Sound Transit Executive Committee Minutes

April 6, 2001

Call to Order

Board Vice Chair Dave Enslow called the meeting to order at 1:40p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room of Union Station, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA. Mr. Enslow chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair Earling.

Attendance

(A)	Dave Earling, Chair	(A)	John Ladenburg
(P)	Dave Enslow, Vice Chair	(A)	Richard McIver
(A)	Greg Nickels, Vice Chair	(P)	Paul Schell
(P)	Bob Drewel	(A)	Ron Sims
(P)	Mary Gates	(A)	Cynthia Sullivan
(A)	Jane Hague		-

Public Comment

None.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Enslow stated that he attended the APTA conference last week, and took a train to Vancouver with a number of delegates. It was a well attended event and well represented by Sound Transit and the City of Seattle.

Acting Executive Director Report

Joni Earl, Acting Executive Director, as a follow up to the APTA conference, Ms. Earl recognized Sound Transit staff member Bonnie Gildea, for organizing the event and other staff that volunteered to make the conference successful.

She also gave a status update on the Interim Inspector General's report. Three major concerns were raised by the Inspector General 1) FTA did not perform satisfactory due diligence in the grant application review process; 2) FTA's December review of the project including its examination of the cost estimate was not thorough enough to be a predicate to the signing of the agreement by the Secretary of Transportation; and 3) the changes in the cost and schedule that it has led to increased community opposition and confusion about the project.

The recommendation by the Inspector General is that until FTA and Sound Transit complete the following tasks, funds and funding decisions for the project will be held in abeyance. The following actions must be taken before Sound Transit can have access to this funding:

- 1) Sound Transit must identify and disclose all issues that could materially impact the project's cost, schedule and scope.
- 2) FTA and the project management oversight consultant need to validate that the estimated cost to complete is accurate and complete including an assessment of all factors that could substantially increase the project cost and maintenance and operations costs.

3) FTA and the financial management oversight consultant needs to validate that the funding sources are sufficient to complete MOS -1 and to assist the impact to Airport Link of the use of \$2.1 billion dollars of local funding that is pledged against the \$500 million.

Action Items

Mr. Enslow stated that the Executive Committee lacked a quorum, so the following action items would be deferred.

Motion No. M2001-29 — Authorizes the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Bellevue Establishing a Cooperative Relationship Regarding Funding and Construction of the Bellevue HOV Direct Access Project.

Motion No. M2001-30 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Bellevue establishing a cooperative relationship regarding acquisition and disposition of property rights needed for the Bellevue HOV Direct Access Project.

Motion No. M2001-35 — Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a sole source contract RTA /LR22-01 with CH2M Hill, to continue the services of Lyndon "Tuck" Wilson as Interim Director of Link Light Rail through September 30, 2001, including \$250,000 for Mr. Wilson's compensation and \$30,000 for CH2M Hill to hire the firm Inclusivity as a sub-consultant to assist Mr. Wilson in his stated duties, for a total authorized contract amount not exceed \$280,000.

Discussion on Tacoma Link/BNSF agreement

Deferred to the next full board meeting.

Executive Session

Executive Session was convened for 20 minutes.

Reconvene Executive Committee Meeting

Mr. Enslow reconvened the Executive Committee meeting.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Friday, April 20, 2001 – 1:30 to 2:30. As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p/m.

David Earlling Board Vice Chair

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