

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
September 27, 2001**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Chair Dave Earling in the Sound Transit Board Room of Union Station, 401 South Jackson, 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

(P) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug MacDonald WSDOT Secretary

(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 at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Dave Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

Ron Sims, King County Executive

Public Comment

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

Mr. Ed Sterner, Lake Forest Park City Councilmember

Mr. Don Gerend, Sammamish City Councilmember

Ms. Maggi Fimia, King County Council, Chair of the Transportation Committee

Ms. Ruth Fisher, Co-Chair of the House Transportation Committee

Mr. Frederica Merrell, Jefferson Park Alliance member and Co-Chair of North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Planning

(Board members Enslow and Hague arrived at this time)

Mr. Sydney Elmer, representing 1,000 Friends of Washington

Mr. Bert Caoili, Filipino community

Ms. Diane Davies, Executive Director of Rail Transit Now

Mr. Richard Borkowski, President of People for Modern Transit

Mr. Mike Vaska, representing the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Pat Matteson, League of Women Voters of Washington
Mr. Tom Bertulis
Mr. Jim Bush, member of the Citizens Advisory King County and Seattle
Mr. Lawrence Molloy, representing the Mount Baker Community Council
Mr. Dick Burkhart, RVTAC, bike club, and the People for Modern Transit
Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos
Mr. Bob Markholt, Rainier Valley
Mr. Michael Richmond, Coordinator for the RVTAC
Representative Velma Veloria
Mr. David Ward, representing Let's Do It Right
Mr. Bob Gale

(Board member Sims arrived at this time.)

Mr. Guy Spencer, Normandy Park City Councilmember and member of the Regional Transit Committee of King County
Mr. Lyman Hull, the Rowing Foundation
Mr. Glover Barnes, Save Our Valley
Ms. Ruth Korkowski, Chair of the North Rainier Neighborhood Planning and member of SOV
Ms. Patricia Paschal, representing 23 residents of the Rainier Valley and SOV
Mr. Joe Shapiro
Mr. Craig Keller
Mr. Emory Bundy
Mr. Warren Yee
Mr. Michael Preston
Mr. Alan Deright
Mr. Paul W. Locke
Mr. Art Lewellan
Mr. Ed Brighton, Vice President of the Friends of the Monorail
Mr. Grant Cogswell

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling thanked the commuter rail staff for a wonderful celebration of the 500,000th rider on commuter rail.

Executive Director's Report

None.

Citizen Oversight Panel

Mr. Al Stipe presented the Citizen Oversight Panel report to the Board. (Copy on file with the Board Administrator.)

He acknowledged that the Board was making an important decision that will set a new direction for Link light rail. The events of the past year have been difficult ones for Sound Transit and could easily have caused the region's plan for new high-capacity transit to fail. The Citizen Oversight Panel complimented the agency and the Board for recovering from past missteps and deciding to build a light rail system for the future, within the parameters of Sound Move.

The COP is also raising the following cautions.

1. The Board should lay out its reasoning and criteria. More should be done to articulate the process of evaluation.
2. The COP has brought management issues to the Board's attention and urges increased monitoring and oversight of these issues.
3. The messages from independent groups offering oversight, technical expertise and outside perspectives on Sound Transit's work should be taken very seriously.

Project Review Committee Report

In August, the Board asked the Project Review Committee (PRC) to focus efforts on a review of the Link three-month work plan and specifically asked the committee to provide advice and counsel to the Board and Executive Director on the following topics:

1. Review of north alignment issues and provide comments regarding the alignment options;
2. Revisions to the agency's financial plan;
3. Construction phasing options;
4. Suggestions on the best way to serve the central business district; and
5. Suggestions for possible cost savings, including third party agreements, and other financial considerations.

Chair Charles Royer summarized the committee's report to the Board. (Copy is on file with the Board Administrator.)

Consent Agenda

Motion No. M2001-100 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a thirty (30) year agreement between Sound Transit and King County Metro for shared use and sharing of maintenance and operating costs of the new Bellevue Transit Center (BTC)

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

Action Items

Motion No. M2001-101 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Bayley Construction in the amount of \$6,170,000 with a 10% contingency of \$617,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$6,787,000 for construction of Stage 2 of the Bellevue Transit Center

Ms. Linda Smith indicated that the design and construction represented by this contract has been developed in close coordination with Metro, the City of Bellevue, property owners and the community. The transit center will be built to expand and improve the island which supports Sound Transit and Metro services.

Mr. Jim Edwards reported that there has been a bid protest. The construction contract was advertised in August 2000. Four bids were received. On September 27, 2001, one bid was deemed non-responsive. The bidder was notified and has protested that finding. The protest was reviewed by legal counsel and the contracts division, and was denied. Any further appeal will include an expedited review by the Executive Director. This contract will not be executed or notice to proceed given until any further bid protest is resolved.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-101 be approved as presented.

Central Link Light Rail

Mr. Earling asked Executive Director Joni Earl to provide introductory comments.

In June 2001, the Board adopted a three-month work program for a new initial segment to the airport. Affordability, the start date, maintaining subarea equity, and preserving the federal funding partnership were issues the Board requested be researched.

Over the course of the summer, staff presented information and choices including an interim north/south termini, joint operation in the tunnel and financial options to the Board. Sound Transit also underwent an audit of cost estimating systems performance. At the September 13, 2001 Board meeting Deloitte & Touche provided a verbal report, and the written report is provided today (copy on file).

Motion No. M2001-103 – Identifying the preferred initial segment to be constructed and operated for Central Link Light Rail

Ms. Earl outlined the two motions. The first is in relation to designating a preferred initial segment that is affordable and achievable.

Some details for the initial segment, from CPS to South 154th include the following:

- Capital budget - \$2.1 billion
- Begin construction Summer 2002
- Jobs created - 4,200 plus
- Begin service - mid-2009
- Length - 14 miles
- Ridership - 42,500
- Joint bus/rail operations of DSTT - 10, two-car trains and 60 buses per hour
- Shuttle to airport

There would be 11 stations in the initial segment. Staff recommends adding the deferred Beacon Hill station and deferring the Boeing Access Road station. The Beacon Hill station would have the highest ridership south of downtown Seattle. Boeing has indicated the station at the Boeing Access Road is not a priority. This was originally to be a connection with a commuter rail station, but that was deleted. Staff also recommends deferring the station at Royal Brougham.

The second motion is related to extending Link north. If the Board approves staff's recommendation today, the first scoping meeting will be held the third week of October.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Davis that Motion No. M2001-103 be approved as presented.

Mr. Schell offered the following amendment to Motion No. M2001-103.

1. Delete "where construction and passenger service shall begin first"; delete "that lies" after "Central Link"; and replace "South 154th Station" with "SeaTac Airport."
2. Add the word "possible" after "Convention Place; an"

3. Add new #3 stating "The Executive Director is directed to work with the Port of Seattle, the City of SeaTac, and the Board to develop a final alignment and financing plan to complete the southernmost segment between South 154th Street and South 200th Street."

It was moved by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Enslow that the amendment be approved as stated.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Mr. Schell's proposed amendment be amended to remove wording after the words "S. 200th."

Mr. McIver offered a friendly amendment adding the City of Tukwila to the list of entities identified in paragraph three.

The motion to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Schell to delete the words after South 20th Street, and to include the City of Tukwila in the list of entities identified, was carried by a roll call vote of 13 in favor and three opposed:

Ayes

Mr. Drewel
Mr. Enslow
Ms. Gates
Ms. Hague
Mr. Ladenburg
Mr. MacDonald
Mr. McIver
Mr. McKenna
Mr. Nickels
Mr. Phelps
Mr. Sims
Ms. Sullivan
Mr. Earling

Nays

Mr. Crawford
Mr. Hansen
Mr. Schell

The motion to approve the amendment proposed by Mr. Schell, and as amended by the Board, was carried by a roll call vote of 13 in favor and three opposed:

Ayes

Mr. Drewel
Mr. Enslow
Ms. Gates
Ms. Hague
Mr. Ladenburg
Mr. MacDonald
Mr. McIver
Mr. McKenna
Mr. Nickels
Mr. Phelps
Mr. Sims
Ms. Sullivan
Mr. Earling

Nays

Mr. Crawford
Mr. Hansen
Mr. Schell

Mr. Schell offered the following amendment as a new #3. "The Executive Director is directed to work with federal funding partners and other partner agencies to maintain flexibility to improve the initial segment plan by making changes to take advantage of opportunities such as:

- Options for an enhanced bus and/or rail hub at Convention Place based on the outcome of further examination of alternatives for extending link north from downtown;
- Additional information about possible alternative alignments through downtown for bus and/or rail resulting from the study of options to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct; or
- Further study of the cost and feasibility of constructing a second transit tunnel through downtown.”

It was moved by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. McKenna that the amendment adding a new section #3 be approved as presented.

The motion to approve the amendment adding a new section #3 was defeated by a roll call vote of 14 to 2:

Ayes

Mr. McKenna
Mr. Schell

Nays

Mr. Crawford
Mr. Drewel
Mr. Enslow
Ms. Gates
Ms. Hague
Mr. Hansen
Mr. Ladenburg
Mr. MacDonald
Mr. McIver
Mr. Nickels
Mr. Phelps
Mr. Sims
Ms. Sullivan
Mr. Earling

Mr. Nickels offered the following amendment as a new section: “Sound Transit will continue to pursue funding opportunities with other partners for undergrounding utilities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South. Funds dedicated to undergrounding in the light rail budget will not be increased above current levels, but can be used to leverage other funds.”

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Crawford that the amendment be approved as presented.

The motion was carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 1:

Ayes

Mr. Crawford
Mr. Enslow
Ms. Gates
Ms. Hague
Mr. Ladenburg
Mr. MacDonald
Mr. McIver
Mr. McKenna
Mr. Nickels
Mr. Phelps
Mr. Schell
Mr. Sims

Nays

Mr. Hansen

Ms. Sullivan
Mr. Earling

Mr. Earling indicated that he would like to have two letters read into the record. He asked Ms. Walker to read a letter from Kent Mayor Jim White.

Dear Mr. Earling:

A conflicting engagement prevents me from participating in Thursday's Board meeting. However, I'd like to offer my thoughts and have them read into the record.

I strongly support MOS from Convention Place Station to 154th. I also believe providing rail service even further south to 200th should be our highest priority. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jim White, Mayor
City of Kent

Mr. Earling then read a note from Lakewood City Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

I am sorry I had to leave today's meeting before the important vote on Motion No. M2001-103. In this new area of increased airport security, this is to communicate that I strongly support Motion No. M2001-103.

I want to thank the members of the Board. You have taken some considerable hit. I compliment each and every one of us, regardless of when you came in, for stepping up and becoming engaged and accepting briefings and understanding the process. It is extraordinary work. I appreciate it.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-103, as amended, was carried by a vote of 12 in favor and four opposed.

Ayes

Mr. Crawford
Mr. Drewel
Mr. Enslow
Ms. Gates
Mr. Ladenburg
Mr. MacDonald
Mr. McIver
Mr. Nickels
Mr. Phelps
Mr. Sims
Ms. Sullivan
Mr. Earling

Nays

Ms. Hague
Mr. Hansen
Mr. McKenna
Mr. Schell

Motion No. M2001-104 – Directing the Executive Director to evaluate Central Link Light Rail Routes and Station Alternatives between Convention Place and Northgate

It was moved by Mr. Sims and carried by Mr. Crawford that Motion No. M2001-104 be approved as presented.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-104 was carried by a roll call vote of 16 in favor and 0 opposed:

Ayes

Mr. Crawford
Mr. Drewel
Mr. Enslow
Ms. Gates
Ms. Hague
Mr. Hansen
Mr. Ladenburg
Mr. MacDonald
Mr. McIver
Mr. McKenna
Mr. Nickels
Mr. Phelps
Mr. Schell
Mr. Sims
Ms. Sullivan
Mr. Earling

Nays

None

Other Business

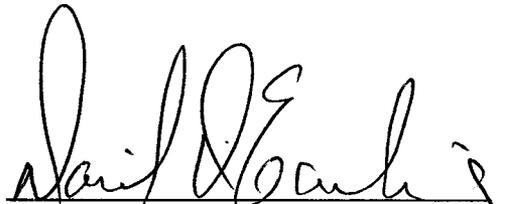
There was no other business.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2001
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator