

**Sound Transit
Board Meeting Summary Minutes
June 14, 2001**

Call to Order

Board Chair David Earling called the meeting to order at 3:40 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) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember
(P) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember	(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember
(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive	(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor
(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember	(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor
(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember	(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive
(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor	(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember
(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive	(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor
(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary	

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

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling announced that on Tuesday, June 12, 2001, the Board selected Ms. Joni Earl as the Executive Director of Sound Transit. Mr. Earling said that due to the length of the executive session of that meeting, the board was forced to adjourn before they could comment.

Mr. Earling and other board members indicated that they were very pleased to be able to choose Ms. Earl as the new Executive Director.

Mr. Drewel said that he had received a phone call from Senator Murray expressing her pleasure that Ms. Earl had been selected.

Mr. Earling acknowledged Jared Smith's last day and the work he has done for the City of Seattle.

Public Comment

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

Mike Vaska
Governor Dan Evans
Aaron Ostrom (1,000 Friends of WA)

Cheryl Sizov (Light Rail Review Panel)
Gregory Hill
Craig Ward

Mr. Earling announced that the Board needed to deviate from the agenda to consider action items, and would finish to public comment later in the meeting.

Action Items

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2001-51 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Port of Tacoma for the design and construction of three additional storage tracks in the Port's Interchange yard Expansion Project and funding in the support of Commuter Rail Services in the Tacoma Corridor. The action authorizes the amount of \$1,425,000 plus a 12.3% contingency of \$175,000 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Motion No. M2001-51 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels explained that this motion allowed Sound Transit to pay for storage capacity at the Port of Tacoma for use by the Union Pacific Railroad. Sound Transit would be displacing Union Pacific because of its agreement to use Tacoma Rail's track to connect Sounder Commuter Rail service in Tacoma to the permanent station at Freighthouse Square. The agreement states that the Port will repurchase the track built by Sound Transit once it is no longer needed.

Mr. Paul Price, Director, Sounder Commuter Rail, added that Board authorization was essential to keep this option open.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-51 was approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Resolution No. R2001-07 – Revise Sound Move to substitute transit enhancement improvements along ST Express Route 540 for a second direct access ramp in Kirkland I-405 HOV Direct Access Project.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Phelps that Resolution No. R2001-07 be approved as presented.

In response to questions regarding the contingency amount, Ms. Agnes Govern, Director, Regional Express, said that the contingency allowed for on the overall project budget is higher than 10%, but that individual contracts will hold to the 10% contingency standard.

Mr. Nickels said that this action eliminates the second direct access project and invests funds into this corridor.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2001-07 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Items not referred by committee

Resolution No R2001-06 – Amending Sound Move – The Ten Year Regional Transit Plan by removing the Bond Street Station from the Everett-to-Seattle Commuter Rail Project.

Ms. Val Batey, Project Manager, Sounder Commuter Rail, briefed the Board on Resolution No. R2001-06, and told them that this resolution was to complete the procedural action initiated by the Board when it selected the Everett Station.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2001-06 be approved as presented.

Items referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2001-58 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the sole source contract with the Rainier Valley Chamber of Commerce, Rainier Valley Transit Advisory Council (RVTAC) to provide community-to-community group outreach for the Link Light Rail Project and community transit-related issues. This action authorizes an increase of \$27,990 to the original contract amount of \$110,000 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$137,990 for continued services through December 31, 2001.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that Motion No. M2001-58 be approved as presented.

Ms. Earl explained that the funds being requested for this contract match the current Board direction. Should the Board choose to go forward with the Airport Link portion of the light rail project, the need for additional activities under this contract would be explored.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-58 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the April 12, 2001 Board Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. McIver, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Continued Public Comment

Mr. Philip Grega
Mr. George Curtis

Mr. Mark Dublin

Committee Reports

Board Governance Task Force

Ms. Gates said that the Board Governance Task Force will hold its last meeting on June 22, 2001, from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m..

C-Link Task Force

Mr. McIver reported that the task force had reviewed the five Tukwila alignment options, and said that Board members were invited to take a tour of the area with the committee tomorrow, June 15, 2001.

Finance Committee

Mr. Nickels reported on actions that the Finance Committee approved that were within its authority.

Other Business

Mr. Earling announced that all committee meetings scheduled for June 15 were cancelled, with the exception of the C-LINK tour.

Next Meeting

Tentative Schedule
Thursday, June 28, 2001
Workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Business Meeting - 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.



David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator