

**Sound Transit  
Finance Committee Summary Minutes**

**January 21, 1999**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 by Committee Chair Greg Nickels.

**Attendance**

(P) Greg Nickels, Chair	(P) Rob McKenna
(P) Mary Gates	(P) Paul Miller
(P) Dave Enslow	(P) Cynthia Sullivan
(A) Ed Hansen	

**Report of the Chair**

None.

**Finance Director Report**

Ms. Jan Hendrickson, Director of Finance and Administration, brought the Committee's attention to the Monthly Financial Report for the month ending November 30, 1998 (copy on file). She mentioned that the Yearend Financial Statement will be available during the month of February.

Ms. Hendrickson advised the Committee that the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) has just begun the 1998 Yearend evaluation of Sound Transit's performance. The evaluation will be presented to the Finance Committee in April.

**Minutes of January 7, 1999 Finance Committee Meeting**

**It was moved by Mr. Miller and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of January 7, 1999 Finance Committee meeting be approved as presented.**

**Resolution No. R99-2 – Establishing fare policy and establishing pricing for fares related to Sound Transit public transportation services**

Mr. Nickels advised that the Committee would be given a briefing on the fare policy and action would be held until the next Finance Committee meeting.

Ms. Barbara Gilliland, Systems Integration Program Manager, went through the fare policy presentation (copy on file).

Mr. Don Billen, Systems Integration Project Coordinator, went over staff's fare policy recommendation (copy on file).

Mr. Miller mentioned the importance of youth fares on Express service for family ridership. He addressed his concern with the zone boundaries stating that people will be taking equal trips in distance from Everett to Seattle or from Tacoma to Seattle, but they will be paying unequal amounts.

Mr. McKenna stated that the riders on Route 226 who travel off-peak will not be willing to go from \$1.25 to \$2.00 for the same service they are currently receiving. He added that the two routes that are already in service, Route 226 and Seattle Express, are unique and have some special circumstances. He has prepared an amendment for next week asking staff to develop a plan for eliminating, reducing, or phasing in the fare increases for the existing routes.

Committee members asked staff questions concerning difficulties for seniors to transfer from Regional Express to

other public transit, the cost to students in the Bellevue School District who have been moved from using school buses to taking public transportation, and what buses will be used on Route 226.

Mr. Nickels wrapped up the fare policy recommendation by stating that there are many issues to work on in the next two weeks. This will be revisited in two weeks.

**Motion No. M99-2 – Adopting policies to guide grant activities to secure funds that will augment local option tax revenues and fulfill Sound Move financial policies**

Mr. Nickels explained that this Motion came before the Executive Committee January 15 and still needs to go to the Public and Government Affairs Committee and then to the Board.

Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Government Relations Manager, went through the briefing and pointed out the change in language to Policy #7 that was adopted by the Executive Committee on January 15. The first sentence, "*Sound Move* did not assume receipt of state funding." was deleted and the following language was added to the last paragraph, "and will explore state funding opportunities, starting with full exemption for Sound Transit from state sales tax, that will allow full funding of Phase I activities." (copy on file).

Mr. Nickels added a clarifying amendment to the language change in Policy #7 which was adopted by the Executive Committee. The language being added to the last paragraph would now read, "and will explore state funding opportunities, stating with full exemption from state sales taxes that would be applied to *Sound Move* construction projects, that will allow full funding of Phase I activities." (copy on file).

Mr. Miller mentioned that Mr. Earling, Chair of the Public and Government Affairs Committee, would be asking PGA to review the changes proposed to the state language before the motion would go to the full Board.

**It was moved by Ms. Gates that the language amendment for Policy #7 be approved. The motion was carried by the majority vote of all Committee members present, with Mr. McKenna opposed.**

**Other Business**

None

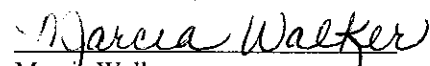
**Next Meeting**

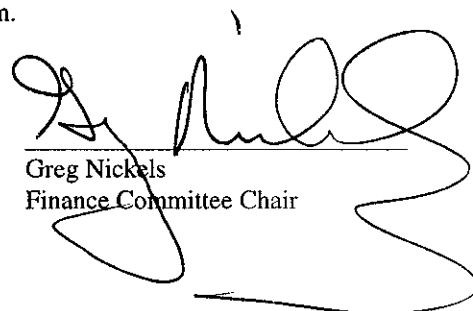
Thursday, February 4, 1999 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the King County Council Chambers in the King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

**Adjourn**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
Greg Nickels  
Finance Committee Chair