

**Sound Transit
Executive Committee Minutes**

July 21, 2000

Call to Order

Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board room of Union Station, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA.

Attendance

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

Board member Rob McKenna was also in attendance.

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Committee:

Ms. Sally Scott indicated that she had sent a letter to the Board the week prior, and that she represented the elderly, students, and the disabled. She asked that the Board retain a bus stop in Kennydale.

Ms. Pam Pretslop spoke in favor of including a Kennydale stop on the Route 560, stating that that bus stop was directly connected to her quality of life.

(Mr. Sims arrived.)

Ms. Priscilla Turner stated that the Kennydale community is committed to being a part of the Sound Transit plan. She spoke in favor of including a Kennydale stop on the Route 560, and distributed a packet of signatures and letters to that effect (copy on file).

(Ms. Sullivan arrived.)

Mr. Steven Raleigh, Transportation Engineer with the City of Renton, spoke in favor of the Kennydale stop. He stated that the stop was justified because: 1) satisfactory public transit alternatives did not exist; 2) the ridership met Sound Transit's standards; 3) the impact of the additional travel time was minimal; and 4) there was no additional cost to add the stop.

Mr. George Curtis, Rainier Valley resident, addressed the issue of the University District to Northgate alignment. He stated that he supported that community's effort, but that the RTA ballot proposition had stated that the alignment to Northgate would not be built unless additional funding was found. He stated that 240 properties would be condemned in the Rainier Valley,

whereas 29 homes would be condemned in Roosevelt. He asked about the Board's sense of decency and justice in proposing a tunnel alignment through Roosevelt.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling reported that the Committee would be working from a revised agenda in that the Community Development Fund has been deferred to the next meeting. Additionally, he stated that the Committee would convene an executive session following the report of the Executive Director to discuss real estate acquisition and potential litigation.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White reported that Sound Transit received authorization that morning from the Federal Transit Administration to begin final design and to initiate formal negotiations with property owners outside the Minimum Operating Segment (MOS).

At this time, Mr. Earling announced that the Committee would convene an executive session to discuss real estate negotiations and potential litigation. He stated that the executive session was expected to last 20 minutes.

The Committee convened an executive session at 2:01 p.m.

The executive session was extended for an additional 15 minutes at 2:25 p.m.

The Committee adjourned its executive session and reconvened the business meeting at 2:59 p.m.

(Mr. Sutherland arrived during the executive session.)

Action Items

Resolution No. R99-2-1 - Adopting a Sound Transit policy for fare inspection, fare evasion, and a schedule of fines, and amending Resolution No. R99-2

Ms. Betty Laurs, Director of Marketing, Communications and Human Resources, presented background information to the Committee (copy on file). In response to a question from Ms. Sullivan, she indicated that the target is habitual offenders.

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R99-2-1 be presented to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2000-65 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Lynnwood establishing roles and responsibilities as related to Sound Transit's \$2.5 million (YOE dollars) funding contribution toward construction of the SR-99 Improvements Project

Mr. Earling announced that this motion had been deferred by the Finance Committee at their last meeting, therefore, the Executive Committee would not consider it at this meeting.

Discussion Items

I-90 Two-Way Transit Operations, R-8 Roadway Concept Analysis Project Update

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Regional Express, stated that she was seeking direction from the Committee on the urgency of the decision-making on this project. She outlined the two leading alternatives: R-2B, conversion of the center roadway to two-way for transit and carpools; and R-8, the addition of a transit/carpool lane on the outer roadways. (Copy of background information on file).

Mr. Earling asked that a phone briefing with the Department of Transportation be scheduled so that he could better understand their perspective, and to stress the need for a conclusion as Sound Transit dollars are being spent.

The Committee direction was that a decision on this project needs to be made in November.

University to Northgate Light Rail Section

This discussion item was deferred.

Regional Express Bus Stop at Kennydale in Renton

Ms. Govern and Ms. Gloria Overgaard, Regional Express Deputy Director, presented background information to the Committee (copy on file). Ms. Overgaard stated that staff was seeking direction and had identified three alternatives:

1. No Route 560 service to Kennydale (as in the 2000 Service Implementation Plan)
2. Interim Route 560 Kennydale service until the direct access ramp is completed
3. Regular Route 560 Kennydale service

Mr. McKenna spoke in favor of Alternative No. 2.

Ms. Gates indicated that Alternative No. 2 was reasonable in this case, but cautioned the Committee to keep timesavings in mind as various projects are being implemented.

Mr. Enslow inquired about redeployment guidelines.

Ms. Govern responded that King County chose not to redeploy those bus hours following the passage of Initiative 695. She stated that staff would come back to the Board for a discussion on the impacts of I-695 on those redeployment guidelines.

Mr. Schell spoke in favor of Alternative No. 2, stating that there was a need to balance service and speed.

The direction from the Committee to staff was to proceed with Alternative No. 2.

Public Involvement/Community Outreach Update

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Other Business

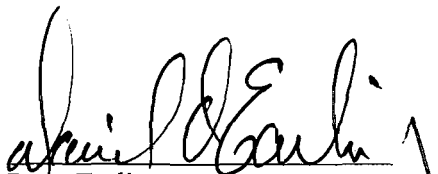
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Next Meeting

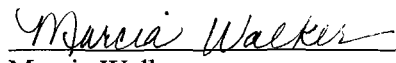
The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 4, 2000, from 1:30 to 2:30.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22.

Recorded by Amy Ebersole
Board Coordinator


Dave Earling
Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator