

**Sound Transit  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes  
December 14, 2000**

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. in the Board Room, Union Station, 401 South 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) 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

(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(A) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Renee Montgelas, representing Sid Morrison,  
WSDOT Secretary

(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, indicated a quorum of the Board was present.

**Public Comment**

The following individuals presented comments to the Board. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Mr. Roger Pence

Governor Booth Gardner

Ms. Maggie Fimia, King County

Councilmember

Mr. Nick Licata, Seattle City Council

Mr. Aubrey Davis

Mr. Arthur McDonell

Ms. Jean Amick

Mr. Bill LaBarde

Mr. Peter Coates

Mr. Matt Griffin

Ms. Patricia Paschal

Mr. Hans Aschenbach

Ms. Amanda McCloskey (written testimony)

Mr. Michael Richmond

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. George Curtis

Mr. Michael Weidler

Mr. Linda Anderson

Mr. David Ward

Mr. Randy Johnson

Mr. Art Lewellan

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Earling commented on the Board workshop held prior to the board meeting, (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.) concerning staff responses to Motion No. M2000- 117 and the briefing book presented to Board members on Central Link Light Rail.

Mr. Earling announced that this was the last meeting that Mr. Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive, would be attending as a board member, and presented him with a plaque recognizing his service and leadership as a member of the ST Board.

Mr. Sutherland thanked the Board and announced that the Pierce Council adopted a resolution appointing John Ladenburg, the incoming Peirce County Executive to the Sound Transit Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2001.

### **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Bob White, Executive Director, thanked Mr. Sutherland for his work.

Mr. White announced that Sound Transit had reached an agreement with Burlington Northern for Sounder to provide a mid-day trip home for riders of commuter rail, in the event of a snow storm.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of October 12, October 26, and November 16, 2000 Board Meetings

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for October 2000 totaling \$26, 623,411.31.

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

### **Action Items**

Finance Committee Recommendations

Mr. Nickels asked that the Board consent to address Resolution No. R2000-17 prior to Motion No. M2000-128.

Resolution No. R2000-17 - Adopting an annual budget for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2001

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Sims and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2000-17 be approved as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

Motion No. M2000-128 - Authorizing the Executive Director to implement additional service on Route 574 effective February 2001 and to implement a modification to the service phasing schedule for Route 574 in the 2000 Service Implementation Plan

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Sims that Motion No. M2000-128 be approved as presented.**

Ms. Gates proposed the following amendment to Motion No. M2000-128: "Staff is hereby assigned to recommend an appropriate funding approach for the service change and bring it to the Board for consideration in the 2002 Service Implementation Plan. This funding approach should include but not be limited to the alternatives presented at the December 7, 2000 Finance Committee meeting, as well as creation of a funding partnership with those requesting services." Ms. Gates noted that the hours of service are outside Sound Transit's usual service hours, but well within the partnership assumptions in the same voter approved measure.

**Ms. Gates amendment to Motion No. M2000-128 motion was seconded by Mr. Enslow, and approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2000-128 as amended was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

Board Direction on Link Light Rail Program

Mr. Earling announced that the Board would discuss the Link Light Rail program before acting on the Executive Committee recommendations.

**It was moved by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mr. Nickels that the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority direct that the Executive Director provide the following for the January 11, 2001 Board of Directors meeting:**

- Report on stakeholder input received via the outreach plan.
- Opportunities for reducing bus volumes downtown.
- Detailed work plan for the value engineering/constructability review and schedule implications between January and July 2001.
- Central Link Technical Advisory Committee membership, work program, and schedule.
- Proposed amendments to the Full Funding Grant Agreement.
- Cost breakdown in year-of-expenditure dollars related to the proposed schedule change.
- Implications on Phase II by the proposed schedule change for the Link project in the North and South King subarea.
- Recommendations to improve agency project control functions.
- Recommendations to ensure greater openness and transparency of Sound Transit's actions.

Further the Board requests the Finance Committee to schedule a special meeting prior to the Board's January 11, 2001 meeting to review the financial affordability plan and the analysis from the peer review panel. In addition, to consider and make a recommendation to the full Board on the concept of an audit subcommittee.

Mr. Sims stated that it is important on January 11 that the Board take up the FFGA and have discussions on amendments. Mr. Sims also said that he realizes that he is asking for a lot of work to be done, such as the establishment of a technical committee, along with information on year-to-date expenditures and implications of the new Phase I budget and timeline on Phase II. Mr. Sims said he believes it is critical that the Board have that information in order to make a decision on the FFGA at its January 11, 2001 meeting.

**The motion was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

Ms. Sullivan presented a motion to revise Resolution No. R2000-11 to change the deadline from December 21, 2000 to Spring 2001, as the Board would not be able to take action by the original deadline. Resolution R2000-11 identifies 8th Avenue and 12th Avenue in the Roosevelt area as the two potential alignment options for the light rail segment, and sets a deadline of December 21, 2000 to select the final alignment.

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the selection of the 8th Avenue or 12th Avenue final alignment between the University District, the Roosevelt District and the Northgate Transit Center be made in Spring 2001.**

## Executive Committee Recommendations

Motion No. M2000-110 A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting the 2001 State Legislative Program

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-110 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2000-122 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma regarding the construction and operation of commuter rail facilities located in City of Tacoma rail right of way. The Agreement facilitates the design and construction of improvements necessary for the operation of commuter rail service on the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division corridor in order to begin serving the permanent Tacoma Dome Sounder Station. The Agreement includes a monthly payment to the City of Tacoma of \$1,500 per track mile for maintenance and a fee for delay costs, to be mutually determined and agreed upon, associated with Passenger rail service impacts to freight service

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-122 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2000-123 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a "Property Construction Agreement" between Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma regarding the construction of an interconnection (including switches, track and signals) between the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway mainline and the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division at Reservation Junction. This agreement grants access to, and allows Sound Transit or its agents to make improvements to, property owned by the City of Tacoma

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2000-123 be approved as presented.**

## Committee Reports

### Central Link Task Force

No report.

### Finance Committee

Mr. Nickels reported that the committee approved the following:

- An agreement with Pierce Transit for operation/maintenance of the Tacoma Dome station;
- A contract for construction of a Link maintenance facility;
- Authorized the Executive Director to purchase track power substations for Link;
- Authorized the Executive Director to enter contracts with temporary employment firms and the City of Seattle. Our reliance on temporary services is down significantly;
- Adopted a change order on the Sumner and Puyallup commuter rail stations;
- Authorized an agreement with the Department of Transportation regarding ST's Mercer Island/I-90 project, considering whether or not to designate a preferred alternative but analysis must be done;
- Entered an agreement with DOT for Translake project environmental work;
- Entered an agreement with DOT regarding widening bridges on I-5 at S. 272nd and Meridian Road in Kent and Federal Way.

He indicated that the committee will be discussing the suggestion of an audit subcommittee.

While the The Finance Committee was not scheduled to meet on January 4, the committee will meet prior to the January 11 Board meeting to review the financial affordability plan and the peer review panel's analysis, as requested in Mr. Sims' motion.

Executive Committee

No further report.

Government Affairs Task Force

No report.

Transit-Oriented Development Subcommittee

No report.

**Other Business**

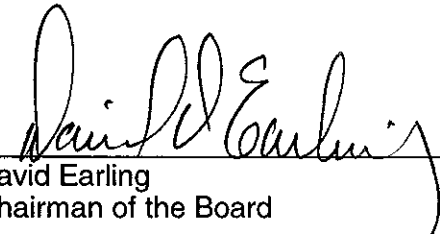
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**Next Meeting**

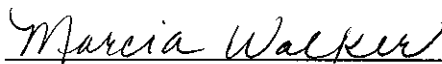
Thursday, January 11, 2001 - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
401 South Jackson Street  
Seattle, Washington

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
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David Earling  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

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