

**Sound Transit
Finance Committee Summary Minutes**

October 5, 2000

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Committee Chair Greg Nickels.

Attendance

(P) Greg Nickels, Chair	(P) Ed Hansen
(P) Rob McKenna, Vice Chair	(A) Kevin Phelps
(P) Jack Crawford	(P) Jim White
(A) Ann Kirk Davis	

Guest: Board member Dave Enslow

Report of the Chair

Mr. Nickels thanked the Finance Committee members who attended the 2001 budget workshop. He indicated that staff would be briefing those members who had been absent.

Finance Director Report

Mr. Hugh Simpson outlined the schedule for the proposed 2001 budget process. The schedule calls for the committee to forward the budget to the board for final approval in November.

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Deputy Executive Director, provided the committee with a briefing on Sound Transit's responses to the impacts of I-695.

Action Items

Motion No. M2000-75 - Increasing the contract contingency fund for Contract Number RTA/CR 56-99 with Merlino Construction Company, Inc., for Phase A construction of the Sounder Commuter Rail Station in Kent. This action will add a contingency amount of \$544,846 (17.1 percent of the original contract value of \$3,178,395) for a new total contract value not to exceed \$4,200,000

Mr. Bob Sundin, Sounder Construction Program Manager, explained the scope and schedule revisions that have depleted the entire authorized contingency approved with the original contract. Four changes are of significant magnitude – the BNSF agreement delay; duct bank construction for future fiber optic cable; building permit required changes; and differing site conditions.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Hansen, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-75 be approved. Mr. White abstained from voting.

Motion No. M2000-94 – Authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contract No. RTA/CR 100-00 with PCL Construction Company for the design and construction of a parking garage at the Auburn Commuter Rail station for an amount not to exceed \$8,327,000 including a ten percent contingency

Ms. Val Batey, Project Development Manager for Sounder Commuter Rail, gave the committee an overview of the motion. She indicated that today's briefing was for information only and that staff would be seeking action at the next Finance Committee meeting.

In response to a question regarding the additional funding that will be needed, Mr. Nickels indicated that the sources of that funding would be included when the motion comes back to the committee in two weeks.

Motion No. M2000-97 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for services toward completion of the design file for the Sound Transit I-5 at Lynnwood Park-and-Ride Lot HOV Ramp Project. The total amount of this task order is \$940,038

Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, announced that Sound Transit received a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on September 26, 2000. Now that the FONSI has been received, the HOV access ramp project will proceed with WSDOT acting as the lead for design and construction.

It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. White, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-97 be approved.

Motion No. M2000-98 – Authorizing the Executive Director to executive a contract with Bucher, Willis, and Ratliff Corporation for \$540,000, plus a 5% contingency reserve of \$27,000, for the agency-wide and Regional Transit Technology Plans and Alternative Transit Technology Assessment Report for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$567,000

The Committee asked that this motion come back for action at the October 19, 2000, meeting.

Motion No. M2000-99 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Golder Associates, Inc., for additional professional geotechnical engineering, borings, lab work, and reports for the Central Link Light Rail line in an amount of \$183,806 plus a 10% contingency of \$18,381, for a total amendment not to exceed \$202,187, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,751,983

Mr. Paul Bay, Link Light Rail Director, explained that additional borings in the Central Link south corridor are required. They are required in order to evaluate the impact of the depth of firm soil and the susceptibility to liquefaction during seismic events.

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-99 be approved.

Motion No. M2000-100 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to exchange up to \$4.04 million of WSDOT's federal Section 5307 Formula Funding currently programmed for improvements to King Street Station for an equivalent amount of Sound Transit local funds

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-99 be approved.

Motion No. M2000-102 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with WebMethods for software and consulting services to implement an integration solution for existing and future applications for a total amount not to exceed \$290,000

Mr. Nickels announced that this item had been pulled from the agenda.

Discussion Items

Full Funding Grant Agreement Briefing

Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Government Relations Manager, provided the committee with highlights of the proposed full funding grant agreement.

Construction Contract for the Kent Garage

Ms. Val Batey, Project Development Manager for Sounder Commuter Rail, provided a status report on the contract award process for the Kent Station Parking Garage. She indicated that staff would return to the Finance Committee to seek authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected contractor for the design and construction of the station.

Next Meeting


Thursday, October 19, 2000, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Union Station Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Adjourn

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.


Greg Nickels
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator