

**Sound Transit
Board Meeting Summary Minutes
July 26, 2001**

Call to Order

Board Chair David Earling called the meeting to order at 2:10 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

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(A) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) 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:

Jane Hague

Ed Hansen

Richard McIver

Kevin Phelps

Ron Sims

Public Comment

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

Mr. Mark Dublin

Mr. James Hutchinson

Mr. Steve Coleman

Mr. Chris Leeman

Ms. Ruth Korokowski

(Board members Hague, McIver, and Phelps arrived during public comment.)

Report of the Chair

Board member Hansen arrived at this time.

Ms. Kim Denny, Special Project Assistant, introduced Lisa Chick, Executive Director of City Year Seattle/King Co. Ms. Chick introduced several City Year participants, who explained how the bus passes given to the group by Sound Transit helped them to fulfill their Americorp service.

Ms. Chick also thanked staff members Julie Shabuya, Jeff Wolfe, Denene Mills, Roger Iwata, and Kim Denny for their help.

On behalf of Sound Transit, Mr. Earling accepted City Year's Moccasin Award from Ms. Chick.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Joni Earl Executive Director, announced the resignation of Paul Price, Director of Sounder Commuter Rail. Mr. Drewel, Mr. Enslow, and Mr. Nickels commented on Mr. Price's history and expressed the Board's appreciation for his work.

Ms. Earl also said that she hoped that she and Vernon Stoner would be interviewing for the Chief Administrative Officer position soon.

Citizen Oversight Panel Mid-Year Report

Mr. Reid Shockey, Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) presented the panel's mid-year report.

Mr. Shockey announced that Mr. Allen Darr had submitted his resignation from the panel, and that a vacancy still existed in Pierce County. Mr. Shockey then introduced several of the panel members who were present at the meeting: Mr. Larry Shannon, Vice Chair, Mr. Art Carter, and Mr. Al Stipe.

Mr. Shockey said the COP report states that while Sounder Commuter Rail is a public relations success, it is over budget and behind schedule and at risk of drawing the same criticism that Link Light Rail has.

The COP report also states that the Board's final alignment decision should follow the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) established by the decision in 1999, and recommends that the PRC's mission be clarified.

Additionally, the report expresses concern over management of the regional fund in regard to sub areas.

Mr. Earling thanked Mr. Shockey and COP members for the report.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the June 12, 2001 and June 14, 2001 Board meetings.

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certifications for the month of May 2001 totaling \$31,703,2611.56 and for the month of June 2001 totaling \$19,542639.14.

Resolution No. R2001-08 – Fulfilling the requirements of RCW 81.1.12.040(1) to reconstitute the governing board of a regional transit authority with regard to the number of representatives from each of the three counties (King, Pierce, Snohomish) in the year following an official federal census.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the consent agenda be approved.

Action Items

Board member Sims arrived at this time.

Ms. Gates, Chair of the Board Governance Task Force, presented the task force's recommendations, Resolution No. 1-1, Motion No. M2001-73, and Motion No. M2001-74.

Resolution No. 1-1 Adopting and amending rules and operations procedures for the Board and superseding Resolution Nos. 80 and 90.

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Ms. Hague, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 1-1 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2001-73 – Adopting revised Sound Transit Mission, Goals, and Objectives.

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Ms. Hague, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-73 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2001-74 – Adopting revised responsibilities for the Board's committees and task forces and superseding Motion No. 2000-04 adopted January 13, 2000.

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-74 be referred to the Executive Committee.

Motion No. M2001-56 – Amending the 2001 Budget to increase the project budget by about \$1,060,000 to cover added improvements funded by Microsoft Corporation and further authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Wilder Construction, the apparent lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the construction of the NE 40th Street Overlake Transit Center and Park-and-Ride Lot in the amount of \$3,994,000 and a 10% contingency of \$399,400 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$4,393,400

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-56 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2001-77 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute and amendment to the contract with Deloitte & Touche, LLP in the amount of \$475,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,533,618 to provide audit services for the link cost estimates.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Phelps that Motion No. M2001-77 be approved as presented.

Mr. Hugh Simpson, Finance Director, presented the staff report on Motion No. M2001-77. Mr. Simpson said the proposed motion addressed the request made by the Board at its May 24, 2001 meeting for an independent audit and assessment of the reasonableness and the accuracy of the 1999 LPA budget; identification and reason for the cost growth between 1999 and 2000; review of the current cost estimate for the potential revised MOS; and a review of Sound Transit's cost estimating systems and methodologies for project management. Mr. Simpson said that the audit work was not anticipated in the budget, but that there were sufficient funds in the Link budget to fund the audit.

In response to Mr. McIver's inquiry, Mr. Simpson said that time was a factor in deciding to amend the Deloitte & Touche contract, and also that there was little interest in the industry in doing the work.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Ms. Gates to amend Motion No. M2001-77 so that tasks three and four of the project scope as stated in the original motion be carried out by the contractor.

Mr. Simpson introduced Mr. Chimes of Deloitte and Touche, who described the components that the report.

Mr. MacDonald offered and Mr. Crawford and Ms. Gates agreed to a friendly amendment to the amendment to Motion No. M2001-77 that the contractor complete task four of the contract scope of the original motion, for delivery in September, and that the contract amendment amount be revised to \$75,000 with an additional \$25,000 for indirect costs, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,058,618.

It was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend Motion No. M2001-77.

Motion No. M2001-77 was approved as amended by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Mr. Earling stated that it was necessary to revise the agenda, and that the Board would not be hearing item 9A, Status Update on Translake Washington and I-405 Corridor Study Draft Environmental Impact Statements.

Motion No. M2001-75 – Providing direction to Sound Transit staff on the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the three build alternatives for the I-90 Two-Way Transit Operations Project, pending Federal Highway Administration determination on including Alternative R-8A in the environmental analysis.

Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, presented the staff report. Ms. Govern told the Board that staff was asking the Board to decide on whether Sound Transit should implement an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. Based on community and partner agency input, staff recommended the EIS.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sims, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that staff is directed to prepare and environmental impact statement (EIS) on the three build alternatives for the I-90 project.

Discussion Items

These items were deferred to an upcoming board meeting.

Central Link Light Rail Briefing

Ms. Earl introduced Mr. Ahmad Fazel, interim director of Link Light rail, who presented the briefing on options for the northern and southern termini for the initial segment of Link Light Rail.

Mr. Fazel described the advantages and disadvantages of the options for a southern terminus, South 200th Street, South 154th Street, and South Henderson. Mr. Fazel also discussed options for the Downtown Seattle Transit tunnel, including bus only, rail only, and

joint operations, options for the northern terminus options for the initial section including the International District Station and Convention Place Station.

Mr. Fazel then briefed the Board on issues to be studied for extending Link Light Rail northward, including the Capitol Hill tunnel, crossing the ship canal, South Lake Union and Eastlake alignments.

Mr. Fazel told the Board that Sound Transit, the City of Seattle, Washington Department of Transportation, and King County Metro have formed a task group to inform the Board if a study of South Lake and East Lake is merited.

Mr. Fazel introduced Mr. Ron Lewis, Link Light Rail Project Development Manager, who described two possible routes through the South Lake Union area as alternatives to the Capital Hill tunnel.

Mr. Fazel also discussed options for the ship canal crossing, including the high bridge and portage bay crossings, and said that the Montlake test borings were taking place as the Board had requested.

Executive Session

Mr. Earling announced that the Board would convene an executive session to discuss litigation issues with legal council, and that the Board would reconvene in regular session in approximately 15 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 4:56 p.m.

Other Business


None.

Next Meeting


Thursday, August 9, 2001
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
University of Washington – Tacoma
Conference Center (19th Street & Fawcett Street)
Tacoma, WA

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator