

**Sound Transit
Board Meeting Summary Minutes
October 26, 2000**

Call to Order

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 2:44 p.m. in the Board Room of 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, City of Kenmore Deputy Mayor

(P) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

(A) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

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

The following Board member arrived after roll call:

Ron Sims, King County Executive

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Hanson

(Board member Sims arrived at this time)

Ms. Pat Madison

Mr. Paul Krauss

Mr. Peggy Saari

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling indicated that he received a letter from King County Councilmember Maggie Fimia and that copies of her letter, and his response, were being handed out today.

Executive Director Report

Mr. White stated that as part of today's meeting there will be a presentation on the latest community survey.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of August 10, 2000 Board Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland and seconded by Ms. Gates that the consent agenda be approved.

Mr. McKenna stated that a correction is needed in the last paragraph on page two of the minutes. The name "Mr. Agnes" should be corrected to "Mr. Agnew."

The motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2000 Board meeting, with the correction of Mr. Agnew's name on page two, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Discussion Item

2nd Annual Sound Transit Market Research Survey

Ms. Betty Laurs gave a presentation on Sound Transit's Second Annual Market Research Survey. The purpose of the survey is to gauge support and the progress in implementing Sound Move. Sound Transit will continue to conduct the same survey each year, allowing the tracking of how opinions change over time. The results of the survey help in developing public information and marketing strategies.

Mr. Earling stated that he hoped the report would be made available to the press, the congressional delegation and the legislative delegation. It should also be distributed to other local governments, counties and city governments.

Action Items

Finance Committee Recommendations

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 a contract amount of \$7,110,790 and a 5% contingency of \$355,540 for a total amount not to exceed \$7.466,330

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Phelps that Motion No. M2000-94 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels indicated that Board members who reviewed the first version of today's agenda will note the amount for this contract has been changed from what was distributed. The reasons for these changes are as follows:

1) The contracts have now been negotiated and the actual dollar amounts are reflected. Because there is more certainty now, a smaller contingency is being proposed.

2) The other change is an amendment adopted by the Finance Committee. The original specifications for this project called for approximately 500 parking stalls in a parking structure in Auburn. The proposals came back and there was an alternative with a sixth floor and 100 stall capacity. After a good deal of debate and discussion, the Finance Committee decided that given the Sound Transit mission and the budget pressures in this subarea, going with the original five floor, 500 stall garage was appropriate. That reduced the overall budget by \$650,000.

Ms. Gates stated that she has seen a letter from Auburn Mayor Booth. It is asking the Board to reconsider and allow the City of Auburn and Sound Transit to continue negotiations before the sixth floor of the garage is eliminated.

Mr. McKenna asked Mr. Paul Krauss, City of Auburn Planning Director, whether it is the position of the City that the sixth floor would be paid for by the City of Auburn.

Mr. Krauss responded affirmatively.

Mr. McKenna stated that this is not the information the Finance Committee had before it at its meeting. He further stated that if the City of Auburn is paying for it, we should have the sixth floor of the garage.

Ms. Davis stated that it was the Finance Committee's understanding that the City of Auburn would pay for the retail space, which would be on the first floor, and that Sound Transit would pay for the five floors of parking. Ms. Davis asked Mr. Krauss whether it is correct that the City of Auburn would pay for one floor of parking plus one floor of retail space, and that Sound Transit would pay for the other four floors of parking.

Mr. Krauss responded affirmatively.

Mr. Price stated that Sound Transit has been in a process of long negotiations with the City of Auburn. The City indicated that it would pay for additional parking, if it was an option bid, at a cost of \$6,500 per stall. On that basis, staff felt it was prudent to go forward.

Mr. Nickels stated that if it were the case that the City of Auburn would pay for additional parking, I think the Finance Committee would have agreed. He further stated that this is not what was presented to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee was presented with an additional cost of \$650,000 to Sound Transit.

Mr. Sims asked Mr. Price whether or not it is true that the City of Auburn would pay this additional cost.

Mr. Price responded affirmatively, but that information had not been transmitted clearly to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Earling stated that the next Finance Committee meeting is the same day as the next Board meeting. He would prefer to hold this discussion at the Board level.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Nickels and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-94 be set aside until the November 16, 2000 Board meeting.

Motion No. M2000-95 - Authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute Contract No. RTA/CR 103-00 with PCL Construction Company for the design and construction of a parking garage at

the Kent Commuter Rail Station for a contract amount of \$7,612,805, and a five percent contingency of \$380,640, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,993,445.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. White that Motion No. M2000-95 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels stated that the figures for this contract have changed since materials were distributed. The previous amount was approximately \$8.4 million; the cost is now under \$8 million. The proposal is for a four level garage, with 680 parking stalls. The decision to go with structured parking rather than surface parking is one the Board has dealt with in the past. Land values around the station are increasing significantly because of the station, and the construction of this structure will be a good investment.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-95 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Motion No. M2000-107 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to contract RTA/LR 106-98F with Shannon and Wilson, Inc., for geotechnical engineering services of the Central Link Light Rail project. The action extends the contract period to June 30, 2001, and establishes a contract amendment amount of \$1,093,250 and a 10% contingency of \$109,325, for a total contract amendment amount not to exceed \$1,202,575, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,581,601

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Motion No. M2000-107 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels stated that the Finance Committee reviewed, and recommended approval of Motion No. M2000-107.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-107 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Executive Committee Recommendations

Motion No. M2000-90 - Establishing the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2001 and providing funding in the amount of \$1.03 million

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Enslow that Motion No. M2000-90 be approved as presented.

Ms. Sullivan commented that she strongly recommends the Board endorse this motion.

Mr. Enslow stated that he is very supportive of this concept. He further stated that he hopes Sound Transit will structure the TOD department around people working at Sound Transit and reporting directly to Sound Transit.

Mr. White expressed his support and thanks to the Board. TOD is vital to the City of Kent and with Board approval today, the parking garage will be one of the cornerstones of a 20 acre redevelopment in Kent.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-90 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Mr. Earling thanked Ms. Sullivan for her hard work.

Resolution No. R2000-16 - Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase or by condemnation and to pay eligible relocation and reestablishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction and operation of the Regional Express Lynnwood Transit Center and Park-and-Ride Enhancement Project

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2000-16 be approved as presented.

Items not Referred by Committee

Motion No. M2000-108 - Appointing Claudia Ellsworth to the Citizens Oversight Panel to fill the position vacated by Diane Carlson, Pierce County

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Enslow and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-108 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2000-113 - Establishes and funds the citizens advisory panel to conduct an independent review of the financial, engineering and construction plans and contracts for the proposed financing and construction of a light rail tunnel connecting downtown Seattle to the University District and to advise the Board as to its findings

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Motion No. M2000-113 be approved as presented.

Mr. Earling stated that Sound Transit has been fortunate to have Mr. Norm Rice, the former Mayor of Seattle, agree to chair this committee. This action includes authorization of up to \$500,000 for this work to be accomplished.

Ms. Davis asked if Mr. Rice had a schedule in mind and whether there is a completion date.

Mr. Earling responded by saying that Mr. Rice decided to take the responsibility, and he knew of the timeline involved. He knew it might be 90 days, start to finish.

Ms. Davis asked if Mr. Rice had any idea of how many people he would want on that panel.

Mr. Earling responded by saying that it would probably not be more than nine and that would be Mr. Rice's decision.

Mr. Nickels stated that he is urging a yes vote and wanted to thank Mr. Earling for the leadership on this as well as that of Mr. Sims, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Drewel, Mr. Schell, Mr. McIver and others who have helped to think through how the Board will deal with some very critical decisions in the next 200 days.

Mr. Sims stated that he supports the motion. He also stated that this will be an independent advisory group only. It is not intended to have them make the decision on behalf of the Board. Nor is it the intent to have them assimilate the responsibility for that decision. They will provide the Board with advice.

Mr. Hansen stated that in the middle of the second paragraph on page two it states the panel's conclusions and recommendation "shall be advisory only and shall be limited to an evaluation of, and recommended improvements to, the financial plan, the proposed tunnel contract, and the proposed engineering design and means and methods of construction." He asked whether the Board wanted to include language limiting what this independent panel may look at and evaluate.

Mr. Earling responded by saying the concern is realizing they are working in a very limited amount of time. He stated that he would accept the deletion of the language as a friendly amendment to Motion No. M2000-108.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-108, as amended to remove the language "...and shall be limited to an evaluation of, and recommended improvements to, the financial plan, the proposed tunnel contract, and the proposed engineering design and means and methods of construction", was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Committee Reports

TOD Committee

No report.

Finance Committee

Mr. Nickels reported that the Finance Committee held a public hearing on the 2001 budget and a workshop on the budget for Board members.

He also reported that the Committee reviewed the financial policies in Sound Move, Appendix B. The Committee will begin review of the financial plan supporting the 2001 budget at the November 9 Finance Committee meeting.

C-Link Task Force

No report.

Executive Committee

Mr. Earling reported that the Committee received a briefing on the impacts of Initiative 695 and discussed an approach to negotiate an agreement for a turnkey facility at the Dupont park-and-ride lot.

Government Affairs Task Force

No report.

Other Business


None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2000 - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator