

**Sound Transit  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes  
January 25, 2001**

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. in the Board Room, Union Station, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Council President

Vice Chairs

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Board Members

(P) Jack Crawford, City of Kenmore Deputy Mayor

(P) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(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. Alan Deright

Ms. Barbara Culp

Ms. Rebecca Sliva

Mr. George Curtiss

Mr. Chris Lehman

Mr. Brian Kerns, Mercer Island Deputy Mayor

Ms. Connie Marshall, Bellvue Deputy Mayor

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Earling indicated that the Board would be working from a revised agenda. He said that both the Tacoma Link construction contract and the selection of the Tukwila light rail alignment have been deferred to the next Board meeting and an executive session had been added to the agenda.

Mr. Earling announced that Board member John Ladenburg had been appointed to serve on the Executive Committee and the Government Affairs Task Force.

Mr. Earling recognized Mr. Bob White's resignation as Executive Director and thanked him for his leadership.

## **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Bob White commented on his resignation and thanked the Board, staff, and other individuals who have been important to Sound Transit.

## **Action Items**

**Motion No. M2001-07 – Providing direction on the approach for completing the analysis of the three build alternatives for the I-90 Two-Way Transit Operations Project**

**It was moved by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Gates that Motion No. M2001-07 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Earling advised the Board members that at the December 1, 2000, Executive Committee meeting, the Committee voted to table a motion that directed staff to identify Sound Transit's preferred alternatives for the I-90 Two-Way Transit Operations project to the Mercer Island/I-90 Steering Committee for the purposes of the environmental analysis.

He said that Motion No. M2001-07 was a new motion which addressed the same project. Motion No. M2001-07 would direct staff to compile a project report that includes environmental information on all three alternatives and defers the identification of a preferred alternative until the Board has the report.

Ms. Govern gave a briefing on Motion No. M2001-07. She said that after listening to Board members, representatives of the City of Seattle, the King County Council, environmental groups, and the bike community, it became clear that the Board needed additional information to make a decision on the preferred alternative. She said that by carrying forward all three build alternatives in the analysis, more information could be provided to the Board to make a decision on which environmental process to use, whether an environmental assessment or an EIS, and selection of a preferred alternative.

Mr. McKenna spoke in favor of the motion stating that the King County Council had reviewed the motion and supported moving all three build alternatives forward without identifying a preferred alternative.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-07 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

## **Consent Agenda**

**The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the month of November 2000 totaling \$25,400,546.52**

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

**Resolution No. R2001-02 – Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase or by condemnation and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction**

and operation of the Regional Express Bellevue Direct Access N.E. 8<sup>th</sup>/I-405 Interchange Project

Mr. Earling advised that because the Executive Committee did not hold its last meeting, Resolution No. R2001-02 was coming directly to the Board for action.

**It was moved by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Gates that Resolution No. R2001-02 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Don Vogt, Senior Real Estate Representative, stated that the fundamental purpose of the project was to make a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) connection from I-405 in Bellevue to the Bellevue transit center. To make this a reality, the north/south lanes will have to be spread apart so the the lead HOV ramps can be constructed, allowing an over ramp on to NE 6th to the transit center. He stated this will mean acquiring properties on 112th west of I-405 and on the east side on 116th.

Mr. Nickels asked how many parcels would be purchased.

Mr. Vogt said there were 12 parcels involved.

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R2001-02 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

**Other Business**

Mr. Sims commented on Mr. White's resignation. He stated that the next 90 to 120 days would be critical and a smooth transition would be important. He proposed entering into a severance agreement with Mr. White so that he will continue to be available to provide information.

**It was moved by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mr. White that the Board Chair be authorized to enter into a severance agreement with Mr. White to make his services available after his resignation in order to assist the Board, staff and future Executive Director as necessary with appropriate transition activities. The agreement should provide for payment of Mr. White's salary, accrued vacation, sick leave and other benefits provided to employees upon resignation.**

Mr. McKenna stated that there wasn't an effective date in Mr. White's resignation. He was in agreement that Mr. White's assistance would be needed for the transition, but he questioned when the transition would begin.

Mr. Drewel answered that a February 1, 2001, date had been discussed. Mr. Sims's motion would give the Board guidance to move to a conclusion as soon as possible.

**The motion authorizing the Board Chair to enter into a severance agreement with Mr. White to make his services available after his resignation in order to assist the Board, staff and future Executive Director as necessary with appropriate transition activities was carried by the unanimous vote of Board members present.**

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Earling stated that the Board would enter into an executive session for 40 minutes in the Concourse Room to discuss two separate matters: (1) to evaluate the qualifications of candidates to serve as the Acting Executive Director of Sound Transit, and (2) to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding potential litigation. He stated that any final action on these matters would be taken in open session after the executive session

The Board recessed into executive session at 3:48 p.m.

(Board member Schell arrived at this time.)

The Board reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Earling advised that the Board had only undertaken the first part of its executive session.

**It was moved by Mr. Enslow, seconded by Mr. White, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Board adopt a process and accept nominations for the position of Acting Executive Director and that each Board member cast one vote for the candidate so nominated.**

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Mr. Crawford that the Board accept Mr. White's resignation with the same respect it was tendered, effective this afternoon at 5:00 p.m., and place Ms. Joni Earl's name in nomination of the position of Acting Executive Director of Sound Transit.**

**It was moved by Mr. McIver and seconded by Ms. Gates that the nominations be closed.**

**The motion to accept Mr. White's resignation with the same respect it was tendered, effective this afternoon at 5:00 p.m., and to name Ms. Joni Earl as Acting Executive Director of Sound Transit was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

Mr. Earling announced that the Board would recess into executive session again to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding potential litigation. The executive session is expected to last approximately ten minutes.

The Board recessed into executive session at 4:20, and after two, ten-minute extensions of its executive session, was called back to order at 4:54 p.m.

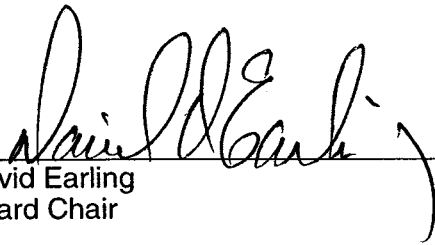
Mr. Earling stated that there would be no further action taken by the Board at this meeting, and that all Committee reports would be deferred the next Board meeting.

**Next Meeting**

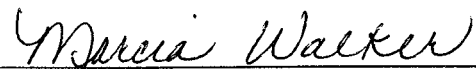
Thursday, February 8, 2001 - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Tacoma Landmark Convention Center  
47 St. Helens Avenue  
Tacoma, Washington

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

  
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David Earling  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator