

**Sound Transit  
Executive Committee Summary Minutes**

**October 2, 1998**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chair Paul Miller.

**Attendance**

(P) Paul Miller, Chair	(P) Greg Nickels
(P) Bob Drewel, Vice Chair	(A) Paul Schell
(P) Dave Earling	(P) Ron Sims
(P) Mary Gates	(A) Cynthia Sullivan
(A) Jane Hague	(P) Doug Sutherland
(P) Richard McIver	

The following Committee member arrived after the meeting was called to order:

Ron Sims

Mr. Enslow, Board member, was also in attendance.

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Miller indicated that he was seeking a motion authorizing Mr. McIver to attend the APTA Conference in New York.

**It was moved by Mr. Earling, seconded by Mr. Sutherland and carried by the majority vote of all members present that Mr. McIver be authorized to attend the APTA Conference in New York. (Mr. Nickels voted in the minority.)**

**Executive Director Report**

Mr. White reported that the Federal Appropriations Conference Committee was expected to take action on fiscal year 1999 appropriations quite soon, possibly on Monday, October 5. He indicated that staff would keep Board members informed as more information becomes available.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Paul W. Locke addressed the Committee.

(Copies of Mr. Locke's comments are on file with the Board Administrator.)

**Minutes of September 18, 1998 Meeting**

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. McIver and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of September 18, 1998 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.**

**Motion No. M98-70 - Service Redeployment Guidelines to guide the reinvestment of resources freed up as a result of the implementation of Sound Move**

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Regional Express Bus, provided some background information on the proposed motion (copy of background and comments on file.) She pointed out the guidelines do not specifically address redeployment of hours within a subarea, as there is an expectation that the policies of the local transit agencies will guide those decisions.

Mr. McIver stated that although the motion does not specify the redeployment of hours within a subarea, he confirmed with Ms. Govern and Mr. Jim Jacobsen that resources would be redeployed within the subarea from which they were derived, per local transit agencies six-year plans and other policies.

Ms. Gates indicated that the first bullet under key features, "maintenance of service to ensure the rider does not experience a net loss in transit service," needs to be clarified.

Mr. Earling pointed out that the Community Transit Board had approved this action the day prior. Any reworking of the language could have an impact on that action.

**It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Nickels and carried by the majority vote of all members present that Attachment A to Motion No. M98-70, No. 1, be amended as follows: Maintenance of local service in portions of corridors served by Sound Transit; ~~for example, to maintain vital local service in an area where express service is implemented to ensure the rider does not experience a net loss in transit service.~~ (Mr. Earling voted in the minority.)**

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the majority vote of all members present that Motion No. M98-70, as amended, be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation from the Committee. (Mr. Earling voted in the minority.)**

**Motion No. M98-74 - Adopting the Basic Program Elements of the Research and Technology Program**

Ms. Barbara Gilliland, Systems Integration Program Manager, briefly reviewed the proposed motion with the Committee.

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M98-74 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation from the Committee.**

**Trade-Offs Between Regional Express System Plan Alternatives**

Veronica Parker, Regional Bus Program Manager, introduced Mr. Bruce Emory, primary consultant from Manuel Padron for the Service Implementation Plan. Mr. Emory outlined the following four different system plan alternatives for the Committee's discussion:

Alternative #1 includes all 20 routes from Sound Move, and provides the most extensive coverage of the Sound Transit region. To provide this level service within the funds provided in Sound Move requires phasing the implementation dates for the routes over a longer period of time.

Alternative #2 provides a more focused system, concentrating on 15 routes which provide new service and have the highest productivity. Five of the routes in Sound Move which closely replicate existing routes, or which appear to have low-productivity, would be deferred for possible implementation late in the ten-year period.

Alternative #3 consists of those route options that have a limited number of stops and defers two routes projected to have lower productivity if initiated at this time.

Alternative #4 consists of those route options that have more frequent stops, allowing more local access to the service.

(Copies of discussion paper on file with the Board Administrator.)

Mr. Nickels pointed out that the Westside Express does not appear in Alternative #2.

Mr. Earling asked if Alternative #2, offering 15 of the 20 routes in Sound Move, would constitute an amendment to the plan.

Ms. Parker responded that staff is reviewing that issue.

(Mr. Sims arrived.)

Executive Director White clarified that the purpose of the discussion is to illustrate the trade-offs between each of the alternatives and to help staff develop still more alternatives.

Mr. Nickels expressed his concern that the Executive Committee will be reviewing a system plan on November 6, with the expectation that the Board will adopt the plan on November 12.

Regarding staging of bus routes, Mr. Miller expressed his opinion that it is better to provide as many lines as possible and then increase service over time as demand increases. In addition, he pointed out that it has been two years since Sound Move was adopted, and stated a need to be flexible and focused in making this decision.

Mr. Emory explained that Regional Express held 5 public meetings over the past two weeks, one in each of the subareas. Attendees at those meetings chose Alternative #3 as their first choice, followed by Alternatives 2, 1 and 4 respectively.

Committee members expressed the need for more information, particularly ridership information for each of the alternatives.

Mr. Miller asked that the information be provided to Committee members in advance of the November 6 meeting so members could be prepared with specific recommendations.

### **Motion No. M98-75 - Sound Transit's Economic Development Program**

Mr. Alec Stephens, Diversity Program Manager, presented background information to the Committee.

Mr. Sutherland expressed his concern that Sound Transit not undertake work already being done by other agencies. He cautioned staff to carefully identify what programs are already available.

Mr. Sims indicated that training opportunities would be critical, and emphasized the need for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs.

Mr. Miller pointed out that, in order to hold down long-term costs, the link must be made between training and jobs.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Drewel and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M98-75 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation by the Committee.**

**Other Business**

None.

**Next Meeting**

Friday, October 16, 1998 from 1:30 to 3 at the Sound Transit Conference Room, 1100 Second Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, in Seattle, WA.

**Adjourn**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Recorded by Amy Ebersole  
Board Coordinator

ATTEST:

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Paul Miller  
Executive Committee Chair

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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator