

**Sound Transit  
Finance Committee Summary Minutes**

**October 7, 1999**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:13 p.m. by Vice Committee Chair Mary Gates.

**Attendance**

(A) Greg Nickels, Chair	(P) Rob McKenna
(P) Mary Gates, Vice Chair	(A) Paul Miller
(P) Dave Enslow	(A) Cynthia Sullivan
(P) Ed Hansen	

**Report of the Chair**

None.

**Finance Director's Report**

Ms. Jan Hendrickson, Director of Finance and Administration, gave an update on the architectural and engineering services during the summer and how the purpose was to gather a qualified pool of consultants.

**Discussion of the Proposed 2000 Budget**

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Regional Express, explained planned allocations and expenditures for the year 2000. She stated that with 2000 being the fourth year of the ten-year budget, 17% of the total budget was expected to be spent by the end of 2000. She advised that the biggest change to the bottom line was a result of moving the art program which freed up \$10 million. She stated that five new routes would open in 2000. She clarified changes in projects and project times and mentioned that the changes would require two more full-time employees (FTEs).

Mr. Paul Price, Director of Sounder Commuter Rail, explained that 95% of the Sounder budget for the upcoming year was capital. He discussed what was new within the ten-year capital plan. He advised that a \$13 million increase could be seen for Kent and Auburn. He mentioned that Sounder commuter rail would begin third-quarter 2000. He indicated that the Seattle to Everett line had been put at risk due to the I-695 proposal. He stated that since Sound Transit is not the majority capital partner, the reliance is on WSDOT and Amtrak to fund the project, but I-695 would risk taking away a large portion of WSDOT's funding.

**Discussion of Proposed 2000 Financial Plan**

Ms. Jan Hendrickson, Director of Finance and Administration, informed the committee that the financial plan was based on a 25-year cash flow model and evaluated whether the budget proposed was financially viable. She mentioned that I-695 had potential implications on the revenue stream. She stated that scenarios of excess revenues placed into the operating budget and a scenario with regard to federal funding had been examined. She said that the key assumptions incorporated into the modeling structure had been increased construction costs and that in the future, \$50 million of the East King County subarea's excess revenues would be

programmed for additional service.

Mr. McKenna inquired as to the proposed 2000 vehicles, whether they would be devoted to increased frequency in current routes or toward new routes, and the total number of service hours that Sound Transit would be putting in.

Ms. Govern explained that there was to be another shipment of buses coming in that year which would be a gradual phasing in of the service to new routes and increasing frequency in existing ones.

Mr. McKenna had concern with the Mercer Island allocation in the 2000 budget as there had not been an alternative source of funding defined yet.

Ms. Hendrickson noted that the project mentioned was not included in the budget and would not be included until more reliable numbers could be met.

**Motion No. M99-63 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute six separate contracts for professional services for architecture, landscaping and urban design services for the Central Link light rail project**

**It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by unanimous vote of members present that Motion No. M99-63 be approved as presented.**

**Motion No. M99-64 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for three low-floor light rail vehicles with Inekon Group in the amount of \$7,547,907 plus a 10% contingency of \$816,932, as well as payment of Washington State Sales Tax of \$621,415**

Mr. Bay explained that the trains are of high quality, are actually built by Scota and are protected under insurance bonds.

**It was moved by Mr. Enslow, seconded by Mr. Hansen, and carried by unanimous vote of members present that Motion No. M99-64 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

**Motion No. M99-65 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for Acquisition/Relocation/Project Management Services for Central Link Light Rail with Universal Field Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000)**

Mr. John Goforth, Senior Real Estate Representative, broke down the list of contractors and went over the motion with the committee.

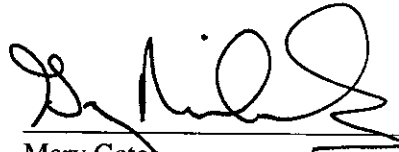
**It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by unanimous vote of members present that Motion No. M99-65 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

**Adjourn**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.


**Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 21, 1999 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the Sound Transit Board Meeting Room on the 4th floor at 1100 2nd Avenue.



Mary Gates  
Finance Committee ~~Vice~~ Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator