

**Sound Transit
Board Meeting Summary Minutes
August 23, 2001**

Call to Order

Board Chair David Earling called the meeting to order at 1:12 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

(A) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Board Members

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| (P) Jack Crawford, City of Kenmore Deputy Mayor | (P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember |
| (P) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember | (A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember |
| (A) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive | (P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor |
| (A) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember | (A) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor |
| (A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember | (A) Ron Sims, King County Executive |
| (P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor | (A) 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 not yet present.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Rob McKenna
Greg Nickels
Paul Schell
Ron Sims

Public Comment

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

Ms. Cheryl Sizoff
Mr. Mark Dublin
Ms. Ruth Korkowsky
Mr. Philip Grega

(Board member McKenna arrived at this time.)

Presentations

Translake DEIS Study and I-405 Corridor Study

Ms. Barbara Gilliland, Program Manager, Regional Express presented an update on the status of the Translake Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and I-405 Corridor Study.

Sound Transit has been co-lead on both projects for the last 18 months with The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT.)

(Board member Nickels arrived at this time.)

Bus Rapid Transit

Dr. Scott Rutherford, University of Washington, gave a presentation on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT.) BRT is prominent in both the Translake and I-405 studies.

(Board members Schell and Sims arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling announced that the rolling decision calendar, one of the recommendations of the Government Affairs Task Force, was included in the Board members' materials today for the first time.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Joni Earl, Executive Director presented the second quarter 2000 ridership report.

Action Items

Motion No. M2001-83 – Authorizing the Executive Director to increase the Auburn Sounder Commuter Rail Station budget by \$283,696, adding \$283,696 to the contract contingency fund for Contract No. RTA/CR 100-00 with PCL Construction Company for construction of the Auburn Sounder Commuter Rail Station Parking Garage, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,432,526, and for a new total Auburn Station Project Budget of \$25,858,696. Such increases shall be contingent upon the Executive Director executing the necessary agreements with the City of Auburn to provide funds in the amount of \$283,696 for the City's share of the construction upgrades and additions.

Mr. Jeff Wolfe, Project Manager, Sounder Commuter Rail, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. White, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-83 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2001-84 – Entering into an agreement with the City of Auburn for the lease of the tenant spaces and 180 stalls within the parking structure from Sound Transit and for the operations and maintenance of the garage, lease spaces, and plaza north of the garage.

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Central Link Light Rail

Ms. Earl introduced the discussion of the issues concerning Link Light Rail northern terminus, and said that the agency's goals remain the same. She said that this presentation was in response to the Board's direction from previous meetings and discussions regarding identifying an initial segment.

Staff will ask the Board for authorization to implement a plan and schedule on September 27, 2001. Ms. Earl told the Board that they would receive the complete package of information

outlining the various options being considered for this decision on September 13. Also, the Finance Committee would have an opportunity to review the materials and make its recommendation to the Board prior to September 27.

Status and process for DSTT Joint Bus/Rail operations planning and bus intercept terminals

Mr. Mike Williams, Project Manager, Link Light Rail, presented information on options for operations of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel. He provided information on rail only, bus only, and joint operations of the tunnel with King County Metro. Mr. Williams addressed the findings of a recently published study conducted by Sound Transit that finds that joint operations of the tunnel is more feasible under current assumptions than it was previously.

The cost of the system would be higher with joint operations due to extra costs for ventilation, signaling, and fire, life, and safety issues, but the study demonstrates that joint operations would be the best use of the tunnel through 2016. Sound Transit, King County, and the City of Seattle have proposals to address these issues. Downtown surface streets would not be impacted beyond the time necessary to retrofit the tunnel.

Preliminary Identification of a preferred interim northern terminus for revised initial segment

Ms. Earl Introduced Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Acting Director, Link Light Rail, to present the discussion on identifying an interim northern terminus.

Mr. Fazel told the Board that staff recommends that Convention Place Station be identified as the interim northern terminus for joint operations. The other option that the Board directed staff to study as an interim northern terminus was Royal Brougham Street Station, but staff was not recommending that option.

By a show of hands, the majority of Board members present were in favor of Convention Place Station as the interim northern terminus, with Board members McKenna, Phelps, and Schell in the minority.

Overview of the Plan for Extending North

Ms. Earl and Mr. Fazel presented an update to the Board on the options for building Light Rail north of Convention Place Station to Northgate. On September 13, 2001, staff will brief the Board on a detailed work plan, strategies for local and federal funding, and an implementation schedule.

Status on McClellan and MLK Jr. Way issues

Ms. Earl introduced Mr. Ron Lewis, Project Development Manager, Link Light Rail, and Ms. Deborah Ashland, Architect, Station and Urban Design, Link Light Rail, who presented the Board with an update on McClellan station and MLK Jr. Way issues.

Update on Community Development Fund

Mr. Lewis introduced Ms. Nora Lu of the Community Development Fund Steering Committee, who gave an overview of the committee's activities. Membership on the committee includes Mr. Ron Lewis and Mr. Hugh Simpson of Sound Transit, along with City of Seattle and King County representatives. Ten community members are on the committee. Ms. Lu said that the

committee was concerned that the selection of an initial segment between CPS and South 200th Street would accelerate purchase of Right of Way. The committee wants to ensure that the fund is able to mitigate impacts caused by Link Light Rail in a timely manner.

Other Business

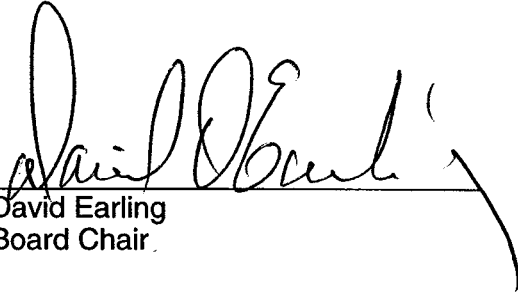
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Next Meeting

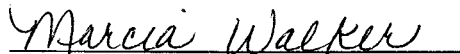
Thursday, September 13, 2001
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Snohomish PUD

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator