

**Sound Transit  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes  
March 8, 2001**

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 2:47 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

(A) 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

(A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(A) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(A) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(A) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor

Ron Sims, King County Executive

**Public Comment**

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

Board members Drewel, Phelps, and Sims arrived during public comment.

Mr. Don Shaefer

Ms. Philip Grega

Ms. George Curtis

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. David Ward

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Earling announced that today was Mr. Denny Fleenor's last day with Sound Transit, and thanked him for his work. Mr. Fleenor was one of original 23 staff members of the agency.

**Executive Director Report**

Ms. Joni Earl, Acting Executive Director, gave her report. Ms. Earl announced that the Sumner Station Celebration would be on Saturday, March 10, 2001, although the station has been opened previously, and that the Tuckwila station would be opening Monday, March 12, 2001, six months earlier than scheduled.

Ms. Earl reported that the Project Review Committee (PRC) , Chaired by Mr. Charles Royer, held its first meeting on March 7, 2001. The meeting was used to provide background on the issues and the project. The membership of the committee is evolving, and the PRC will bring a motion to the board to address their recommendations for committee membership and scope of work. Ms. Earl said that she would be working with Mr. John Howell and Mr. Chris Lund who are providing staff support to the committee and providing updates to the board.

### **Citizen's Oversight Panel Report**

Mr. Reid Shockey, Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP), introduced Mr. Art Carter, COP Vice Chair, and presented the panel's year end report for 2000. Mr. Shockey outlined the major areas of the COP report.

The COP report finds that in the area of project management, Sound Transit has failed to control its budget and schedules, and that the agency is not fully utilizing its multimillion dollar financial control software. The report also finds that the public is not convinced that the Sound Transit Board is acting fast enough to hold management accountable.

Mr. Shockey said that the COP report also acknowledges positive steps being taken by Sound Transit, such as appointing interim management, signing the \$500 million Full Funding Grant Agreement, development of a new work plan, and the creation of the Project Review Committee. The report also acknowledges that the commencement of Sounder Commuter Rail service, the addition of three new Regional Express bus routes, as well as progress on numerous capital projects were all fostering public awareness of Sound Transit services. The report recognizes the dedication of Sound Transit staff.

Mr. Shockey stated that the COP will be more proactive in the future, and feels that they would perform their role better if they were providing input into Board decisions as they were being made, not after they have been made.

Mr. Earling thanked Mr. Shockey for the COP's report, and stated that the Board and staff would continue their efforts to regain the public's trust.

Mr. Ladenburg, commented that the report was well done, and that he was concerned that there was only one representative from Pierce County on the COP.

Mr. Shockey responded that there are two vacancies on the COP, both from Pierce County.

### **American Public Transportation Association Update**

Ms. Betty Laurs, Director of Communications, Marketing, and Human Resources, provided an update on the 2001 American Public Transit Association (APTA) Commuter Rail conference being hosted by Sound Transit in Seattle, March 31, 2001 through April 4, 2001 and played a video tape of the invitation to APTA members to attend.

### **Action Items**

Resolution No. R2001-03 – Establishing an Audit and Reporting Subcommittee and related policies, and superseding Resolution No. 98-19

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2001-03 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2001-21 – Adopting a work program for the Airport Link portion of the Central Link Light Rail project for the 2001-2003 time period

**It was moved by Mr. McIver and seconded by Mr. Ladenburg and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-21 be approved as presented.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Nickels reported that the Finance Committee will hold an audit workshop on March 15, 2001, and begin a review of the financing plan, and begin reviewing capacity for Phase II of the program.

#### **Central Link Task Force**

Mr. McIver reported that the Task Force met on March 2, 2001 and reviewed the Airport Link work program and recommendations for continuing work.

#### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Earling said the committee heard a report from Regional Express, and announced the formation of the Executive Search Committee to be chaired by Mr. Ladenburg and the formation of the Board Governance Task Force to be chaired by Ms. Mary Gates.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Sid Morrison commented on private utility relocation on public right of way used by Sound Transit.

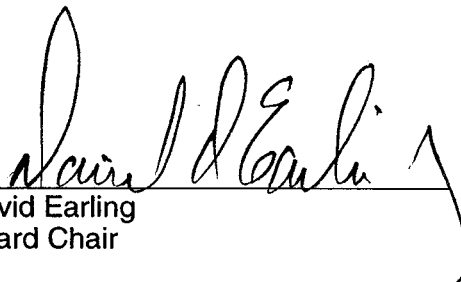
Mr. Earling indicated that representatives from Qwest and Puget Sound Energy will be at the March 22, 2001 Board meeting for a discussion of these issues.

### **Next Meeting**


Thursday, March 22, 2001 - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
401 South Jackson Street  
Seattle, Washington.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

  
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David Earling  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator