

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
December 13, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:21 p.m. by Chair John Ladenburg, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds City Councilmember

(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Mayor

(P) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair

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

Report of the Chair

Chair Ladenburg announced that the Board would be working from a revised agenda.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that Board member Pete von Reichbauer would be participating by telephone and that Board operating rules allow members to attend meetings by teleconference by motion prior to consideration of action items requiring a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members who are physically in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Board member Pete von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

Mr. Ladenburg noted that today's meeting is the last meeting for departing Board member Richard Marin. He thanked Mr. Marin for his service over the last two and a half years and presented him with two framed pictures. He also returned Mr. Marin's hard hat and safety vest to him so that he can continue to view Sound Transit's construction progress.

Mr. Ladenburg remarked that today is his last meeting as Board chair, but will be continuing as a member of the Board. He recognized Karen Goon and Connie Perry from his Pierce County office and thanked them for their work.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl thanked Richard Marin for his service on behalf of the Sound Transit staff.

Ms. Earl spoke about the University of Washington Station open house for University Link. The station is at 30% design, and the University Link project is at 60% design. She reported that the open house was well attended. She stated that Central Link Oversight Committee would continue to receive updates on progress for that project.

Ms. Earl commented on her recent trip to Washington D.C. on behalf of Sound Transit. While there, she met with Federal Transportation Administration Administrator Jim Simpson and spoke with him about the Full Funding Grant Agreement that Sound Transit is pursuing.

Ms. Earl also introduced Katie Weiss as the new Board Coordinator.

Public Comment

Gregory Hill
Harold Wright
Robert Johnson – Transportation Choices Coalition
Paul W. Locke
Will Knedlik

Discussion Item – ST2

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Policy Planning & Public Affairs and Greg Walker, Chief Policy and Planning officer were joined by Anne Fennessy of Cocker & Fennessy to give a presentation on post-election public outreach and next steps. He noted two memorandums in the Board packets; one to respond to questions about what projects are available for timelines in 2008, and one summarizing findings from recent stakeholder and public opinion outreach.

Ms. Fennessy presented the results of a research survey about Proposition 1. She explained the methodology and presented the executive interview findings and online survey results.

Chair Ladenburg explained the timeline for considering an updated plan and making a decision on when to return to the ballot with another package. He announced that a Board Workshop would be held in late January or early February, with a possible decision in late February or early March.

Mr. Walker presented further information about the timeline for Board decisions.

Ms. Earl clarified the projects that are available for putting together an updated plan; she also noted that more information on available projects is available in Boardmember packets.

Boardmember Sims commented on the importance of the Board including the State Legislature during its decision-making process. Ms. Earl commented that she met with the Governors' office and members of the Legislature and let them know that the Board is still gathering data for making a decision on an updated package.

Boardmember Marin urged the Board to propose another transit package to the voters as soon as possible.

Action Items

Items not referred by Committee

Voucher Certification for October 16, 2007 through October 31, 2007

It was moved by Boardmember Marin, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Voucher Certification – October 16, 2007 through October 31, 2007 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-129 - Authorizing the Board Chair to execute a fourth amendment to the employment agreement with Joni Earl, Sound Transit Chief Executive Officer.

Chair John Ladenburg spoke to the motion. He explained the changes to the contract and noted the addition of a set of performance objectives.

It was moved by Chair Ladenburg, seconded by Boardmember Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-129 be approved as presented.

Election of the Board Chair and two Vice Chairs for two-year terms each, beginning January 1, 2008.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board's rules and operating procedures require Secretary of Transportation, Paula Hammond, to chair the part of the meeting for the election of officers. He turned the meeting over to Secretary Hammond.

Secretary Hammond announced that the Board's rules and operating procedures call for the Executive Committee to meet in November and develop recommendations for officers. Since the Executive Committee did not hold a November meeting, the Board must suspend the rules to elect officers. The rules may be temporarily suspended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board members in attendance.

It was moved by Chair Ladenburg, seconded by Vice-Chair Marshall, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that the rules be temporarily suspended.

Secretary Hammond explained the rules do not specify a system for nominating officers. Ms. Hammond suggested using nominations from the floor as the method to nominate officers.

It was moved by Boardmember Hammond, seconded by Chair Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the "nominations from the floor" method of nominating be used today.

Secretary Hammond asked for nominations for Board Chair. Ms. Marshall nominated Greg Nickels as Chair of the Sound Transit Board. Boardmember Nickels confirmed that he is willing to serve as Board chair. There were no further nominations. The nominations were closed by Secretary Hammond.

Secretary Hammond asked for nominations for Board Vice Chair. Mr. Marin nominated Aaron Reardon as Board Vice Chair. Boardmember Reardon confirmed that he is willing to serve as Board Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations. The nominations were closed by Secretary Hammond.

Secretary Hammond asked for nominations for Board Vice Chair. Mr. Enslow nominated Claudia Thomas as Board Vice Chair. Boardmember Thomas confirmed that she is willing to serve as Board

Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations. The nominations were closed by Secretary Hammond.

Secretary Hammond asked for a single vote on the three nominees.

It was moved by Boardmember Marshall, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present to elect Greg Nickels as Board Chair, Aaron Reardon as Board Vice Chair, and Claudia Thomas as Board Vice Chair, for two-year terms each beginning in January 1, 2008.

Motion No. M2007-128 - Adopting the Sound Transit 2008 State Legislative Program and directing staff to continue to evaluate issues for impact to the agency as it continues to successfully implement the regional transportation system.

Ann McNeil, Government Relations Manager and Melanie Smith, State Relations Specialist presented Sound Transit's agenda for the 2008 State Legislative session.

This action would authorize Sound Transit staff and consultants in Olympia to advocate and/or pursue the following positions during the upcoming state legislative session:

- Support a balanced statewide and regional transportation investment strategy that addresses critical transportation infrastructure needs and continues the State's role in public transportation.
- Support and collaborate with Sound Transit's partner agencies on efforts that would facilitate the cost-effective delivery of transit projects and services.
- Monitor governance legislation that might alter the oversight, financing, construction and operation of Sound Transit projects.
- Oppose legislation that would interfere with Sound Transit's authority to submit future ballot measures to the voters.
- Amend state law to clarify that local jurisdiction impact fees do not apply to Sound Transit projects.
- Clarify legislation that allows Sound Transit to benefit from state special fuel tax incentives.
- Oppose legislation which amends Sound Transit's enabling statutes without the consent and advice of the Sound Transit Board of Directors, and oppose legislation that would increase the costs of transit improvements and services or otherwise impair the agency's ability to deliver its voter-approved regional transportation program.

After the presentation, Chair Ladenburg noted that the D-M Street project does not have full funding and that it is a monetary issue that Sound Transit needs to discuss with the State Legislature and the Governors' office.

Boardmember Hammond stated that she would be abstaining from the vote because she receives legislative direction from the Governor and has not yet received that direction.

It was moved by Boardmember Marin, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-128 be approved as presented, with Boardmember Hammond abstaining.

Motion No. M2007-126 – Selecting the Alternative 3 Modified – Grade-Separated option as the project to be built for the D Street-to-M Street rail connector.

Jim Edwards, Capital Projects Department Director, Eric Beckman, Rail Program Manager, and Mark Johnson, Project Manager gave the staff presentation.

In response to questions from Boardmember McIver, Ms. Earl described some potential funding sources that could help fund the project; which include partnering with other agencies such as Amtrak and applying for state and federal grants. Staff was asked to provide him a list of potential partners and funding sources and the chances of successfully securing funds for the project.

Ms. Earl mentioned that Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma are entering into a term sheet that clarifies terms and conditions that the parties believe make it possible for Sound Transit to extend commuter rail service to Lakewood. The sheet provides a framework for completion of negotiations of the final terms and conditions contained in a Memorandum of Agreement that would be subject to approval by the Sound Transit Board and the Tacoma City Council. A copy is on file with Board Administration.

Chair Ladenburg spoke in favor of the motion, speaking to its importance in getting commuter rail extended to Lakewood and expanding passenger and freight capacity in the corridor.

It was moved by Chair Ladenburg, seconded by Boardmember Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-126 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-127 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation Program Agreement with Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro and Pierce Transit for regional fare media acceptance and reconciliation of Puget Pass revenues to add three additional one-year optional extension periods to the agreement term.

Brian Brooke, Project Manager, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Boardmember Sims, seconded by Boardmember Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-127 be approved as presented.

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2007-123 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the agreement with the City of Renton to (1) Remove reference to Hardie Avenue; (2) Define the work to include bus and transit lanes on Rainier Avenue, between South 2nd Street and South Grady Way; and (3) Add descriptions and responsibilities for the Union Pacific Railroad relocation element of the Strander Boulevard project.

Boardmember Butler spoke to the motion, which was forwarded by the Finance Committee to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-123 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2007-28 – Adopting the 2008 Service Implementation Plan, authorizing the chief executive officer to implement the 2008 service changes, and approving the use of the preliminary 2009-2013 service changes for planning and forecasting purposes.

Boardmember Butler spoke to the motion, which was forwarded by the Finance Committee to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2007-28 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-125 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with PB Americas, Inc., formerly known as Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services, Inc., to provide construction management services for the Central Link light rail Initial Segment - Tukwila Freeway Route project in the amount of \$849,516, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$16,906,673.

Boardmember Butler spoke to the motion, which was forwarded by the Finance Committee to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-125 be approved as presented.

Executive Session

None needed.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2008
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.


John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

**Regional Transit Authority
Voucher Certification Approval
October 31, 2007**

Auditing Officer Certification

I, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the expenses listed below represent claims that were just, due, and paid obligations against the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, and further that I am authorized to authenticate and certify said claims paid through the disbursement process.

Auditing Officer:

Susan Feigenheim for Kelly Priestley
Kelly Priestley, Controller

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority's Auditing Officer.

Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks	57358 - 57721	26,522,427.94
Treasurer Checks*		0.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	19	22,170,933.57
Voided Checks	57602	(4,007,106.77)
Total Claims	382	\$44,686,254.74

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	1	3,160,905.79
Total Claims	1	\$3,160,905.79

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	7059* - 7069	\$15,036.97
Direct Deposit	432	\$726,110.60
Voided Check /EFT		\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	2	\$162,398.28
Total Payroll	445	\$903,545.85

* Payroll check number 7058 not issued

Total certified vouchers from October 16, 2007 to October 31, 2007 are \$48,750,706.38.