

**Sound Transit  
Executive Committee Minutes**

**July 7, 2000**

**Call to Order**

Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board room 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
(A)	Doug Sutherland, Vice Chair	(A)	Paul Schell
(P)	Bob Drewel	(P)	Ron Sims
(P)	Dave Enslow	(P)	Cynthia Sullivan
(P)	Mary Gates		

Board member Jack Crawford was also in attendance.

**Public Comment**

The following individuals presented comments to the Committee:

Christopher Young asked that the Board involve the Seattle rowing community when it revisits the Trans-Lake Washington ferry service.

Alice Hansen spoke in favor of the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue tunnel alignment for light rail in the Roosevelt area, and stated that she did not support the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue alignment.

Joan McBride, Kirkland City Councilmember, asked that any unprogrammed funds from the area be kept in Kirkland, and proposed that the City of Kirkland and ST work together to budget for those funds. She indicated that the Board would receive a letter from the Kirkland City Council.

Bob Gillespie distributed a "Marine Industry White Paper Regarding the Trans-Lake Washington Ferry Feasibility Study" produced by John J. McMullen Associates (JJMA) (copy on file). He indicated that the paper illustrates the need for further consideration of the matter, and he spoke in favor of Ms. Jane Hague's proposed substitute motion.

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Earling noted that Initiative 795 may qualify for the November ballot. Because the initiative language is somewhat unclear, it is difficult at this point in time to assess the impact on Sound Transit. What is clear is that, if it passes, the legislature will be responsible for interpreting it and adopting legislation to implement it, which would occur in the next legislative session, ending in June 2001.

It is likely that there will be legal questions that the courts will have to decide, and that could only occur after the legislative session. Given both the legislative and legal process, it could be over a year before Sound Transit knows the impacts of the initiative. He stated that there is no doubt that this initiative is distracting - and could potentially impede Sound Transit's ability to fully implement the Sound Move plan. It is not clear, for the reasons described above, whether this initiative could affect Sound Move and how Sound Transit's funds are spent. However, he indicated that he believes there would be legal issues associated with any attempt to shift Sound Transit's funds to uses other than those approved by the voters.

In the meantime, Sound Transit has an obligation to implement the Sound Move plan, which was approved by the region's voters in 1996.

Sound Transit is making good progress on making that vision a reality:

- ◆ 10 Regional Express routes on the street and 3 more starting in September;
- ◆ 14 HOV ramps, 11 park and ride lots and 24 transit centers in various stages of design or construction;
- ◆ 4 Sounder stations in construction (Kent, Auburn, Sumner, Tacoma) and service between Tacoma-Seattle starting September 18<sup>th</sup>;
- ◆ Central Link well into Final Design -on the verge of receiving a \$500 million federal commitment in September - and construction starting early next year - with groundbreaking on the Tacoma Link this September.

Mr. Earling concluded by stating that the best course of action is to stay focused on Sound Transit's mission and on fulfilling the obligation to implement Sound Move until circumstances dictate otherwise.

### **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director White provided an update for security services for the commuter rail line. He indicated that he would be distributing a letter to the law enforcement agencies on the commuter rail line, including the north corridor and Lakewood, asking them to address policy issues and to provide Sound Transit with additional information. In August or September, the Board can discuss the policy issues, such as centralized command and communication and impacts of responding to "quality of life" issues. He concluded with his hope that the information received from the law enforcement agencies will provide the Board with sufficient information to address those policy issues.

### **Resolution No. R98-23-1 - Substituting the project title "SR99 Improvement Project" for "SR99 HOV Lane Improvement Project" as titled in Resolution No. R98-23 and superseding Resolution No. R98-23**

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R98-23-1 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

### **Motion No. M2000-56 - Removing the two-year demonstration project for a Trans-Lake Washington ferry service from the 2000 Budget and Capital Plan and directing staff to reevaluate the feasibility of this demonstration project as a part of Phase II of the Regional Transit Plan**

Mr. Earling indicated that Motion No. M2000-56 had been reviewed by the Finance Committee the day prior. The Finance Committee asked that the motion be brought back to the next meeting.

Ms. Barbara Gilliland, Systems Integration Program Manager, indicated that Committee members had received a copy of the feasibility study produced by Parametrix (copy on file).  
(Mr. Sims arrived.)

**It was moved by Ms. Hague and seconded by Mr. Sims that Substitute Motion No. M2000-56 (moving the two-year demonstration project for a Trans-Lake Washington ferry service to the 2001 budget and capital plan and directing staff to continue evaluation of the feasibility of this demonstration project in 2001) be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation in lieu of the original Motion No. M2000-56. The motion was carried by the majority vote of members present (Mr. Enslow voted in the minority).**

**Public Involvement/Community Outreach Update**

Ms. Kathleen Drew, Community Outreach Manager, presented a public outreach report (copy on file).

**Other Business**

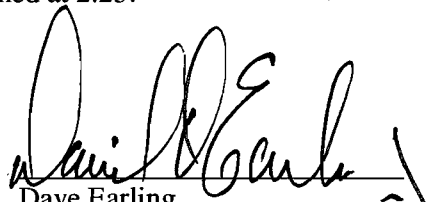
Mr. Earling encouraged Board members to attend the public hearing on July 20 from 5 to 7 regarding the University District to Northgate alignment.

**Next Meeting**

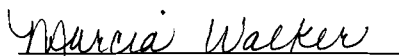
The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 21, 2000, from 1:30 to 2:30.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25.

Recorded by Amy Ebersole  
Board Coordinator

  
Dave Earling  
Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator