

**Sound Transit  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes  
October 14, 1999**

**Call to Order**

Board Vice Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. in the auditorium of the Seattle Art Museum, 100 University Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(A) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

Vice Chairs

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Board Members

(A) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

(P) 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

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(A) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(A) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

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

The following Boardmembers arrived after roll call:

David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

Ron Sims, King County Executive

**Public Comment**

The following individuals presented comments to the Board (comments are on file with the Board Administrator):

Mr. John Palmer

Mr. John Lazer

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Earling stated that the Board would be working from a revised agenda adding Resolution No. R99-32.

(Board member Morrison arrived at this time.)

**Executive Director Report**

Mr. Bob White mentioned that Sound Transit's environmental impact statement (EIS) would be released later in the month to support the Board's decision in November.

## Consent Agenda

Minutes of July 8, 1999; July 22, 1999; and August 26, 1999

**The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the period July 1 through July 31, 1999, totaling \$16,749,647.86.**

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

## Action Items

**Resolution No. R99-32 - 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 "protective acquisition" during pending environmental review of the Central Link Light Rail Project**

Mr. Earling explained that Resolution No. R99-32 was faxed to Board members earlier in the week. He stated that the action would normally go to the Executive Committee first, but because of the timing of the October meetings, it was being brought directly to the Board.

Mr. John Goforth, Senior Real Estate Representative, stated that Resolution No. R99-32 would authorize the purchase of the former Rainier Brewery site for a maintenance base. He stated that the FTA gave approval on September 24, 1999, to go ahead with the acquisition.

Mr. Enslow questioned whether the property included both sides of Airport Way.

Mr. Goforth answered that the acquisition would be for the west side. He added that depending on which maintenance site was chosen, additional property would be added either to the south or the east of the parcel.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Russell that Resolution No. R99-32 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels stated that the acquisition would give Sound Transit an opportunity to shape an option with less impact in terms of displacement.

Mr. Sims expressed concern for the small businesses in the area that depend on each other. He said it would be difficult for them to move.

Mr. McKenna commented that he visited the area and saw the relationship of one business to another. He stated that if the federal government requirements were different, he would favor a site farther south. However, of the sites looked at, this seemed to be the best.

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R99-32 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

## Finance Committee Recommendations

**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**

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that Motion No. M99-64 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels stated that Motion No. M99-64 was a significant milestone for the Tacoma Link light rail system by providing for the manufacture and delivery of three light rail vehicles by October 2001.

**Motion No. M99-64 was approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

**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)**

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. McIver that Motion No. M99-65 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels explained that Motion No. M99-65 would authorize acquisition, relocation, and project management services for up to 1,000 parcels between the University District and SeaTac. He stated that the Universal Field Services, Inc. firm would act as the prime consultant, but participation by minority/women/disadvantaged business enterprises would represent 26% of the work.

Mr. Schell expressed his desire that the City of Seattle be involved in relocation issues.

Mr. Goforth indicated that the contract allows for University Field Services, Inc. to work with the City of Seattle to relocate businesses.

Mr. Schell questioned what assurance the Board will have that the contract is working.

Mr. Goforth stated that Universal Field Services will be co-located with Sound Transit and will report directly to Sound Transit staff.

Mr. Bob White, Executive Director, assured the Board that Sound Transit staff would carefully manage the work being done by Universal Field Services. He also stated that the City of Seattle would be actively involved to assure the needs of the community were met.

Mr. Russell asked if staff knew the total value of the parcels.

Mr. Goforth responded that rough estimates had been made based on preliminary appraisals.

Mr. Russell asked to receive the estimates.

Mr. Schell commented that if the Board approved this motion, it would be a huge granting of authority for a sensitive piece of work. He asked that the Board be kept advised on the situation; he emphasized that this would not mean the Board is not interested in this issue.

Mr. Sims requested a meeting with the principals of Universal Field Services to discuss the sensitivity to cultures in this diverse area.

Mr. Bob White assured Mr. Sims that staff would respond to his request. He stated that he would like the opportunity to come back at a future meeting and identify alternatives to establish ongoing oversight of project management and project implementation.

Mr. McIver stated that he met with some principals of the Universal Field Services firm in southeast Seattle. He remarked that they have an interest similar to that of the Board's. He stated his concern with property acquisition.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M99-65 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee**

Mr. Nickels commented that the Finance Committee was developing the 2000 budget and financial plan. He indicated that a draft proposal would be presented to the Board at its October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Nickels stated that the Committee also approved six separate professional contracts for Central Link light rail.

**Other Business**

None.

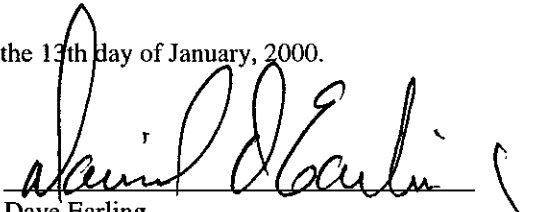
**Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 28, 1999  
Puget Sound Regional Council  
1011 Western Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Seattle, Washington

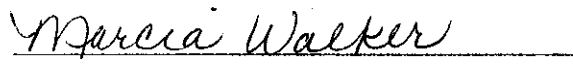
**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Sound Transit Board of Directors on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

  
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Dave Earling  
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator