

Sound Transit

Board Meeting Summary Minutes September 10, 1998

Call to Order

Board Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. The meeting was held in the Plaza Room of the Edmonds Public Library, 650 Main Street, Edmonds, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

Vice Chairs

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Board Members

(A) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(A) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember

(P) Dave Enslow, Pierce County Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, indicated a quorum of the Board was present.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Dave Enslow, Pierce County Councilmember

Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

Ron Sims, King County Executive

Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Mr. James Deal

(Mr. Hansen and Mr. Enslow arrived at this time.)

Mr. Garry Stewart

Mr. Bill Ostenson, representing the City of SeaTac

Ms. Linda Anderson, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 587

Following public comment, Mr. Miller requested staff to investigate and report back to Board members regarding Mr. Stewart's Kent overpass request. (Comments are on file with the Board Administration office.)

Report of the Chair

None.

Executive Director Report

None.

Consent Agenda Items

Minutes of July 23, 1998 Board Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action

Motion No. M98-67 - Establishing policy for station/facility design issues common to all three Lines of Business with respect to restrooms and drinking fountains

(Mr. Sims arrived at this time.)

Ms. Betty Laurs, Product Development Manager for Sounder Commuter Rail, stated that restrooms and drinking fountains are the remaining design issues before the Board. She advised the Board that an amended motion was before them that came about following some discussion with King County, the King County Sheriff's Department, and other regional partners. Staff is proposing the design criteria be incorporated into each manual and brought back to the Board in October/November for adoption.

(Mr. White arrived at this time.)

Ms. Ashland reviewed the changes to the proposed motion.

Mr. Morrison mentioned that it appears that in each case, the change relates to potentially adding costs. He stressed that while he knew staff was doing a balancing act on the basic mission, he wanted to be sure the basic changes fit under the overall umbrella.

Mr. Nickels noted that Section A talked about sharing costs with all agencies using the facilities. He questioned whether Sound Transit would share in the cost of maintaining and building restrooms in other agency's facilities.

Ms. Smith stated that this would apply at Bellevue, Northgate, and potentially the Tacoma Dome station.

It was moved by Mr. Earling, seconded by Mr. Russell and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the amended version of Motion No. M98-67 as distributed be approved.

Committee Reports and Action Items

Finance Committee

Report of September 3, 1998 Meeting

Resolution No. R98-42 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with King County for the purpose of participating in the King County Investment Pool as an investment option for Sound Transit

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that Resolution No. R98-42 be approved as

presented.

Mr. Nickels reminded the Board that investment policies were adopted a year ago, authorizing Sound Transit's participation in the state's investment pool as one of several options. At that time, the Finance Committee asked staff to look at the feasibility of using the King County pool similarly. Recent yields have outperformed the state's pool, making it attractive. Although there are no obligations to use King County's investment pool, it would be available under appropriate conditions. The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. R98-42.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R98-42 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Mr. Nickels advised the Board that the Finance Committee has begun working on the 1999 budget by reviewing the progress each department has made on its 1998 action plans and the schedule.

Public and Government Affairs Committee

Public Meetings and Hearings for Upcoming Board Actions Related to Regional Express Service Implementation Plan, Link and Sounder

Mr. Miller stated that this item would be covered during Ms. Govern's presentation on Regional Express System Characteristics and Route Design Guidelines.

Report of September 4, 1998 Meeting

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that she had chaired the September 4, 1998 Public and Government Affairs (PGA) Committee meeting in Mr. Earling's absence and that there were no action items at that meeting.

Executive Committee

Report of September 4, 1998 Meeting

Mr. Miller summarized the September 4, 1998 Executive Committee meeting. He stated that they had received briefings on two items: the Lenora Street commuter rail station being dropped from the environmental impact statement (EIS) and options for Sound Transit's role in economic development.

(Mr. McKenna arrived at this time.)

Mr. Miller also advised the Board that Motion No. M98-57 was approved by the Committee, authorizing staff to work with Pierce Transit on the procurement of CNG buses needed to operate Regional Express services in the Pierce County subarea.

Convene Executive Session

The Board adjourned into executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate at 2:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

Resolution No. R98-43 - Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose or lease up to 13.8 acres of property for construction of the Longacres Commuter Rail Station by purchase or by condemnation

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R98-43 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R98-44 - Delegating to the Executive Committee all such powers as enumerated in Resolution 78-1 as are necessary to acquire, dispose, lease or otherwise authorize any real property transaction(s) necessary for the

construction and operation of the Longacres Commuter Rail Station in Tukwila, Washington

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland and seconded by Ms. Gates that Resolution No. R98-44 be approved as presented.

Mr. Morrison stated that the language should delegate to the Executive Committee "all such powers" as enumerated in Resolution 78-1.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R98-44 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Issues for Discussion and Deliberation

Regional Express System Characteristics and Route Design Guidelines

Ms. Govern mentioned to the Board that copies of the Community Involvement Program for Regional Express had been distributed (copy on file). She stated that staff has moved forward in designing the Regional Express system. They are working with other transit agencies to be sure the design is complimentary in nature so that riders will be able to get on the local bus to go to Regional Express or commuter rail in the seamless system promised in Sound Move. A number of items will be coming before the Board in the next few months including the financial plan, redeployment guidelines, and the system plan.

Mr. Hansen asked how direct access ramps and the HOV lanes affect Regional Express.

Ms. Govern stated that the HOV lanes and direct access ramps will not only allow transit to be faster, but to be more reliable. Pending completion of that infrastructure, express service will not be as fast as it will be when they are completed.

Kent Parking Garage Location

Ms. Batey presented the Board with the different Kent garage alternative locations.

- Alternative 1 is located on the north corner of Smith and First and would have some surface parking on each side of the tracks. There would be 100 stalls on the west side and a couple hundred stalls on the east side, with bus transfer immediately adjacent to the platforms.
- Alternative 2 is located to the east of the platforms. It would be immediately east of the platforms between Railroad Avenue and the tracks.
- Alternative 3 is immediately across the street from Alternative 2, again on the south of James Street across Railroad Avenue from the main station area.

Ms. Batey stated that staff met with the Kent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and had a very spirited discussion about the garage. The Kent TAC decided they would recommend to the Board unanimously that Alternative 1 be approved.

Ms. Batey distributed cost tables for each alternative site (copy on file).

Mr. Nickels asked if the cost of constructing a taller garage would be more or less than the cost of a shorter garage.

Ms. Batey stated that the cost would be higher for the higher structure. Once the building is over four floors, it gets quite a bit more expensive.

Mr. Enslow mentioned that two of the sites will require crossing the tracks.

Ms. Batey advised that staff is discussing the possibility of providing a bridge or a tunnel. A grade separated crossing for pedestrians was not anticipated in the original budget, so staff will be looking into the additional cost.

Mr. McKenna stated that he felt a pedestrian bridge should at least be designed. He also mentioned improving the intersection and requested a budget be presented for both of those items.

Other Business

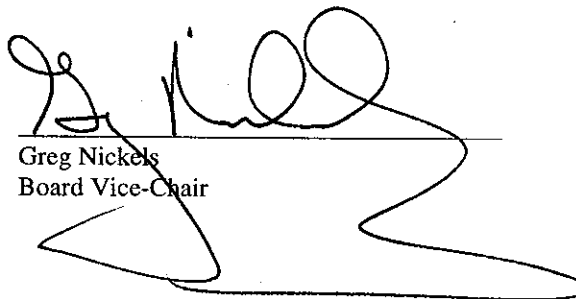
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Next Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 1998 - 2 to 5 p.m.
Puget Sound Regional Council
1011 Western Avenue, 6th Floor
Seattle, Washington

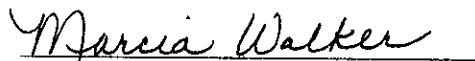
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.



Greg Nickels
Board Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

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