

**Sound Transit
Board Meeting Summary Minutes
June 28, 2001**

Call to Order

Board Chair David Earling called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Sound Transit Board Room, 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

(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 MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) 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:

Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

Doug MacDonald, Washington State Department of Transportation

Rob McKenna, King County Council

Ron Sims, King County Executive

Jim White, Mayor, City of Kent

Public Comment

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

Mr. John Deeter

Mr. Mark Dublin

Mr. Paul Locke

Mr. Art Lewellan

Mr. David Ward

Mr. George Curtis

Mr. Richard Harkness

Mr. Richard Borkowski

Mr. Harvey Parker

Ms. Ann Donovan

Mr. Barry Rogell

Mr. Jeff Watts

Ms. Ruth Korkowsky

Mr. Daniel Norton

Mr. Dick Burkhart

Mr. Randy Johnson

Mr. Jay Peter Sherwin

Mr. Hans Aschenbach

(Ms. Gates, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. McKenna, and Mr. White arrived during public comment.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling thanked everyone who provided comment at the board meeting and those who provided comments at the public forum on Link Light Rail at the Town Hall on June 20th.

(Mr. Sims arrived at this time.)

Executive Director Report

Ms. Earl said that she did not have a report, and introduced former Mayor Charles Royer, Former Senator Slade Gorton, and Ms. Kathy Scanlan from the Project Review Committee (PRC).

Mr. Royer provided the history and scope of the PRC's work and presented the PRC's recommendations on light rail to the Board:

1. Continue the plan to construct light rail in phases
2. Consider construction of the south segment first
 - The northern terminus should be the south end of downtown
 - The southern terminus should be at the airport
 - Develop a plan for the north alignment
3. Stop work on the Capitol Hill tunnel alignment
4. Focus analysis in the north on the South Lake Union/Eastlake alignment
5. Revise the Sound Transit Financial plan to reprogram the \$500 million in federal funds for the southern alignment.
6. Select an operator for the system.
7. Integrate light rail with other major regional transportation projects

The PRC also made recommendations pertaining to the rest of the Sound Move plan:

8. Complete the Sounder Commuter Rail line to Snohomish County
9. Maximize use of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel now,
10. Complete high occupancy vehicle access projects and express bus services

In response to questions by Mr. Schell, PRC members said that they had not made any conclusions or assumptions about the Eastlake alternative, but that it should be studied.

Mr. Royer said it was important not to disrupt service in the tunnel until there was something to replace that service with.

Mr. Royer said that the Board and the members of the PRC are discussing what role the committee should play and what its goals should be for the future.

Citizen Oversight Panel Monthly Report

Mr. Reid Shockey, Chair, Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) announced that Ms. Claudia Ellsworth, Pierce County, recently resigned from the panel, and asked the Board to take action to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Shockey presented the COP's monthly report. He said the main message was that the Board of Directors should compare alternatives being considered against the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and report back to the public.

Mr. Shockey read the COP's letter to the Board regarding the future direction of Link light rail, asking the board to maintain its commitment to Sound Move and build a workable segment of the system.

Mr. Shockey said the COP has concerns that the South Lake Union alternative, although less expensive, will not produce ridership levels to meet the cost per rider levels that the Capital Hill tunnel would.

The Panel urges the Board to be clear to the public on how the alternatives would meet the objectives of Sound Move, and stay engaged in the analysis and debate.

In response to Mr. Schell, Mr. Shockey said that the South Lake Union alternative needs to be compared to the LPA and that after all the time and effort, it will create a division as to which route to build north. The COP wants the Board to explain to the public any significant departures from the LPA.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the April 26, 2001; May 10, 2001; and May 24, 2001 Board Meetings

The Board of the central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the months of March 2001 totaling \$24,818,065.72 and April 2001 totaling \$27,607,091.86

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Action Items

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2001-60 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a change order exercising an option to extend the Project Control Support Services Contract with KJM & Associates, Inc., for one year, to amend the scope of the work and to provide additional funds. This action exercises the second of three, one-year options to extend this contract. The amount of the amendment is \$2,344,961 with a 10% contingency of \$234,496 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$2,579,457. The total approved amount of the contract including the original contract amount and amendments is not to exceed \$12,228,690.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Ladenburg that Motion No. M2001-60 be approved as presented.

Mr. McIver asked if there were specific goals for M/W/DBE utilization.

Mr. Tony Morris, Project Control Manager, responded that the goals were established in 1998 and the goals had been exceeded.

The motion to approve Motion NO. M2001-60 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Motion No. M2001-62 – Authorizing (1) a contract with Mike Werlech Construction for repairs to the Great Hall (already underway as emergency repairs) in an amount not to exceed \$207,026 that includes a contingency of \$18,820 equal to 10% of the base contract of \$188,205, and (2) a sole source contract with The Painters, Inc. for specialized paint finishes in the Great Hall in an amount not to exceed \$119,350 that includes a contingency of \$10,850 equal to 10% of the base contract of \$108,500

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Crawford that Motion No. M2001-62 be approved as presented.

Mr. Nickels stated that \$341,000 is expected to be reimbursed by insurance and discussions were underway with FEMA for federal reimbursement.

Ms. Davis asked that staff review the contract with Opus East.

Mr. Hugh Simpson, Finance Director, responded that Sound Transit is responsible for the internal shell of the building, even though the agency is not the owner.

Mr. Phelps told the Board that the Finance Committee will continue to look into the level of insurance maintained by the agency.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-62 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Motion No. M2001-63 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a First Amendment to and concurrent renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding for Intergovernmental Cooperation between the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority and the City of SeaTac in regard to Light Rail Transit in the amount of \$400,912 for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$850,912, to provide for continued coordination, station design, implementation of station area plans and other coordination activities for the Central Link Light Rail project

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that Motion No. M2001-63 be approved as presented.

Mr. White raised a question as to whether the amendments were in lieu of permit fees.

Mr. Leonard McGhee, Segment Manager, Link Light Rail, said that the agreements on permit fees were not yet in place.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-63 was carried by the majority vote of all Board members present, with Mr. White voting in the minority.

Motion No. M2001-64 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Tacoma Public Utilities, Tacoma Power Division for cost reimbursement for relocation of electric utility and City-owned telecommunication facilities and for installation of new electric service at stations associated with the Tacoma Link Light Rail project for an estimated cost of \$550,000 with a 10% contingency of \$55,000 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$605,000

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. McKenna, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-64 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2001-67 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute Agreement GCA-2764 with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the Sound Transit I-5 at Lynnwood Park-and-Ride HOV Ramp Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,719,934

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-67 be approved as presented.

Central Link Light Rail

Follow up from June 14, 2001 Workshop.

Mr. Earling stated that the Board will be making motions on seven issues to give direction to staff and that the Board will be adopting a workplan for the next three months.

Ms. Earl gave an overview and introduced Mr. Tuck Wilson, Interim Director of Link Light Rail, who presented the issues to the Board.

Mr. McIver asked to clarify that today's workplan would supersede and substitute for any other work programs approved in the past.

Mr. Earling indicated that it did, subject to revision at subsequent Board meeting.

Mr. Wilson presented the issues to the Board for consideration.

Should staff proceed with the following actions on the "common" segment between Convention Place Station (CPS) to South Henderson Street: advance design, initiate permit applications, and refine cost estimates and funding plans?

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Ms. Sullivan and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the staff proceed with the common segment between CPS and South Henderson Street, advancing design, initiating permit applications, and refining cost estimates and funding plans.

Should joint bus/rail operation of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT) be assumed in the work related to developing the revised MOS and should staff perform additional study on bus intercept terminals at Convention Place and International District stations and at Lander Street in case fire/life/safety issues cannot be resolved?

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Schell and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that joint bus/rail operation of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT) be assumed in the work related to developing the revised MOS and that staff should perform additional study on bus intercept terminals at Convention Place and International District stations and at Lander Street in case fire/life/safety issues cannot be resolved.

Which options should be studied further as an interim northern terminus for an initial segment (where construction would begin first)?

It was moved by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. White that two options, Royal Brougham and Convention Place, be further studied as an interim northern terminus for the initial segment.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Nickels to amend the motion to include Capitol Hill in the options to be studied for a interim northern terminus. The motion to amend the main motion failed by a vote of 6 to 9.

The motion directing staff to study Royal Brougham and Convention Place as an interim northern terminus for the initial segment was approved by a majority of Board members present, with six members voting in the minority.

Should staff develop a conceptual route for a south Lake Union alignment?

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried by a majority of Board members present that staff study and develop a conceptual route for a south Lake Union alignment with six members voting in the minority.

Should staff continue work on the Northgate alignment and complete the draft SEIS?

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that staff discontinue work on the Northgate alignment and the draft SEIS.

Should a Southcenter route be further studied?

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that staff give no further study to a Southcenter route.

Which options should be studied further for an interim southern terminus for an initial segment (the segment where construction would begin first)?

It was moved by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Sound Transit pursue a segment all the way to South 200th Street assuming revenue service can be anticipated by 2009 and the agency has sufficient funds and can resolve issues with SeaTac Airport.

Mr. Wilson asked for clarification regarding the Montlake Cut borings.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that staff proceed with the Montlake Cut borings.

Motion No. M2001-68 - Directing the Executive Director to implement a work plan for Central Link that is consistent with the selected items in the attached Board decision matrix.

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried by the majority vote of Board members present that Motion No. M2001-68 be approved as presented, with Ms. Sullivan voting in the minority.

Executive Session

Mr. Earling announced that the Board would convene an executive session for approximately 20 minutes to review contract negotiations where public knowledge regarding such consideration will cause a likelihood of increased costs. The executive session convened at 5:38 p.m. and lasted until 5:55 p.m.

Reconvene Open Session

Committee Reports

Mr. Earling announced that Committee reports were deferred until the next meeting.

Other Business

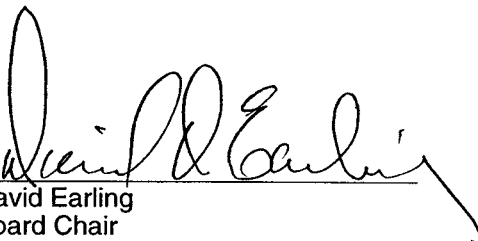
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Next Meeting

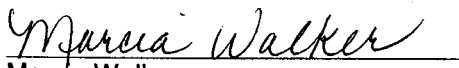
Tentative Schedule
Thursday, July 12, 2001
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator