# Sound Transit Finance Committee Summary Minutes

#### **December 2, 1999**

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Committee Chair Greg Nickels.

#### **Attendance**

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

(A) Ed Hansen

#### Report of the Chair

None.

## **Finance Director's Report**

Ms. Jan Hendrickson, Director of Finance and Administration, announced to the committee members that she would be leaving Sound Transit at the end of the year.

Motion No. M99-76 — Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Engineered Plastics, Inc for supply and delivery of tactile tiles to be used on six (6) commuter rail station platforms, in an amount not to exceed \$353,197, with an additional contingency amount of 10% (\$35,320), for a total amount of \$388,517 Supply and Delivery of Tactile Tile

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-76 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M99-87 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Entranco for final design and construction management support for the Bellevue Transportation Center project in an amount not to exceed \$1,270,000 as well as a 10% contract contingency of \$127,000

Ms. Linda Smith, Project Manager of Capital Projects, gave background on the motion.

Mr. McKenna stated that the nearby Presbyterian Church was offering property that could be developed for parking and might be less expensive and more advantageous for both parties.

Ms. Smith agreed that Sound Transit would look into the alternative parking area at the Presbyterian Church.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-87 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M99-89 – Approving a funding request of \$201,400 to support the Regional Transportation Education Program in accordance with Sound Transit's economic development program to encourage

#### increased local economic benefits

Mr. Alec Stephens, Diversity Program Manager, gave background on the motion.

Dr. David Mitchell, President of the South Seattle Community College, spoke in support of the motion saying that it would help increase living wages and jobs for people in the area.

Mr. Stephens explained that all subareas would be approached and given equal ability for their respective education centers to have participation in the program.

Mr. Enslow questioned which transportation agencies would benefit from the programs and how they would have funding supplemented with the passing of I-695.

Mr. Stephens noted that they were in the process of applying for several grants and that all transportation agencies would have access to the training programs.

Ms. Gates proposed a friendly amendment that the wording be changed from "3 county area" to "the 5 subareas."

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by majority vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-89 be approved as amended. (Ms. Sullivan voted in the minority.)

Motion No. M99-90 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract change order on Contract Number RTA/CR 30-97b with Anil Verma Associates for commuter rail station design services for the Sounder commuter rail station in Auburn to increase the total contract amount available by \$61,939, which includes \$7,303 in contingency, to a new total value not to exceed \$691,016 to fund the completion of the Phase I design revisions and the completion of the Phase II design concept study for the parking garage at the Auburn Commuter Rail Station project

It was moved by Mr. Enslow, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-90 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M99-91 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute contracts for Information and Telecommunications Technology Consulting Services with Seitel Leeds and Associates and Moss Bay Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 over a two-year period

Mr. Ayele Dagne, Information Services Manager, advised that funding would go towards application design, new services, information security, maintenance of existing information systems services, and would provide quick expertise in complex computer areas.

Ms. Sullivan noted that her personal experience had seen such services quickly become a financial hole due to lack of oversight on the necessity of projects.

Mr. Dagne noted that a committee would be formed for deciding the priority of investments and inclusion in the decision making process.

Ms. Hendrickson noted expenditures would be closely reviewed.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-91 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M99-92 – Authorizing the Executive Director to amend the printing contracts for Reprographics Northwest, and Zebra Printing, to increase the amount from \$1,020,000 to an amount not to exceed \$2,620,000

Ms. Hendrickson noted that the amended motion was defined to represent an increase in funding of \$1.6 million.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-92 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M99-81 – Authorizing the Executive Director to exercise an option to an existing contract with Bombardier Transit Corporation (Bombardier) for the purchase of the final ten additional passenger coaches, necessary for the operation of the Everett-to-Seattle commuter rail segment. This contract option will supply up to ten (10) passenger coaches at a cost not to exceed \$19,736,144 following receipt of the Record of Decision

Mr. Price presented the motion and explained the necessity of exercising Sound Transit's option to purchase the ten coaches.

Mr. Nickels asked what would occur if the FTA did not authorize the Everett to Seattle Commuter Rail line.

Mr. Price explained that the passenger coaches could be federalized or an arrangement could be negotiated with Amtrak to lease the coaches. He added that the worst case scenario would require selling the coaches, but he stated that this would not be difficult since they hold a high resale value.

Mr. McKenna inquired as to the level of service and the delivery date of the coaches.

Mr. Price replied that the Lakewood to Seattle commuter would see 18 trips a day, with the Everett to Seattle run experiencing 12 trips a day. He said the coaches would be scheduled to arrive before December 2001.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-81 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M99-82 – Authorizing the Executive Director to exercise an option to an existing contract with the Electro-Motive Division of the General Motors Corporation for the purchase of the final five additional locomotives, necessary for the operation of the Everett-to-Seattle commuter rail segment. This contract option will supply up to five (5) locomotives at a cost not to exceed \$15,487,908

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-82 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M99-86 – Authorizing the reallocation of \$2.66 million (1995 dollars) from the Lynnwood Transit Center/Park-and-Ride Connector Project (the "Connector Project") to the Regional Express Lynnwood Project grouping, specifically the Lynnwood Transit Center Project

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Regional Express, gave a presentation on the motion to reallocate \$2.66 million from the Lynnwood Transit Center to the Regional Express Lynnwood Project.

Mr. Nickels inquired as to why structured parking was not being looked at considering that it would be \$3 million less expensive.

Ms. Govern explained that future limitations on expansion would be seen and that placement of an entry ramp to a parking structure would be too close to the transit center and would cause safety issues.

Ms. Sullivan stated that she was hesitant to make a decision on expanding the footprint of the station by almost two times without having more in-depth information.

The motion was deferred until the next Finance Committee meeting on January 6, 2000.

Motion No. M99-88 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute the First Supplemental Agreement to the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Everett for the Pacific Avenue Overpass Project reallocating to the City certain project lead responsibilities and providing funding not to exceed \$17,118,313

Ms. Vicki Canard, Project Manager, gave a presentation on the motion.

Mr. Nickels asked if the project is already assumed in the 2000 budget.

Ms. Canard replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Govern stated that in the interest of full disclosure, from conversations with Mayor Hansen's staff, Sound Transit had learned that if the Mayor were present at the meeting, he would be making the point that additional money remains in the project budget and should unforeseen circumstances arise, he would propose using that money.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M99-88 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

#### Adjourn

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, January 6, 2000 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at Union Station Board Room in the Great Hall, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker

**Board Administrator** 

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