

**Sound Transit  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes  
July 27, 2000**

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m. in the Board Room, Union Station, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember

Vice Chairs

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

Board Members

(P) 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

(P) 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

(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(A) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

The Acting Board Administrator, Ms. Amy Ebersole, indicated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

Ron Sims, King County Executive

**Public Comment**

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Ms. Kathleen Anomosa

Mr. Darrell Bryan

Mr. John Blackman

Mr. Matthew Fox

Ms. Alice Hanson

Mr. Lyman Hull

Ms. Traci Goodwin

Mr. Mark Dublin

Mr. Philip Grega

Mr. Christopher Young  
Mr. George Curtiss  
Ms. Kriss Sjoblom  
Ms. Penny Lewis  
Mr. Hans Aschenbach  
Ms. Jennifer Devine  
Mr. Joe Hobart

### **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Earling indicated that the agenda had been revised to add an executive session to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition.

### **Executive Director Report**

None.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the period December 1999 through June 2000 totaling \$142,675,849.43

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

(Board member Sims arrived at this time.)

### **Executive Session**

The Board convened an executive session at 3:25 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition.

The Board reconvened open session at 3:46 p.m.

### **Action Items**

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 - As recommended by the Finance Committee

OR

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 - As recommended by the Executive Committee

Mr. Earling reported that the next two action items deal with the Trans-Lake Washington ferry service issue. He stated that the Finance Committee recommended the first motion, and the Executive Committee recommended the substitute motion. He indicated that typically the Executive Committee would look at an agenda item after the Finance Committee, but because of timing issues, the Executive Committee reviewed the issue prior to the Finance Committee.

**It was moved by Ms. Hague and seconded by Mr. Sutherland that Substitute Motion No. M2000-56 be approved as presented.**

Ms. Hague indicated that the 2000 budget for ST authorized a \$50,000 feasibility study and a placeholder of three years. She stated that the feasibility study began in March and was concluded in June and that the study was overseen by an advisory group authorized by the Board. She further stated that she would like the Board to entertain a friendly amendment to strike the \$2.6 million placeholder so that the feasibility study, as authorized, could go forward without the specter of the pilot project going into place without adequate consideration.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. McKenna that Subsection 4 of Substitute Motion No. M2000-56, dealing with the placeholder, be removed.**

Mr. Nickels stated that the idea for the Lake Washington ferry had been studied to a limited extent and as the board looks at alternative technologies, the waterways, both fresh and salt, will be important. He stated that it is premature to be identifying placeholders in these kinds of amounts and that a placeholder is not necessary to move this forward in terms of a major demonstration project.

Ms. Hague commented that the advisory committee did have thoughts on alternate alignments and docking capabilities and were concerned about wake mediation, safety, tribal fishing rights and economic activities, especially on the Seattle side of the lake. She stated that they did not have the opportunity to address those issues in the short time frame and funding allocated, but those concerns would be addressed in further study.

**The motion to remove Section 4 from Substitute Motion No. M2000-56 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

**The motion to approve Substitute Motion No. M2000-56, as amended, was carried by the majority vote of all Board members present. (Mr. Crawford and Mr. Enslow voted in the minority.)**

Mr. Earling extended thanks to Ms. Barbara Gilliland and Mr. Tony Fuentes for their work with both the Finance and Executive Committees.

Resolution No. R2000-11 - Selecting two (of the five) alignment options in the Northgate segment for the Link Light Rail line for further study and analysis, selecting a station platform area for the Northgate station, and authorizing preliminary engineering to proceed on the two selection options

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Resolution No. R2000-11 be approved as presented.**

Ms. Sullivan stated that the commitment to extend light rail to Northgate was of a regional nature. The Board realizes the regional system transverses through neighborhoods and the decision to withdraw the three least practical routes acknowledges that fact. The routes that will be eliminated are; Alignment A1.2, the Roosevelt mined tunnel and Alignments A2.1A and A2.2, the 8th Avenue short tunnel and the 8th Avenue aerial alignments.

Mr. Earling thanked the community for the tenor of their lobbying of the Board. He also thanked the Board members for the work they have done and acknowledged that two thirds or more of the Board members have driven or walked or spent time listening to public testimony in the Roosevelt area.

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R2000-11 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

#### Finance Committee Recommendations

Motion No. M2000-60 - Approving an increase in the contract contingency fund for Contract Number RTA/CR 55-99 with Magnolia Contractors, Inc., for construction of the Sounder Commuter Rail Station in Auburn in the amount of \$543,514, (12.7% of the original contract value of \$4,274,950) for a new total contract value not to exceed \$5,459,706

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Phelps that Motion No. M2000-60 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels indicated that to date, 99% of the contingency has been committed through change orders because of changes in the scope due to delays in obtaining an agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF). He stated that this agreement was delayed because Initiative 695 pulled the state out as a funding partner, which delayed negotiations with the railroad. The Finance Committee recommended passage of this motion to the full Board. Fuller discussion on the garages and the funding strategies for those will be done prior to the adoption of the 2001 budget.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-60 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

#### Executive Committee Recommendations

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

Mr. Earling stated that in 1999 the Board decided to pursue a new type of fare policy called "proof of payment." He further stated that during the 1999 legislative session, ST was granted the authority to use a proof of payment system on its rail vehicles. The legislation authorizing proof of payment requires that ST adopt a schedule of fines for evasion of fares by resolution of the Board.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that Resolution No. R99-2-1 be approved as presented.**

The motion to approve Resolution No. R99-2-1 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

**Committee Reports**

Transit-Oriented Development Subcommittee

Ms. Sullivan reported that the Subcommittee had no report at this time.

Finance Committee

Mr. Nickels reported that there were a number of items acted upon by the Finance Committee. It was also reported that the owner-controlled insurance possibility was adopted by the legislature last year.

Central Link Task Force

Ms. Gates reported that the Task Force met on July 21 and had a full briefing on the 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 45th Street and Pacific Street stations at the UW. She also indicated that the Task Force expressed an eagerness to get the community development fund process underway.

**Other Business**

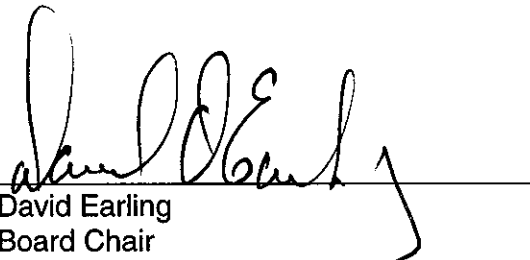
None.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, August 10, 2000 - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Tacoma's Landmark Convention Center  
47 St. Helens Avenue  
Tacoma, Washington

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

  
David Earling  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator