquio  
Alex Tsimerman  
Marguerite Richard

Chair Keel informed the Board that he intended to work with staff to restructure the reception of public comments in a way which still allowed citizens to provide public comment, but did so in a way that was respectful and productive.

## **Consent Agenda**

Voucher Certification: December 2019

Motion No. M2020-03: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Lake Forest Park for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit project.

**It was moved by Boardmember Baker, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote that the consent agenda be approved as presented.**

## **Business items**

Motion No. M2020-01: Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase certain Northgate Link Extension contract contingencies as necessary using contingency funds available within the Northgate Link Extension Baseline budget, for a total authorized cumulative contingency increase not to exceed \$18,000,000 or 5% of the current authorized contract amount for any individual contract.

Boardmember Balducci noted that the System Expansion Committee reviewed the action in its January meeting and forwarded it to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Boardmember Millar spoke in favor of the action and asked for more information in future meetings regarding use of contingency funds in projects. Staff responded to additional Boardmember questions.

**It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2020-01 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2020-02: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Funding and Cooperative Agreement with the City of Seattle to contribute funding for Northgate pedestrian and bicycle access improvements, which includes credits for Northgate Link Extension work performed by Sound Transit in support of the agreement, for a total amount not to exceed \$7,336,278.

Boardmember Balducci noted that the System Expansion Committee reviewed the action in its January meeting and forwarded it to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

**It was moved by, Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2020-02 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2020-04: Renaming University Street Station in coordination with the Northgate Link Extension opening.

Vice Chair Roberts noted that the Rider Experience and Operations reviewed the action in its January meeting and forwarded it to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Alex Ko, Community Outreach Corridor Manager, and Harold Demarest Director of Operations Engineering and Technology, provided the staff report and responded to Boardmember questions. Boardmember Dammeier asked whether the agency was reviewing upcoming stations for potential naming conflicts. Deputy Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Farley informed the Board that a work group was reviewing naming conventions on a system wide level and would bring its findings and suggestions to the Board at a future date.

The Board went into recess at 2:34pm.

The Board resumed the meeting at 2:39pm.

**It was moved by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Roscoe, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2020-04 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2020-05: Updating committee chairs and members for 2020.

Chair Keel spoke to the need to reassign committee seats with the addition of two new Boardmembers. He distributed a recommended list of committee assignments to the Boardmembers prior to the Board Meeting and asked the Board to approve.

**Motion No. M2020-05 was moved by Boardmember Baker, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2020-05 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2020-06: Appointing Ms. Hally Bert, Mr. Brett Johnson and Mr. Joseph Scorcio to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning February 1, 2020, and expiring January 31, 2024.

Chair Keel noted that the Executive Committee reviewed the action in its January meeting and forwarded it to the Board with a do pass recommendation. He spoke to the qualifications of each applicant.

**It was moved by Boardmember Baker, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2020-06 be approved as presented.**

## **Report to the Board**

None.

## **Next meeting**

Thursday, February 27, 2020, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Ruth Fisher Boardroom

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:46pm.

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Kent Keel  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on \_\_\_\_\_, AM.