

**Sound Transit
Executive Committee Minutes**

April 21, 2000

Call to Order

Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m. The meeting was held in the Boardroom of Union Station, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA.

Attendance

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

Boardmember Jack Crawford also attended.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling reported that the Committee might convene an executive session during the meeting to discuss real estate negotiations.

Executive Director Report

None.

Public Involvement Update

Ms. Kathleen Drew, Community Outreach Manager, presented a Community Outreach Update (copy on file), highlighting the fact that staff is working to expand the non-English speaking outreach program to an agency-wide level. She introduced new employee Thanh Ngyuen, Community Relations Coordinator for Tacoma Link light rail.

Ms. Drew presented a summary of feedback received from the community regarding the Tukwila light rail alignment (copy on file). Sound Transit held a meeting in Tukwila on the light rail alignment and approximately 150 community members attended. Approximately 45 additional comments have been received by phone and mail. Staff is still collecting and compiling the comments, which will be included in a final report to the Board.

Mr. Earling thanked staff for their work on the Tukwila meeting, stating that it was well coordinated. He also expressed appreciation to the Boardmembers who attended.

Tukwila Light Rail Update

Mr. Earling recognized Tukwila Mayor Mullet, who was in the audience.

Mr. James Irish, Senior Environmental Analyst updated the Committee on the Tukwila Freeway Route schedule, as well as the preliminary environmental impacts associated with the alignment (copy on file).

Mr. Earling stated that he, Mr. Drewel, Mr. Schell, and Executive Director White would be out of town on May 5 when the Executive Committee is scheduled to make a recommendation to the Board on the Tukwila alignment. Therefore, it will be considered at the May 19 Executive Committee meeting, with Board action scheduled for May 25.

Discussion Items

Proposed design/build contracting process for parking garages at Kent and Auburn commuter rail stations

Ms. Val Batey, Project Development Manager for Sounder Commuter Rail, presented a discussion paper regarding a plan to proceed with Requests for Proposals from interested firms for parking garages at the commuter rail stations in Kent and Auburn, using a design/build contracting approach.

(Mr. Sutherland arrived.)

Mr. Sutherland explained that Pierce County and the City of Tacoma have constructed several facilities using design/build, such as the Tacoma Dome. While it did require a significant amount of staff time to monitor the projects, they were completed on time and under the bid estimate. He cautioned that the project must be well thought out from the beginning.

Mr. Earling indicated that with Mr. Sutherland's arrival, a quorum of the Committee was in attendance and action items would be considered.

Minutes of February 18, 2000, Executive Committee Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of the February 18, 2000 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2000-04 – Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation, by settling condemnation litigation or entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and reestablishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the central Link light rail project (Design/Build contract segment, from NE 45th to Convention Place Station)

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2000-04 be presented to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2000-05 – Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests, including temporary construction, sidewalk, and right of way easements, by negotiated purchase or by condemnation and to pay eligible relocation and reestablishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction and operation of the Bellevue Transportation Center and Distributed Service Facilities (Bellevue) Regional Express Project

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2000-05 be presented to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Phase II-Related Planning – Partner Agency Study Participation

Ms. Barbara Gilliland, Systems Integration Program Manager, and Mr. Brian O'Sullivan, Systems Integration Project Manager, presented a discussion paper on co-leading with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) in the environmental documentation work for future high capacity transit facility planning for the I-405 Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the TransLake Washington EIS. Staff is recommending that Sound Transit accept co-lead status on this effort.

Mr. Nickels indicated that he was very cautious about getting involved in efforts that fall outside of Sound Transit's core mission – to deliver on the promises to the public made in Sound Move. Ms. Gates stated that she and former Boardmember Dave Russell represented Sound Transit on the TransLake study. She indicated that it was beneficial having Sound Transit represented in that effort.

Mr. Nickels suggested the Committee defer direction to staff until the next Executive Committee meeting.

Other Business

None.

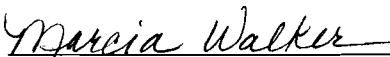
Next Meeting

Friday, May 5, 2000 from 1:30 to 2:30.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


Dave Earling
Executive Committee Chair