# **Sound Transit Summary Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2001**

### **Call to Order**

Chair David Earling called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. in the auditorium of the Snohomish County Public Utilities District, 2320 California Street, Everett, Washington.

# **Moment of Silence**

Mr. Earling asked Board members, staff and the public for a moment of pause and to send best wishes to those on the East Coast regarding the tragedy that occurred on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

## Roll Call

### Chair

Dave Earling, President, Edmonds City Council (P)

## Vice Chairs

- David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember (P)
- Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember (A)

### **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(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor
- (P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive
- (P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

- (P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember
- (P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember
- (P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor
- (A) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor
- (P) 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 at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Jane Hague John Ladenburg Richard McIver Ron Sims Cynthia Sullivan

## **Public Comment**

(Board member Ladenburg arrived at this time.)

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

Mr. Mark Dublin Mr. Hank Meyers

Mr. Philip Grega

(Board members Sims and McIver arrived at this time)

## Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling stated that the Board is meeting in Everett today because its operating rules require that one out of every six Board meetings be held in Snohomish County and one out of every six Board meetings be held in Pierce County.

Mr. Earling also thanked Sounder and Regional Express staff for working to provide additional service for those people leaving the City of Seattle because of the tragedy that occurred on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

# **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Earl stated that Sound Transit had been notified by the Port of Seattle that there will be delays to Express Bus service to the Sea-Tac Airport due to increased security.

#### Consent Agenda

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the month of July 2001 totaling \$28,640,727.86.

Resolution No. R2001-11 – Calling an election to annex the area within the City of Issaquah commonly known as the Issaquah Highlands into Sound Transit's territory to impose local taxes at rates presently imposed within Sound Transit's existing boundary, to establish the ballot title for said election, and to direct the Executive Director to deliver this Resolution to the appropriate election officials of King County and to request that said election officials take such actions as may be necessary to conduct said election on November 6, 2001

Resolution No. R2001-12 – Calling an election to annex the area within the City of Issaquah commonly known as the SR 900 Corridor East into Sound Transit's territory to impose local taxes at rates presently imposed within Sound Transit's existing boundary, to establish the ballot title for said election, and to direct the Executive Director to deliver this Resolution to the appropriate election officials of King County and to request that said election officials take such actions as may be necessary to conduct said election on November 6, 2001

Motion No. M2001-74 – Revising the responsibilities for the Board's permanent committees (Executive, Finance, and Government Affairs and Communications) and to reaffirm the responsibilities of the Central Link Implementation Task Force and to supersede Motion No. M2001-04

Motion No. M2001-87 – Expressing Sound Transit's intent to grant consent for the operation of monorail transit services within the Sound Transit District, subject to certain conditions

It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Drewel that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Mr. Sims requested Motion No. M2001-87 be removed from the consent agenda to be acted on separately.

Mr. McKenna suggested that Resolution No. R2001-11 and Resolution No. R2001-12 be removed from the consent agenda since major actions that require two-thirds approval should not be acted on as a part of the consent agenda.

The motion to approve the consent agenda, including voucher approval and Motion No. M2001-74 was approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Motion No. M2001-87 – Expressing Sound Transit's intent to grant consent for the operation of monorail transit services within the Sound Transit District, subject to certain conditions

It was moved by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mr. Enslow that Motion No. M2001-87 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mr. Enslow that the following language be added as the last sentence in paragraph 3 of Motion No. M2001-87: "(The Ballard to Downtown to West Seattle Corridor currently being studied would not be considered parallel competitive.)"

He stated that the purpose of the amendment was to state that the Ballard to downtown to West Seattle route currently being studied by the Elevated Transit Company (ETC) is not considered parallel competitive.

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Director of the Office of Policy and Planning stated that the term, "parallel and competitive service," is mentioned in state law. Under state law Sound Transit needs to determine whether another agency's service is parallel. He further stated that a transit system can be parallel with Central Link on I-5 and I-405, but not serve the same riders. Staff's judgment was that they were parallel, but that they were not competitive.

It was moved by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mr. Drewel that in the language enclosed by parentheses, the phrase "is complimentary to and not competitive with commuter rail and the high capacity transit offered by Sound Transit" be added.

Mr. Phelps suggested that the motion be delayed until the Board members could be briefed by staff and had the necessary information to make a decision.

It was moved by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mr. Phelps that action on Motion No. M2001-87 be delayed until the next Board meeting.

Mr. Sims withdrew his amendments.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-87 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

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It was moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2001-11 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2001-12 – Calling an election to annex the area within the City of Issaquah commonly known as the SR 900 Corridor East into Sound Transit's territory to impose local taxes at rates presently imposed within Sound Transit's existing boundary, to establish the ballot title for said election, and to direct the Executive Director to deliver this Resolution to the appropriate election officials of King County and to request that said election officials take such actions as may be necessary to conduct said election on November 6, 2001

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2001-12 be approved as presented.

### **Action Items**

Motion No. M2001-97 – Authorizing the Executive Director to implement changes to ST Express Routes 545 and 546 effective February 2001

It was moved by Ms. Hague, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-97 be approved as presented.

Mr. Earling asked staff to report to the Executive Committee in six months and again in one year on the this route.

#### Resolutions No. R2001-11 and R2001-12

Mr. McKenna stated it is required that major actions be approved by two-thirds of the Board, not two-thirds of those Board members present. He suggested therefore that there should automatically be a roll call vote when a two-thirds approval is required so that there is no question that the two-thirds approval was achieved.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2001-11 was carried by roll call vote:

Ayes Mr. Crawford Mr. McIver Ms. Davis Mr. McKenna Mr. Drewel Mr. Phelps Mr. Enslow Mr. Sims Ms. Hague Ms. Sullivan Mr. Hansen Mr. White Mr. Ladenburg Mr. Earling Mr. MacDonald

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None

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2001-12 was carried by roll call vote:

Ayes Nr. Crawford Mr. McIver None

Ms. Davis
Mr. McKenna
Mr. Drewel
Mr. Phelps
Mr. Enslow
Mr. Sims
Ms. Hague
Ms. Sullivan
Mr. Hansen
Mr. White
Mr. Ladenburg
Mr. Earling

Mr. MacDonald

# **Central Link Light Rail Briefings**

Ms. Earl stated that staff is not seeking board direction today, and that no action is being requested. She explained that the topics of discussion today include: the staff proposed initial segment, the finance plan, federal issues, extending Link north, Montlake drilling update, and South Lake Union Study update.

# **Other Business**

Mr. Phelps stated that he would like to propose the Executive Committee review the policy of rotating meetings to the north and south of Seattle. Mr. Phelps also stated that in the future, in dealing with situations such as Routes 545 and 546, it would be helpful to be provided an area map.

# **Next Meeting**

Thursday, September 27, 2001 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Union Station Board Room 401 South Jackson Street Seattle, Washington

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

David Earling Board Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker Board Administrator