

**Sound Transit  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes  
October 12, 2000**

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. in the meeting room of the Triton Union Building, Edmonds Community College, 20000 - 68th Avenue West, Lynnwood Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember

Vice Chairs

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

(A) 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

(A) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(A) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) 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 member arrived after roll call:

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Earling began his report by introducing Mayor Chuck Mosier of Bellevue and Ms. Joni Earl, Sound Transit's newly appointed Chief Operating Officer.

He mentioned that Board members had been given a copy of the Open Spaces magazine which contained his reponse to a story published a couple months earlier written by Mr. Emory Bundy.

Mr. Earling thanked Mr. Nickels, Mr. Schell, Mr. Sims, Mr. Drewel, and Mr. McIver for joining him at a press conference earlier in the day. He stated that at the press conference, they discussed the Board's commitment to extensive public review and discussion as the Board considers four major upcoming decisions: the design/build tunnel contract, the \$500 million federal grant agreement for Link, the 2001 budget, and an update of the long-term plan of finance.

**Public Comment**

None.

## **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Bob White advised the Board that on October 17, 2000, there would be a public open house on Mercer Island to discuss alternatives for providing two-way access for transit and other high occupancy vehicles (HOVs) on I-90 across Lake Washington.

Mr. White stated that on October 20, 2000, Sound Transit would formally publish the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) examining alternative E4 (the Tukwila Freeway route) for Link light rail.

## **Action Items**

### **Finance Committee Recommendations**

Motion No. M2000-76 - Approving the allocation of unanticipated east King County revenues in the 2001 Budget to provide \$30.5 million (YOE\$) to cover 1999 and 2000 Service Implementation Plans (SIPs), Regional Express Bus needs, and \$18 million to the I-405 at Bellevue Direct Access Project

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Motion No. M2000-76 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels stated that Motion No. M2000-76 would approve the allocation of unanticipated funds from east King County in the 2001 budget to provide for increases in the SIPs. He introduced Mayor Chuck Mosier from Bellevue

Mr. Mosier addressed the Board and advised that the action before them was important to the region, not just Bellevue. He stated that the action before the Board would be a key piece in putting the transportation system together on the Eastside.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-76 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

Motion No. M2000-77 - Reallocating \$18.6 million (1995\$) from the I-5 at 320th, I-5 at 272nd, and Star Lake/Other Federal Way Park-and-Ride Lot Improvements Projects to the Federal Way Transit Center/City Center Project to cover a funding shortfall in that project. This action will also rename three of these projects to better reflect current project scopes

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Phelps that Motion No. M2000-77 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels briefed the Board on the motion stating that the three projects that had a budget excess would become donors to a fourth project that had a \$18.6 million overrun. He advised that the fourth project was a key project in the Federal Way area.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-77 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

## Executive Committee Recommendations

Resolution No. R2000-14 - Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation, by settling condemnation litigation or entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Central Link Light Rail project (Design-Build Contract Segment, from NE 45th St. to Convention place Station), from NE 45th St. to Convention Place Station.)

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Phelps that Resolution No. R2000-14 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Larry Ellington, Senior Real Estate Representative, stated that the property being discussed was a singular piece for sale at 45th and Roosevelt. He advised that the property had been identified as an opportunity for an additional staging area during construction in the University District for the station.

In response to a question from Mr. McIver, Mr. Ellington stated that Sound Transit had talked with the neighborhood, and development and use of the property in the future would be consistent with the neighborhood plan. The property would be used for interim construction staging and then it would be made available for redevelopment.

(Board member Sullivan arrived at this time.)

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R2000-14 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

## Items not Referred by Committee

Resolution No. R2000-13 - Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation, by settling condemnation litigation or entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Central Link Light Rail project E-3 Busway and Maintenance Base.

**It was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Ms. Davis that Resolution No. R2000-13 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Ellington stated that the action would authorize acquisition through settlement or condemnation of 39 properties between Royal Brougham and the location of the maintenance base at the former Rainier Brewery. He stated that there would be 30 property owners affected, 12 at the site of the maintenance base.

Mr. Ellington added that this included some land owned by the City of Seattle, the Department of Transportation, and King County. The reasons for including these properties in this action was that under the Sound Transit Board's adopted policies for acquisition and relocation, agencies are not eligible for relocation benefits without additional action by the Board. He advised that through the action, those agencies would be treated in the same manner as the private property owners.

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R2000-13 was approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

## **Executive Session**

The Board recessed into executive session at 3:15 p.m. in order to discuss with legal counsel a matter of potential litigation. Mr. Earling stated that the session would last approximately 10 minutes and that the Board would then reconvene and finish the agenda items.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:25 p.m.

Motion No. M2000-104 - Authorizing the filing of a Petition to Intervene with the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission in the application of the City of Puyallup objecting to Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway's request to increase passenger and freight train speeds from the Seattle city limits to Tacoma city limits

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Nickels that Motion No. M2000-104 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Morrison commented that in his dealing with a number of similar issues, he had found that in moving through communities, increased speed is usually the number one concern. He added that the most significant way to address safety concerns is to be sure the technology and the conflict point with the automobiles, people, and trains is upgraded to anticipate the speeds, and that had been done in this case.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-104 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

## **Committee Reports**

### Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Subcommittee

Ms. Sullivan stated that the TOD Subcommittee was finishing the work plan for the TOD program and that it would be before the Executive Committee at its next meeting. She also advised the Board that the TOD Subcommittee would be holding a TOD conference on Friday, and she encouraged Board member attendance.

### Finance Committee

Mr. Nickels started his report by mentioning that several Board members were recommending the formation of an independent committee to review the proposed contract for the downtown to University of Washington tunnel and Sound Transit's financial plan. He said the committee would work through the process with the Finance Committee and then the full Board.

Mr. Earling pointed out that there was an interrelationship of four the topics that would be covered by the Board in the next several months: the 2001 budget; the design/build contract; the ten-year financial plan; and the full funding grant agreement (FFGA). He stated that all four issues were interrelated and that the decisions would not be made one independent of the other three. He acknowledged the importance of this work to each Board member and stated that all members of the Board would be kept informed individually and in small groups and that action would be brought to the appropriate committees and full Board in a timely fashion.

He asked for concurrence from the Board that the course being set was agreeable.

There were no objections raised.

Mr. Nickels then reported on the Finance Committee stating that they had held a budget workshop and a follow-up on the 2001 budget which included continuing to look at the impact of I-695 and ridership questions regarding Regional Express.

Central Link (C-Link) Task Force

Mr. McIver announced that the C-Link Task Force had adopted a recommended slate of representatives to oversee the community development fund, with ten community members.

He stated that at noon on October 20, 2000, the C-Link Task Force would be holding a brown bag review of the Capitol Hill sections of the line at the Seattle City Council Chambers. He advised that this was not a forum to debate light rail, but a chance to present what is being considered and to answer questions.

Executive Committee

None.

Other Business

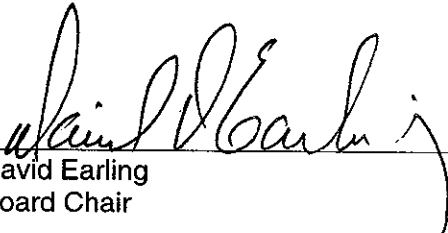
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Next Meeting


Thursday, October 26, 2000 - 2:30 to 4:30 pm.  
Public Hearing on Budget - 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.  
Budget Workshop - 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
401 S. Jackson Street  
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

  
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David Earling  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator