

**Sound Transit  
Finance Committee Summary Minutes**

**July 1, 1999**

**Call to Order**

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

**Attendance**

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

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Greg Nickels reported that the next three meetings of the Finance Committee would have budget reviews for each of the three lines of business.

**Finance Director's Report**

None.

**Resolution No. R99-17 – Identifying criteria for the programming of collected local tax revenues that are in excess of the revenues projected by the original Sound Move financial plan**

Ms. Nancy McCormick, City of Redmond, addressed the Committee regarding this motion. Ms. McCormick, who is also a member of the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP), stated the Partnership's position regarding Sound Transit policy toward unanticipated revenue the Eastside is generating. She mentioned that Eastside residents are driving many new and expensive vehicles, which means that the Eastside is generating more than their anticipated tax revenue via the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and sales tax. She also stated the ETP's displeasure with Sound Transit's decision to drop the G1 route between Bellevue and Redmond.

Mr. McKenna raised some questions about the resolution and following some discussion asked that the resolution be held over so that the parties involved could work on the spending language.

Mr. Nickels asked for objections by any committee members; receiving none, it was decided to hold Resolution No. R99-17 to the next Finance Committee meeting.

**Motion No. 99-32 – Approving a contract change order on contract number RTA/CR 30-97a with MBT Architecture for commuter rail station design services for the Sounder commuter rail station in Kent, by increasing the contract amount by \$47,177 to a total of \$711,922, plus \$4,717 in contingency**

Val Batey, Project Development Manager, and Paul Price, Director, presented the proposed motion that would allow a contract amendment for the Sounder commuter rail station in Kent allowing for completion of the final design of the Kent commuter rail station.

Mr. Nickels asked why there was a discrepancy in the numbers presented; specifically, why the change order increased, but the end total came in lower.

Ms. Batey replied that there was extra contingency money that was being applied to the amount now needed.

Mr. Enslow stated his concerns regarding this motion in relation to the budgetary problems. He asked whether this action would affect the budget concerns with the Kent station and parking garage.

Ms. Batey replied that this motion pertained solely to the completion of the design of the Kent commuter rail station and had no bearing on the parking structure at the same site. However, due to the changing nature of the parking structure, changes have also had to be made to the Kent commuter rail station itself to accommodate the parking structure modifications.

**It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of members present that Motion No. M99-32 be adopted in its revised form.**

**Motion No. M99-42 – Authorizing the Executive Director to exercise the option with New Flyer of America for the purchase of twenty-nine (29), 60-foot buses in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000**

Ms. Veronica Parker, Regional Bus Program Manager, updated the Committee on the 60-foot buses and discussed customer feedback on the buses.

She stated that the initial order of 25, sixty-foot buses was received on schedule, inspected, and approved. An early deployment of these buses on the Seattle-to-Tacoma Express line of Pierce Transit was used to alleviate overcrowding.

A survey was commissioned on the new buses and their ride. Roughly two-thirds of the 400 riders interviewed were satisfied with the new buses; however, concerns were expressed regarding bus sway, a rougher ride, and the lack of amenities such as reading lights and overhead bins for storage.

Mr. Enslow stated that he rode the Seattle-to-Tacoma Express and found the ride to be more than adequate, with the exception of the amenities noted above.

Mr. Miller noted that although the majority surveyed expressed satisfaction, one-third of the riders did not. He asked that the lines of communication regarding customer satisfaction remain open.

**It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by the unanimous vote of members present that Motion No. M99-42 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

**Motion No. M99-45 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with HNTB Corporation for final design of the Overlake Transit Facility project in an amount not to exceed \$825,000, plus a 10% contingency of \$82,500**

**It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of members present that Motion No. M99-45 be adopted as presented.**

**Resolution No. R99-19 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Amtrak for construction of the Sounder King Street Station and related elements, in an amount not to exceed \$6,732,000**

Mr. David Beal, Project Development Program Manager, presented to the Committee information on the interagency cooperative effort to design King Street station and surrounding area with a single construction contract, thus avoiding duplication of efforts by all agencies involved. He stated that Amtrak offered to be the contract authority, which Sound Transit supports based on Amtrak's past record.

Mr. Beal noted that although the lowest final bid from Amtrak came in about a half-million dollars over the engineer's estimate, it still came in well under Sound Transit's available construction project budget. In addition, Amtrak secured roughly 19% participation by minority and female-owned businesses in the process.

**It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of members present that Resolution No. R99-19 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

**Adjourn**

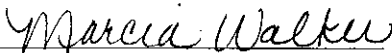
The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

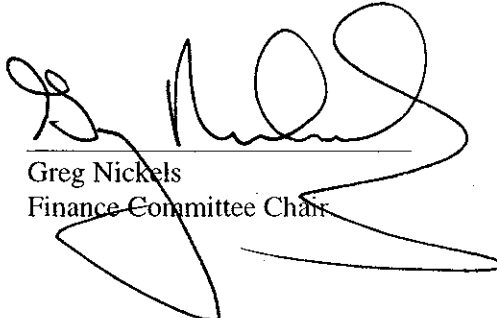
**Next Meeting**

Thursday, July 15, 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.

Recorded by Mike Raines  
Board Administration

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
Greg Nickels  
Finance Committee Chair