

**Sound Transit
Executive Committee Minutes**

May 4, 2001

Call to Order

Board Chair Dave Earling called the meeting to order at 2:45p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room of Union Station, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA.

Attendance

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

Public Comment

None.

Report of the Chair

Dave Earling stated that there was news coverage regarding the Link Light Rail Project in the local paper today. He further stated that a number of issues have been addressed since the tunnel negotiations were suspended. A six-month work plan has been established, the cost of the Light Rail program has been reviewed, and a number of additional staff have been added to the current staff. The goal is to set up an organization that is transparent, much more open and accountable to the public. Mr. Earling indicated that Greg Nickels had a few items to address at this time.

Board Member Greg Nickels requested answers to three questions 1) how much money does Sound Transit have? 2) what can we build with that? 3) and when can we start? To restore the agency's credibility Sound Transit has formed an Audit and Reporting Subcommittee. This Subcommittee was established to find out why the Link Light Rail cost estimates were so far off and how the systems have been changed so this doesn't happen again.

Mr. Nickels moved that the Executive Committee give direction that the Audit Subcommittee proceed ahead with a performance audit on the cost estimates of the Central Link project and take a look at whether the problems that led to those estimates being so far off have been resolved with intent to draw this to conclusion within 60-90 days. Cost to be determined and presented by staff when the work plan is developed.

Mr. Sims requested that a work plan and cost estimate be brought to the full Board.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Sims and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the motion be approved.

Executive Director Report

Ann Fennessy, Acting Director, Public and Government Relations, reported on a letter that Joni Earl sent to Board Members regarding the Project Review Committee (PRC). The PRC is requesting an additional \$50,000 to the Cedar River Associates contract for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000. This level of funding is to be used for expenses such as additional expertise, travel costs, technical studies.

The item was deferred to the next Board Meeting.

Action Items

Resolution No. R2001-04 – Adopting and authorizing the Executive Director of Sound Transit to implement the ST Express 2001 Service Implementation Plan

Agnes Govern, Director, Regional Express, gave an overview of the project and introduced Mike Bergman, Project Manager, and Gloria Overgaard, Deputy Director of Regional Express. The overview provided details of the Service Implementation Plan and new programs and budget implications.

Mr. Enslow stated he would be proposing an amendment to R2001-04 at the next Board meeting.

The item was deferred to the next Board Meeting.

Discussion on Star Lake 272nd In-Line Station

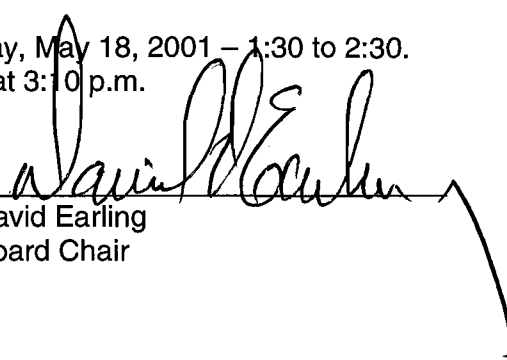
Vicki Cannard, Regional Express Project Manager, gave an overview of the Star Lake 272nd In-Line Station.

Other Business


None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Friday, May 18, 2001 – 1:30 to 2:30. As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator