

**Sound Transit
Board Meeting Summary Minutes
August 10, 2000**

Call to Order

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. in the Tacoma Landmark Convention Center & Temple Theater, 47 St. Helens Avenue, Tacoma, 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

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore Deputy Mayor	(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember
(P) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember	(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember
(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive	(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary
(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember	(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember
(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember	(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor
(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember	(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive
(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor	(A) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember
	(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

Board Administrator, Marcia Walker, indicated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary
Ron Sims, King County Executive
Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

Public Comment

None.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling announced that the Board meeting was being held in Tacoma because the Board's rules and operating procedures indicate that one out of every six meetings will be held in Pierce County and one out of every six meetings will be held in Snohomish County. He thanked Board Member Kevin Phelps for making the facility available for the Board meeting.

Mr. Earling announced the appointment of Mr. Phelps to the Sea-Tac Policy Committee. As referenced in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of SeaTac and Sound Transit, the Policy Committee is made up two members from the Sound Transit Board of Directors and two members from the City Council.

Mr. Earling also noted that this Board meeting would be the last for Amy Ebersole as Board Coordinator. She will be leaving Sound Transit to return to school on a full time basis. He congratulated her and expressed appreciation for the work she has done over the past several years, calling her "one of those early survivors of Sound Transit."

Executive Director Report

Executive Director White acknowledged the letter he received from Mayor Schell and Board Member McIver asking Sound Transit to look at the potential of relocating the crossover planned just north of the Capitol Hill Station on Broadway to south of the station. He reminded the Board that the Capitol Hill Station and the crossover were identified in the locally preferred alternative in November 1999. Since that time, Sound Transit has been working with the community along Broadway to identify ways to minimize the impact of the construction on the neighborhood. It has been very challenging and this is an opportunity to work with the contractor to look at alternatives. He indicated that there would be a report back to the City of Seattle, the community, and the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

(Board Members Morrison and Sutherland arrived.)

Consent Agenda

Motion No. M2000-67 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment to the architecture and engineering contract with Anil Verma Associates, Inc. for Commuter Rail station design services for the Auburn Station in the amount of \$528,250 with a 10% contingency of \$52,825 for a total authorized contract amendment amount of \$581,075. The original contract amount of \$691,016, plus the total contract amendment amount of \$581,075 will result in a new total authorized amount not to exceed of \$1,272,091

Motion No. M2000-68 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment to the architecture and engineering contract with MBT Architecture for Commuter Rail station design services for the Kent Station in the amount of \$644,682 with a 10% contingency of \$64,468 for a total authorized contract amendment amount of \$709,150. The original contract amount of \$763,333 plus the total contract amendment amount of \$709,150 will result in a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,472,483

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

Action Items

Motion No. M2000-73 – appointing an individual to the Citizen Oversight Panel to fill the position vacated by Bruce Agnew, Snohomish County.

Mr. Earling reported that Mr. Agnew has moved to King County. The Snohomish County delegation was pleased with several highly qualified applicants for his vacated position. Normally this action would first go to the Executive Committee who would act to recommend do-passage by the full Board. However, the deadline for application was 5:00 last Friday and the Executive Committee adjourned at 2:30 and it was not appropriate to take formal action before the deadline. One individual, Ray Gould, is unanimously endorsed by the Snohomish County delegation. Mr. Gould is a former city councilmember and has worked with numerous county committees.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-73 be approved as presented.

Motion No. 2000-74 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a three-year contract with the Wackenhut Corporation for "unarmed" security services for Sounder Commuter Rail (\$3,303,497) and Sound Transit's administration buildings (\$856,732) for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$4,160,230.

Mr. Earling indicated that this motion would normally fall within the Finance Committee authority level. However, the next Finance Committee meeting has been cancelled, so the Board will act on the motion. Action is needed during the month of August in order to have the security services in place in time for Sounder start-up in September.

It was moved by Mr. Schell, seconded by Mr. McIver, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-74 be approved as presented.

Finance Committee Action Items

Mr. Earling announced that the Finance Committee did not have a quorum at its last meeting, so the following items are before the Board for action. Committee members who were present concurred that if the Committee could have acted, members would have recommended Board approval of these items.

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 (YOES) funding contribution toward construction of the SR-99 Improvements Project

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-65 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2000-66 - Authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements to provide up to \$15 million of Sound Transit local funds, including \$3.35 million of Research and Technology funds, to local jurisdictions and transit agencies to complete projects directly relating to Sound Move with repayment from future federal funds or other funding sources

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-66 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2000-69 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Bellevue for the Bellevue Transportation Center Project allocating to the City certain project responsibilities and providing funding not to exceed \$2,521,640 (YOES)

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. White, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-69 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2000-70 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Interagency Agreement with Pierce Transit for the capital investment for the Phase I expansion of the maintenance and operations base in support of ST Express bus service and fleet to be operated and maintained at Pierce Transit. The total authorized amount is not to exceed \$1,000,000.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. White, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-70 be approved as presented.
Executive Committee Action Items

Mr. Earling announced that he was reversing agenda items 7.G. and 7.H. The Board would act on Motion No. M2000-72, followed by Resolution No. R2000-12.

Motion No. M2000-72 - Relating to establishment of a steering committee for the \$50 million Transit-Oriented Community Development Fund for southeast Seattle, providing for associated tasks and procedures, and directing staff to develop Memoranda of Understanding with the City of Seattle and King County identifying their offsetting contributions to the Link Light Rail program

Mr. Earling described the motion to establish a steering committee to formulate recommendations about the \$50 million Transit-Oriented Community Development fund. The steering committee would be composed of ten southeast Seattle community members and five additional representatives – two from the City of Seattle, one from King County, and two from Sound Transit. The motion defines the scope of work in terms of preparing recommendations for staffing needs, the financial plan, an analysis of the market and the needs for funds, policies and procedures, priority and guidelines, geographic boundaries, how it will be governed, and how the Sound Transit Board's fiduciary responsibility will be maintained, while preserving the community-based structure of the fund.

Following a detailed presentation from Ms. Mary Jo Porter, Link Light Rail Deputy Director, she introduced Ms. Diane Davies from the Rainier Valley Transit Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Schell, seconded by Mr. McIver, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-72 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2000-12 - Consenting to accept King County funds generated by a tax ballot measure as related to support of Central Link Light Rail, Sounder Commuter Rail, and Regional Express bus projects

Mr. Earling explained that this resolution would formally state Sound Transit's intent to accept funds raised in a proposed ballot measure by King County. Sound Transit is building a regional transit system. If voters in King County approve such a ballot measure this fall, it would help Sound Transit to build that system sooner and farther. He expressed appreciation for County Executive Sims' enthusiasm for regional transit in addressing traffic congestion. The King County Council will determine if a proposal should be presented to voters in King County.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the majority vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2000-12 be approved as presented. (Mr. McKenna voted in the minority.)

Committee Reports

Mr. Earling announced the deferral of the Transit-Oriented Development Subcommittee report. Mr. McKenna, vice chair of Finance Committee, indicated there was nothing further to report beyond those items the Board already acted on.

Mr. Enslow gave the Central Link Task Force report, because Mr. McIver had to leave the Board meeting early. The task force discussed the First Hill Station architecture and potential TOD development, in addition to the Community Development Fund Steering Committee concept, which the Board adopted earlier.

Mr. Earling reported that there was no further report from the Executive Committee, since the Board had already acted on the committee's recommendations.

Other Business

Mr. Drewel gave an update on government affairs. On the federal front, the full funding grant agreement is expected to be transmitted from the Federal Transit Administration to Congress any time now. The transmission to Congress is a major milestone. On the state front, there is progress on defining the legislative program for next session.

Mr. Crawford acknowledged that Michelle Sandri, administrative specialist for Board Administration, would be leaving Sound Transit. He expressed appreciation for her helpfulness to him, as a relatively new member of the Board. He wished both Michelle and Amy Ebersole farewell.

Mr. Sutherland asked for an update on Sound Transit's response to the anti-light rail article recently published in "Open Spaces" magazine. He expressed displeasure that the article contained misinformation and inaccuracies. Executive Director White responded that at the request of the magazine, a response is being prepared. Once it is completed, it will be provided to Board members and other interested people, so that the misinformation can be corrected.

Ms. Gates reported that she had addressed the South County Chamber of Commerce that morning. The cities of Tukwila, Burien and the City of Sea-Tac were represented. There was good discussion about the station design at Sea-Tac.

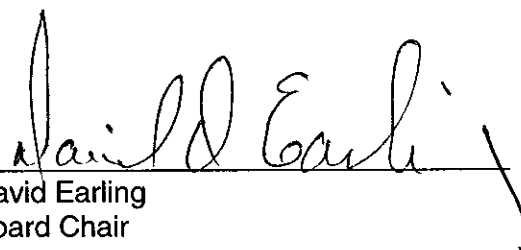
Ms. Davis reported that she had attended a public hearing in South Tacoma. It was very well attended, and people in that neighborhood are very enthusiastic about having commuter rail extended to Lakewood.

Next Meeting


Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2000 - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Union Station Boardroom - Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator