



Summary Minutes

System Expansion Committee Meeting July 8, 2021

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Committee Chair, Claudia Balducci virtually on WebEx.

Roll call of members

Chair	Vice Chair
(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember	(P) Kim Roscoe, Fife Mayor

Board Members	
(P) Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor	(P) Kent Keel, University Place Mayor
(P) David Baker, Kenmore Mayor	(P) Nicola Smith, Lynnwood Mayor
(P) Jenny Durkan, Seattle Mayor	(P) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

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

Boardmember McDermott was also in attendance to participate in Committee discussions.

Report of the Chair

Change to Today's Agenda – Chair Balducci announced that Motion No. M2021-43 authorizing a contract modification with HNTB Corporation for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions would be moved to the August 2021 System Expansion Committee meeting.

Monthly Contract Report – The meeting packet included the monthly contract report.

CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer Peter Rogoff provided the CEO Report. Federal Way and Downtown Redmond Extensions civil work would soon commence. There was heavy activity occurring around the Kent Des Moines Station and its parking garage and girders have been installed at SeaTac Station. In Federal Way, aerial guideway constructions were continuing in the City Center area and girders could be delivered as soon as next month.

Consistent with the agency's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy, the deployment of the TOD and Affordable Housing was being coordinated with the City of Kent for Kent Des Moines TOD. The first round of public engagement surveys was completed and received nearly 1,000 responses which would undergo review. CEO Rogoff offered to take any interested Board members on a tour of the Federal Way Link Extension construction sites.

Downtown Redmond Link Extension was at 28% completion, with construction at 17% completion. Similar TOD efforts were underway on the project—engagement and market feasibility would be initiated and results would be brought to the Board in the second quarter of 2022. Kent Des Moines and Overlake Village TOD opportunities would be two potential sites that could benefit from the \$100 million

commitment that Amazon recently made to the development of Transit Orient Development on Sound Transit surplus properties.

Public comment

Chair Balducci announced that public comment would be accepted via email to emailtheboard@soundtransit.org and would also be accepted verbally.

The following people provided written public comment:

Jack Whisner
Matt Hayes
City of Federal Way
Joyce Hengesbach

The following people provided verbal public comment:

Joyce Hengesbach
Steve Tatge
Randy Hodgins
Joe Kunzler
Ryan Medlen, City of Federal Way

Business items

For Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2021-41: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a second amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservations for U District Station Condominium with the University of Washington to accommodate the University's transit oriented development above U District Station as part of the Northgate Link Extension.

Kristin Hoffman, Light Rail Development Manager, provided the staff presentation.

Motion No. M2021-41 was moved by Boardmember Baker and seconded by Boardmember Backus. Chair Balducci called for a roll call vote.

Ayes

Nancy Backus
David Baker
Kent Keel
Nicola Smith
Dave Upthegrove
Claudia Balducci

Nays

It was carried by unanimous vote of the six Board members present that Motion No. M2021-41 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

For Committee Final Action

Minutes: May 13, 2021 and June 10, 2021 System Expansion Committee meetings

It was moved by Boardmember Baker, seconded by Boardmember Backus and carried by the majority vote of all Committee members present that the minutes of the May 13, 2021 and June 10, 2021 System Expansion Committee meetings be approved as presented.

For Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2021-42: Authorizing the chief executive officer to (1) execute an amendment to the Light Rail Transit System Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Vibration and Magnetic Fields on University of Washington Transportation Easement During Revenue Service with the University of Washington and (2) execute any necessary amendments to other agreements with the University of Washington to be consistent with the new terms of the Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the Northgate Link Extension.

Kristin Hoffman, Light Rail Development Manager, and Shankar Rajaram, Engineering Vehicles Manager, provided the staff presentation.

(Boardmember Durkan joined at this time).

Motion No. M2021-42 was moved by Boardmember Baker and seconded by Boardmember Backus. Chair Balducci called for a roll call vote.

Ayes

Nancy Backus
David Baker
Jenny Durkan
Kent Keel
Nicola Smith
Dave Upthegrove
Claudia Balducci

Nays

It was carried by unanimous vote of the seven Board members present that Motion No. M2021-42 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Chair Balducci reiterated that Motion No. M2021-43 would be presented at the August 2021 System Expansion Committee meeting.

Motion No. M2021-44: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a funding agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for its improvements to the Portland Avenue I-5 underpass in Tacoma, Washington to accommodate future transit access improvements for a total fixed amount of \$363,000.

Curvie Hawkins, HCT Development Project Director, provided the staff presentation.

Boardmember Durkan asked Boardmember Keel whether this project was supported by Pierce County, and he confirmed Pierce County's support.

Motion No. M2021-44 was moved by Boardmember Baker and seconded by Boardmember Backus. Chair Balducci called for a roll call vote.

Ayes

Nancy Backus
David Baker
Jenny Durkan
Kent Keel
Nicola Smith
Dave Upthegrove
Claudia Balducci

Nays

It was carried by unanimous vote of the seven Board members present that Motion No. M2021-44 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Reports to the Committee

Discussion on realignment project prioritization and annual program review

Don Billen, Executive Director of Planning, Environment, and Project Development, reviewed the realignment scenario that was proposed by Board Chair Keel in June 2021. He reviewed the proposal timeline based on current revenue projections. Mr. Billen also presented the new annual program review; it would evaluate project readiness, project costs, and shifts in financial capacity prior to budget and Transit Improvement Plan preparation.

Board Chair Keel commented that the realignment discussions would be delayed until the August 5, 2021 Special Board meeting to help accommodate the Board members that requested an extension to continue their work on amendments to the proposal. Chair Balducci thanked Board Chair Keel for holding a Special Board meeting scheduled for August 5, 2021.

Boardmember Balducci spoke to an amendment she was planning to offer that would clarify the System Expansion Committee's role in the annual review program. Her amendment requests that the committee receive quarterly reports on overall cost trends, in addition to the Board meeting updates, since the System Expansion Committee is focused on the cost, schedule, and scope of Capital Programs.

Boardmember Durkan supported the inclusion of the quarterly reports and any material changes to help the Board and Committee stay as informed as possible on the cost situations. She noted Boardmember Juarez was reviewing NE 130th or Graham Street to move up a tier. Boardmember Durkan would be in favor of keeping Alaska Junction to Smith Cove in Tier 1 and requested staff to look into the costs and provide them in advance of the next meeting. She also noted RapidRide D moved to Tier 2 strands a portion of Seattle, with Crown Hill and Ballard relying on that service. If a delay is necessary, she felt that the RapidRide bus service should be augmented because that area had already been overtaxed.

CEO Rogoff commented on the benefits of an increase in received reports, not only on the cost status but also as it would relate to planning progress. Initial schedule forecasts do not always align and staff believed there could be improvements on communication of delays in the planning process. Chair Balducci agreed and requested a visual approach in order to address any challenges.

Boardmember Smith noted how critical it would be to include history and increase the frequency of reports to future Board members during their onboarding process.

Executive session - None.

Other business - None.

Next meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021

1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

WebEx Virtual Meeting

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Claudia Balducci
System Expansion Committee Chair

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on _____, JG.