

**Sound Transit
Board Meeting Summary Minutes
May 10, 2001**

Call to Order

Board Chair David Earling called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 South Jackson St., 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

(A) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(P) Doug McDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(A) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(A) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) 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.

The following Board member arrived after roll call:

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Randy Johnson

Mr. Mark Dublin

Mr. George Curtis

Mr. Hans Aschenbach

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling thanked the City of Puyallup for hosting the opening of the Sounder Commuter Rail station on May 5th, and thanked Board members MacDonald, Enslow, Phelps, and Davis for their participation.

Mr. Earling thanked the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for correcting their story on Sound Transit from Friday, May 4, 2001.

(Board member Hague arrived at this time.)

Executive Director Report

Ms. Joni Earl, Acting Executive Director, distributed the fourth quarter ridership report, and noted that for the first time, the report includes both Regional Express and Sounder Commuter Rail information. Sound Transit has served almost 1.5 million riders, and weekday boardings have reached 21,000.

Mr. Ladenburg asked for data to track where Sound Transit ridership was coming from.

Mr. MacDonald said those figures are not available, but that he would try to find the information Mr. Ladenburg was interested in.

Action Items

Items Referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2001-37 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Tacoma in support of the construction related services of the Tacoma Link Light Rail Project. The action authorizes a total amount not to exceed \$197,285 for inspector services during construction, building work order, and construction staging area permit fees, and maintenance patching and repairing costs. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Tacoma provided funding in the amount of \$800,000 for developing station area planning for the proposed Tacoma Link Light Rail.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that that Motion No. M2001-37 be approved as recommended.

Motion No. M2001-42– Authorizing the Executive Director to execute Addendum No. 4 to the Project Agreement between Sound Transit and King County in an amount of \$192,000, with a 10% contingency of \$19,200, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$211,200, to cover services related to Sound Transit’s six-month plan including a review of downtown bus volumes and joint bus/rail operation, support of the University Link value engineering tasks and review of final civil drawings and specifications.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that that Motion No. M2001-42 be approved as presented.

Items Referred Without a Recommendation

Motion No. M2001-41 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Seattle reimbursing the City for project related expenses for the Central Link Light Rail project within City of Seattle jurisdiction. These expenses are to be associated with public works, public safety, program management, and business and community assistance services for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$1,590,792.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Schell that Motion No. M2001-41 be approved as recommended.

Mr. Nickels stated that the Finance Committee had withheld its recommendation of this action pending staff's response to questions raised by committee members, and that the Executive Director had responded and committee members were now satisfied with the purpose of the MOA.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-04 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Resolution No. R2001-04 – A Resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting and authorizing the Executive Director of Sound Transit to implement the ST Express 2001 Service Implementation Plan.

Mr. Earling stated that a quorum was not present when this resolution came before the Executive Committee, and asked staff for a presentation.

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Regional Express, informed the Board that Regional Express asks the Board to approve its Service Implementation Plan (SIP) annually, and introduced Ms. Gloria Overgaard, Deputy Director of Regional Express, and Mr. Mike Bergman, Project Manager, to make the presentation to the Board.

Mr. Bergman told the Board that the 2001 SIP has three new routes, three new programs, and five options for addressing the funding short fall in South King County.

Mr. Bergman briefed the Board on the status of Regional Express service levels and ridership, and the three new routes and service revisions being proposed in the 2001 SIP.

Ms. Overgaard reviewed the three new proposed programs for the Board, the Mobility Initiative Program, the Spot Improvement Program, and the Operation and Maintenance Program.

Ms. Overgaard also briefed the Board on five different options staff had developed for addressing the budget shortfall in South King County, and indicated that staff recommended Option Five which addresses the shortfall and adds scheduled maintenance hours.

Ms. Overgaard noted that the 2001 Adopted Budget and the SIP are within \$200,000 of each other. Changes from Sound Move include \$24.5 million approved by the Board from unanticipated revenues to offset East King County costs approved in 1999, and \$1.5 million included in the 2001 Financial Plan for South King County. King County Metro's proposed hourly rates exceed Sound Transit's assumptions for 2001, and negotiations are continuing, but may affect the September service change.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Davis that Resolution No. R2001-04 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Enslow and seconded by Ms. Davis to amend Resolution No. R2001-04 with the following language:

At this time, the Board will continue to fund the three early morning trips implemented on Route 574 during the February 2001 service change until the February 2002 service change. During October 2001, the staff will bring their proposal to fund these trips to the Board for their discussion/decision. The Board is directing staff to negotiate funding for this route per the following policy:

Where the partner of increased service and/or park and ride stalls provided outside normal service hours can be discretely identified, the partner must provide funding for the increased service, parking capacity, and/or appropriate defined ratio of maintenance and operations funding for parking facilities.

The motion to approve the amendment to Resolution No. R2001-04 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Ms. Hague and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to amend Resolution R2001-04 with the following language on page one, after "commitment in Sound Move in a cost effective manner; and" and before page 2, "Whereas, the Sound Transit Board has further determined it is in the best interest of the", insert the following:

"Whereas, Sound Transit has continued to seek input from the public and to work with its regional transit partners to develop service that meets regional transportation needs, and, in that regard, will continue to work with regional stakeholders such as the Greater Richmond Transportation Management association, the Microsoft Corporation, and the City of Redmond prior to adoption of route changes to Routes 545 and 546, with a goal of coming to the Board for approval of this service enhancement prior to the February 2002 service change; and"

The motion to approve the amendment to Resolution No. R2001-04 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2001-04 as amended was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Discussion Items

American Public Transit Association (APTA) Conference

Ms. Betty Laurs, Director, Communications, Marketing, and Human Resources reported to the Board on the APTA commuter rail conference hosted by Sound Transit last month.

The conference was attended by over 90 people from the United States, Canada, and five other countries. Sounder Commuter Rail arranged an extensive display of commuter rail equipment at the King Street Station.

Ms. Laurs thanked Board members, staff and partners for participating, and thanked Ms. Bonnie Gildea for organizing the event and training volunteers.

Mr. Earling thanked the staff for their work and announced that he had received a letter from Mr. William W. Millar, APTA president, thanking Sound Transit for hosting the conference.

Follow Up to Board Requests from the April 26th Workshop on Central Link Light Rail

Mr. Sims addressed the letter to the Chair calling for a new initial minimum operable segment of light rail to be built from Convention Place Station to a southern terminus at Southcenter or SeaTac Airport by 2008, while exploring options to build to the north at a later date. The letter also calls for establishing a new committee charged with oversight of the new initial light rail segment, improving accountability, and establishing Sounder Commuter Rail service between Everett and Seattle by 2004. The letter was signed by Board members Davis, Drewel, Enslow, Ladenburg, McIver, Nickels, Phelps, Schell, Sims, and White.

Ms. Earl said that staff would like an hour workshop to go through the issues raised by the letter and to come back with a workplan to address the steps to accomplishing the tasks involved.

Mr. Earling said it was important that the decision to build include federal partnership, that joint operation (bus and rail) in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel be researched, and that the Board make it clear that Sound Transit will still build the northern segment.

Mr. McIver said that real estate offers have been made and relocation costs are accruing that need to be responded to. Sound Transit should make sure to time its decision with consideration to those people who will be impacted by the decision to build and any changes to the schedule.

Ms. Earl responded that staff would begin working on the issues raised during this discussion. Ms. Earl said staff had prepared a response to previous inquiries from the Board regarding Ridership Estimates and Methodology, North Terminus and Joint Operations with the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel, South Terminus Issues. This information was included in the meeting packets.

Committee Reports

Executive Director Search Committee

Mr. Ladenburg reported that the committee is working to narrow the choices for the Executive Director. The next meeting of the Committee will be Friday, June 1, 2001 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., where they will narrow the choices from one dozen to four to six candidates. On Friday, July 8, 2001, a reception to meet the finalists will be held, and on Saturday, June 9, the Committee will interview the finalists and make a recommendation to the Board.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2001
Union Station Board Room
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

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



David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator