

Summary Minutes

System Expansion Committee Meeting November 13, 2025

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by Committee Chair Balducci and was available for viewing in person and online.

The meeting was recorded and can be found at <https://www.soundtransit.org/get-to-know-us/board-directors/meeting-videos>.

Report of the Chair

Short meeting

Chair Balducci reminded the Committee that today's meeting would hopefully conclude within an hour so that Board members would be able to attend the Sound Transit Board retreat immediately afterward.

CEO Report

Agency Chief of Staff Calli Knight provided the report.

Activation Update – The Federal Way Link Extension is weeks away from revenue service, with opening date scheduled for December 6. Ribbon-cutting celebrations will begin at 9:30 am at Federal Way Downtown Stations, with the first train expected to depart at 11 am. All three stations that make up the extension will host community festivities from 11 am to 3 pm.

The East Link team remains focused on progressing systems integration testing on the I-90 floating bridge segment. After testing continues throughout the month, train operators will practice interlining 1 and 2 Line trains from International District/Chinatown station to Lynnwood City Center station with out of service trains.

Chair Balducci inquired into when the agency expected daytime testing of the I-90 segment to begin. Michael Morgan, Executive Director in the Capital Delivery Department, responded that while night time testing will continue, the agency hopes to begin daytime testing in December.

Public comment

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

Written public comments:

Lynda O'Brien
Over 100 individuals
Betty Lau
Vincent Srey

In-person Verbal Public Comments:

Isabella Wolfhound
Matthew Laquidura
Betty Lau

Virtual Verbal Public Comments:

Joe Kunzler
Gordon Bluechel

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	(A) Bruce Harrell, Seattle Mayor
(P) Angela Birney, Redmond Mayor	(A) Ryan Mello, Pierce County Executive
(A) Cassie Franklin, Everett Mayor	(P) Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
	(A) Dan Strauss, Seattle Councilmember

Alejandro Monzon, Board Relations Specialist, announced that a quorum of the System Expansion Committee was present at roll call.

Business items

For Committee Final Action

Minutes: September 11, 2025 System Expansion Committee meeting

It was moved by Board member Backus, seconded by Board member Birney, and carried by unanimous voice vote that the minutes of the September 11, 2025 System Expansion Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2025-57: Recommending that the portions of the Proposed 2026 Budget and Transit Improvement Plan reviewed by the System Expansion Committee be forwarded by the Finance and Audit Committee to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Ryan Fisher, Finance Executive Director, gave the staff presentation. He was joined by Stephanie Ball, Financial Planning and Analysis Director.

Vice Chair Roscoe thanked staff for the presentation, in particular the similar formatting from slide to slide to keep information easy to compare.

Chair Balducci noted that many of the Board members are accustomed to long, laborious budget processes in their home jurisdictions. She noted that the Sound Transit process is more streamlined as, particularly within the System Expansion Committee's purview, the progress of work on projects largely dictates what work is expected to be done each year.

It was moved by Board member Backus, seconded by Board member Birney, and carried by unanimous voice vote that Motion No. M2025-57 be approved as presented.

Board member Mello arrived at this time.

Motion No. M2025-58: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Pivetta Brothers Construction Inc. for construction services for the Stride Seattle/Shoreline Roadway and Stations Improvements, components of the Stride Bus Rapid Transit SR 522/NE 145th Street project, in the amount of \$27,338,075 with a 15 percent contingency of \$4,100,711 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$31,438,786.

Manan Garg, Executive Director in Capital Delivery, gave the staff presentation. He was joined by Rick Capka, Stride BRT Executive Project Director.

Board member Backus shared excitement over the number of bids received and the selected bid being below the Engineer's estimate. She asked if there are any particular reasons to explain the successful procurement. Mr. Capka responded that construction firms are eager to work on Sound Transit projects and that may encourage them to put forth their best bids. Mr. Garg added that extensive work has been coordinated with the Associated General Contractors of America to build Sound Transit into an owner of choice.

Vice Chair Roscoe asked for clarity on whether the action today would impact property in Lake Forest Park. Mr. Capka explained that there is one property in Lake Forest Park, at the intersection of NE 145th Street and SR522 that would be impacted by today's contract. The construction contract that would impact the remainder of the corridor in Lake Forest Park will be brought to the Board next year. Vice Chair Roscoe asked staff to be particularly prepared when the action is brought as Board members have received much engagement on the Lake Forest Park segment of the project.

Chair Balducci asked if the Committee could also receive a refresher on how the projects get broken down into contracting segments. She also added her praise to the efforts of staff to increase contracting interest.

It was moved by Board member Backus, seconded by Board member Birney, and carried by unanimous voice vote that Motion No. M2025-58 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2025-59: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a two-year contract, plus a one-year option to extend, with Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. to perform Job Order Contracting Construction Services for a cumulative total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 plus applicable taxes, subject to restrictions in Resolution No. R2021-05.

Amanda Lanier, Design and Construction Procurement Director, gave the staff presentation for this and the remaining actions.

Chair Balducci asked what set the three selected contractors above the other bidders. Ms. Lanier explained that there is a two-step review process that first screens bidders for qualifications (experience, past performance, small business achievements, etc.). Following the screening, four of the original six bidders were invited to submit pricing details (coefficient markup). From there, the top three were selected for award, in line with the procurement solicitation. When assigning work, contractors are not asked to compete against each other as staff will endeavor to keep the distribution of costs balanced while relying on each contractor to perform work for which they are best suited.

Chair Balducci asked if there are reviews that look back and track small business and apprenticeship goals. Edson Zavala, Economic Development Deputy Executive Director, answered that metrics are recorded/entered on a monthly basis and can be tracked both by Contract and task order. Chair Balducci asked if regular reporting could be started on these.

Chair Balducci asked if there is any planned work for these contracts. Ms. Lanier responded that these are for small construction projects, such as work on current facilities in advance of the World Cup. She also noted that reports on the task orders issued under the previous Job Order Contracts are included in the packet.

It was moved by Board member Backus, seconded by Board member Birney, and carried by unanimous voice vote that Motion No. M2025-59 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2025-60: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a two-year contract, plus a one-year option to extend, with FORMA Construction Company to perform Job Order Contracting Construction Services for a cumulative total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 plus applicable taxes, subject to restrictions in Resolution No. R2021-05.

Information on this action was included in the previous presentation.

It was moved by Board member Backus, seconded by Board member Birney, and carried by unanimous voice vote that Motion No. M2025-60 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2025-61: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a two-year contract, plus a one-year option to extend, with GLY Construction, Inc. to perform Job Order Contracting Construction Services for a cumulative total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 plus applicable taxes, subject to restrictions in Resolution No. R2021-05.

Information on this action was included in the previous presentation.

It was moved by Board member Backus, seconded by Board member Birney, and carried by unanimous voice vote that Motion No. M2025-61 be approved as presented.

Executive session

None.

Other business

None.

Next meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2025

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ruth Fisher Board Room & Virtually via Zoom

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Claudia Balducci
System Expansion Committee Chair

APPROVED on _____, AJM.

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator