

**Sound Transit
Board Meeting Summary Minutes
June 22, 2000**

Call to Order

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. in the Board Room, Union Station, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember

Vice Chairs

(A) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

Board Members

(A) Jack Crawford, Kenmore Deputy Mayor

(P) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way
Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(A) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(A) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

Public Comment

Mr. Earling announced that the Board would take public comment in two portions. The first portion would be devoted exclusively to the Link Light Rail segment from University to Northgate. The second portion would be for any other topic on the agenda.

Ms. Sullivan reported on the Northgate workshop that was held the prior evening. Approximately 300 people attended. She concluded that there was unanimity of opinion among attendees about what Sound Transit should do in terms of selecting an alignment.

The following individuals presented comments to the Board during the first portion of public comment.

Jeff Miller

Philip Grega

Joane McIntyre, Rents Due Ranch

Tom Heller

Ken Scholes

Larry Sinnott, Ravenna Bryant Community Association

Chris Curtis, coordinator for the University District Farmers Market

Michaele Blakely

Tim Johannes, owner of Tim's Fine Berries, Incorporated, and Will's Farm
Nancy Bocek, president of the Roosevelt Neighbors' Alliance
Paul W. Locke
Alice Hanson
Dean Olson, speaking on behalf of the Roosevelt
QFC and Tom Tier, vice president for QFC

The Board Administrator called the roll and indicated that a quorum of the Board was present. Mr. McKenna introduced Melissa Curda, an intern and high school student from Bellevue who has been assisting in his office and attending meetings with him to learn about Sound Transit and King County.

The following individuals presented comments to the Board during the second portion of public comment.

Paul W. Locke
Lee Thompson
Philip Grega

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling provided the Board with an update on the recent trip that a delegation from the Puget Sound Basin took to Washington D.C. He indicated that it was a very good trip despite the plane being seven hours late leaving Dulles the prior night. He thanked the board members who were able to attend, Councilmember Gates, Councilmember McIver, and three other board members, Executive Sutherland, Mayor Schell, and Councilmember Hague, were in Washington on other business and joined the delegation at a number of meetings. Also joining the group were Representative Mitchell from the State House Transportation Committee, Representative Ruth Fisher, members of the Seattle Chamber, the DSA, the labor community and the environmental community. He reported that the congressional delegation is well informed on the two pieces of major work before them: The appropriations bill and the full funding grant agreement.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White reported a correction to his most recent e-mail update. It should have read "the community gave strong support to the 12th Avenue tunnel route" rather than the "the community gave strong support for the Roosevelt tunnel alternative."

He added to Mr. Earling's comments about the meetings in Washington D.C. Of particular note, was the amazement of some of the participants on the delegation's level of knowledge and commitment to the project. He expressed appreciation to Sound Transit's government relations staff.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Finance Committee Recommendations

Motion No. M2000-46 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Shannon & Wilson, Inc., to proceed with additional professional geotechnical engineering boring, lab work, and reports for the north corridor in an amount of \$192,931 plus a 10% contingency of \$19,293, for a total amendment not to exceed \$212,224, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,379,026

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-46 be approved as recommended.

Discussion Items

Mr. Martin Young, Senior Financial Analyst, provided an overview of Sounder Commuter Rail's 2000 Business Plan (on file with the Board Administrator). The business plan was first presented in July of 1998 as a means to prepare management and the Board with an overview of key elements specific to Sounder as a business entity. It has become a useful tool for planning purposes, especially with the budgeting, and quite useful as a reference tool in negotiations with various contractors.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Nickels reported that the Finance Committee had received a briefing on the first quarter operating capital results. Twenty-six percent of the operating budget and 7% of the capital budget have been spent to date for the 2000 budget. The JD Edwards Financial and Project Management System implementation appears to be going very well and staying on budget.

The committee took action in a number of areas, including a contract for civil construction management services for a million and a half dollars for the Tacoma Link Light Rail Project, and an agreement with the City of Tacoma and Pierce Transit for Tacoma Dome area streetscape improvements.

On an annual basis, Regional Express reviews all of the capital projects in terms of budget and schedule and provides the finance committee with a risk analysis. There are 47 capital projects in the program. Forty-five of the projects remain to be completed, nine of those 45 were determined to be in the high-risk category in terms of budget and ten were ranked as high risk for the schedule. The committee will focus on those nine or ten projects. The risk assessment has been a very useful tool.

Central Link Task Force Report

Mr. McIver reported that the task force has been focusing on the establishment of the Rainier Valley Community Development Fund. The task force received advice on how to set up a successful fund from two individuals who have expertise in setting them up. The task force also received a report from a panel consisting of Rainier Valley community members, City of Seattle, Sound Transit and King County staff about a concept to set up a steering committee to create a draft operating plan for the fund. The steering committee will bring its proposal to the Sound Transit Board with recommendations for adoption. The steering committee would be composed of community members, Sound Transit staff, City of Seattle staff and King County staff. There will be a number of community meetings on this subject and a large community meeting on it as

well. He invited board members to attend the meeting on Wednesday, June 28th at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Mt. Baker Community Building.

Executive Committee Report

Mr. Earling had nothing further to report.

Other Business

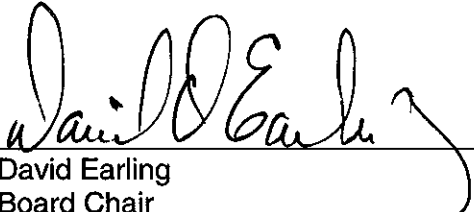
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Next Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2000, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Snohomish County PUD in Everett.

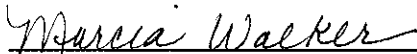
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.



David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator