

**Sound Transit  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes  
October 28, 1999**

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Paul Miller called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m. in the fifth floor Boardroom of the Puget Sound Regional Council, 1011 Western Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

**Chair**

(P) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

**Vice Chairs**

(A) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember  
(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

**Board Members**

(P) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember	(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary
(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive	(P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember
(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember	(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor
(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember	(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive
(P) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember	(A) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember
(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor	(P) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive
(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember	(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor
(A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember	

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

The following Boardmember arrived after roll call:

Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

**Public Comment**

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

Mr. Martin Durkin  
Mr. David Petrie  
Mr. George Curtis  
Mr. Frank Metheny  
Ms. Angela Ford

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Miller stated that the Board would be working from a revised agenda. He explained that item 9G had been deferred to a future meeting and that at the end of the meeting an executive session would be convened to discuss negotiations on the project labor agreement.

**Executive Director Report**

Mr. White stated that the Sound Transit staff would be moving into the Union Station offices over the weekend.

Mr. White reminded Board members that beginning the following week, Link light rail would be holding three community forums. He stated that Mr. Nickels would be chairing the forums in Tukwila and the University District, and Mr. McIver would be chairing the forum in the Rainier Valley. He encouraged Boardmembers to attend one or more of the forums.

### Consent Agenda

#### Minutes of September 9, 1999, Board Meeting

Mr. Russell asked for a correction to the minutes to reflect his attendance.

**It was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of September 9, 1999, Board meeting be approved as corrected by Mr. Russell.**

### Action Items

**Motion No. M99-75 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding establishing cooperation between Sound Transit, Port of Everett, City of Mukilteo, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and City of Everett for the acquisition of the Mukilteo Tank Farm property from the United States Air Force through the Department of Defense surplus property process**

**It was moved by Mr. Sutherland and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Motion No. M99-75 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Barry Hennelly, Project Manager, stated that the City of Everett, the City of Mukilteo, and the Port of Everett would like to have the agreement acted on so they could proceed with their local agreements of understanding.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M99-75 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

### Executive Committee Recommendations

**Motion No. M99-68 - Establishing a timeline for the launch of the Sounder commuter rail services in the Tacoma-to-Seattle corridor**

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Davis that Motion No. M99-68 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Price explained that when the Motion was brought before the Executive Committee, the various options for launching service were: Option #1, one round trip within four months of signing an agreement with BNSF; Option #2, starting three round trips within 11-13 months after signing an agreement; and Option #3 which would implement the entire nine trips over a short period after February 2001. He said there was concern by the Executive Committee as to what assurance BNSF had given should Option #2 be chosen. Therefore, the committee had directed staff to negotiate into the contract a specific startup date for the three round trips. If this could not be done, staff would report back and the Executive Committee would give further directions on whether to try to implement one train sooner or hold off for another starting date.

Mr. Miller stated that the action was reviewed by the Executive Committee and Option #2 was recommended for approval as modified below:

**Launch a modified approach Option 2. This option would introduce the Sounder commuter rail service with three roundtrips per day on the Tacoma-to-Seattle route, provided that the Sound Transit/Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway capital and operating agreement approved by the Board through Resolution No. R99-22 (August 26, 1999) specifies a commitment that service will begin in September 2000. Staff is directed to inform the Board as soon as possible if a September 2000 service launch date cannot be met. If Burlington**

Northern does not commit to a 2000 start-up date, the Board will reconsider Option #1.

The motion to approve Motion No. M99-68, as recommended by the Executive Committee, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

(Mr. Schell arrived at this time.)

**Resolution No. R99-31 - A Resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority terminating its status as a participating employer in the Public Employees' Retirement System and authorizing the Executive Director to take administrative action to effectuate such termination**

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R99-31 be approved as presented.

#### Finance Committee Recommendations

**Motion No. M99-72 - Authorizing the Executive Director to exercise an option to an existing contract with Bombardier Transit Corporation (Bombardier) for the purchase of additional passenger coaches necessary for the operation of the Tacoma-to-Seattle commuter rail segment. This contract option will supply up to ten (10) passenger coaches at a cost not to exceed \$20,427,702, including applicable taxes**

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Motion No. M99-72 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels stated that the Finance Committee had reviewed the motion and approval was recommended.

The motion to approve Motion No. 99-72 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

**Motion No. M99-73 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Bellevue Direct Access Project Agreement with the Washington State Department of transportation for final design of improvements to SE 8th Street interchange, interim improvements to NE 6th Street between 110th and 112th Avenues NE, and improvements at the intersection of NE 8th Street and 112th Avenue NE for an amount not to exceed \$1,892,094.**

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Davis that Motion No. M99-73 be approved as presented.

Mr. Russell questioned whether Sound Transit's commitment would increase with the passage of this action.

Ms. Govern answered that Sound Transit's commitment would remain at \$66 million in 1995 dollars.

The motion to approve Motion No. M99-73 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

**Motion No. M99-74 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Bellevue for cost sharing or extending NE 2nd Street from 112th Avenue NE to 114th Avenue NE for mitigating street impacts as related to the Bellevue Direct Access Project**

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that Motion No. M99-74 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels stated that the City of Bellevue had proposed that design and right of way for NE 2nd be incorporated into the improvements on NE 112th improvements already underway. He said this action would allow that to occur.

The motion to approve Motion No. M99-74 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

#### Committee Reports

##### Public and Government Affairs Committee

Ms. Walker indicated that Mr. Earling had requested his report be deferred to the next Board meeting.

Executive Committee

Mr. Miller advised that Mr. Earling had chaired the last Executive Committee meeting in his absence. He stated that in addition to the action items presented to the Board, the committee received a briefing on the I-90 two-way transit operations, a status report on the project labor agreement, and a report on the economic development program.

Finance Committee

Mr. Nickels reported that in addition to the three action items presented to the Board, the committee's focus has been on the 2000 budget and financing plan. He advised that the Committee intended to finish budget deliberations on November 4 and would present its recommendations on November 18.

Executive Session

The Board went into executive session at 4:05 p.m. to discuss the project labor agreement negotiations and reconvened open session at 4:25 p.m.

Other Business

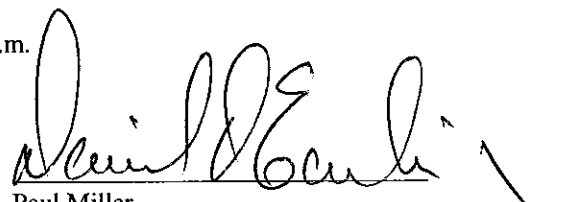
None.

Next Meeting


Thursday, November 18, 1999  
Sound Transit Board Room  
Union Station  
410 Jackson  
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was called back to order and adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

  
Paul Miller  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

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