

**Sound Transit
Finance Committee Summary Minutes**

August 5, 1999

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Committee Vice Chair Mary Gates.

Attendance

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

Also in attendance was Board member Jim White.

Report of the Chair

Ms. Gates stated that the action items would be moved to the beginning of the agenda. She asked for a short recess until a quorum of the Committee was present.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:12.

Finance Director Report

None.

Motion No. M99-49 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Harding Lawson Associates (HLA) for final design of the Pacific Avenue Overpass project for an amount not to exceed \$1,171,685 plus a 10% contingency of \$117,169

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Regional Express, gave a brief overview of Motion No. M99-49.

It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of members present that Motion No. M99-49 be approved.

Resolution No. R99-22 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), for operation of the Seattle-to-Tacoma Sounder commuter rail service. The contract provides for a 40-year Operating Agreement, at an initial cost of about \$4.6 million per year, modified annually to account for service levels and proportional cost of maintenance-of-way; such annual budget to be approved by the Board. The contract also provides for a Capital Improvement package of \$270 million, of which \$200 million is a Sound Transit obligation, with the remaining \$70 million coming from a pooled public agency investment (\$60 million from the State of Washington and \$10 million in other federal, state and local funds)

Resolution No. R99-23 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 of the

Sound Transit (ST)/Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) Final Engineering Agreement, for long lead capital items needed for the Seattle-to-Tacoma commuter rail project (Sounder), with a total contract addition of \$17,043,311, which is a component of the Capital Improvement package of the BNSF/ST Operating Agreement

Mr. Paul Price, Sounder Commuter Rail Director, advised the Committee members that Resolution No. R99-22 had been updated for clarification. He stated that the contract would be a 40-year access agreement and included an increase in the level of trains running in the future. Mr. Price discussed possible risks with the Committee members (copy on file). He stated that much time was spent verifying the issues and certifying that the right capital investments were being made.

Mr. Price discussed Resolution No. R99-23. He stated that the operating agreement fits within the business plan and the Sound Move adopted budget and allows for additional trains beyond the 18 called for in Sound Move.

Executive Session

Ms. Gates announced that the Committee would convene an executive session to discuss negotiations with BNSF prior to taking action on Resolution No. R99-22 and Resolution No. R99-23.

The Committee convened an executive session at 12:25 p.m., and reconvened its business meeting at 12:50 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Hansen, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R99-22 and Resolution No. R99-23 be held over to the Finance Committee on August 19, 1999.

Resolution No. R99-28 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement for intergovernmental cooperation with Pierce Transit related to the design and construction of the Tacoma Dome Station Phase II Project

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R99-28 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R99-20 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Kent for design and potential development of the parking garage for the Kent Commuter Rail Station

Ms. Val Batey, Project Development Manager, stated that Sound Transit has an existing agreement with the City of Kent which covers the design and the development of the commuter rail station. Resolution No. R99-20 follows on to that agreement and is intended to address how Sound Transit and the City of Kent will work together to design and develop a parking garage for the Kent commuter rail station. She stated that the agreement acknowledges that there is a shortfall for a portion of the parking construction as estimated to date, but does not obligate Sound Transit to make up the shortfall. The agreement does state that both parties will continue to work together to secure additional funding with partners.

Ms. Gates suggested moving Resolution No. R99-20 to the August 19, 1999, Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Miller agreed that this should be held over to the August 19, 1999, Finance Committee meeting. He asked for additional documentation at the next meeting.

Mr. Jim White stated that a two-week delay would not make a lot of difference. He agreed that there were many questions that still need to be asked.

Resolution No. R99-27 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with King County and the City of Auburn for development of the Auburn Commuter Rail Station

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R99-27 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M99-50 - Authorizing the Executive Director to purchase all necessary furnishings, fixtures, equipment, computers and consultant services for space planning and tenant improvements and to implement the move for Sound Transit occupancy at Opus East, in an amount not to exceed \$6,039,118

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R99-50 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Report of the Chair

None.

Finance Director's Report

None.

Motion No. M99-51 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Ron Main and Randy Scott for state government relations representation in Olympia and throughout the state for the period September 1, 1999 to August 31, 2000, with an option for two one-year extensions. The initial contract would be for one year for the period of September 1, 1999 to August 31, 2000, for an annual amount not to exceed \$112,000 or \$56,000 per consultant, with the option of two additional one-year extensions (i.e. through August 31, 2002) for a total amount not to exceed \$336,000

Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Government Relations Manager, briefed the Committee on Motion No. M99-51. She stated that both Ron Main and Randy Scott are currently under contract with Sound Transit, and all of their extensions have been exercised. She advised that an RFP/RFQ was issued in May and proposals were received from four firms. The proposals were reviewed and interviews were conducted with the assistance of senior government relations staff from Community Transit. All of the members on the evaluation team rated Mr. Main and Mr. Scott's proposal as superior. The contract amount for one year would be at a rate of \$4,300 per month, per consultant with an additional \$2,000 per consultant available for direct expenses. Built into the agreement would be an additional \$2,400 per consultant that might be awarded at the end of the year for successful completion of deliverables.

Ms. Gates stated that Motion No. M99-51 would come back to the next Finance Committee.

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 19, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Emerson
Board Project Assistant

ATTEST:

Mary Gates
Finance Committee Vice Chair

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator