

**Sound Transit  
Board Meeting Summary Minutes  
October 25, 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

(P) Jack Crawford, City of Kenmore Deputy Mayor

(A) 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

(A) 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.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Rob McKenna

Ron Sims

Cynthia Sullivan

**Public Comment**

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

Mr. Douglas Shirer

(Ms. Sullivan arrived at this time.)

Ms. Janet Hilderman, representing American Airlines employees

Ms. Karen Hesacker, representing Continental Airlines, Ogden, and Sky Chef employees

Mr. Steven Meyers, representing Northwest Airlines employees

Ms. Angela Maglione, representing Alaska Airlines employees

Mr. Jerry Martin, Northwest Airlines

Ms. Desmond Mashuka, representing the SeaTac Transportation Partnership

Mr. Art Lewellyn

(Mr. Sims arrived at this time.)

## Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling stated that the Board would be working from a revised agenda. The Citizen Oversight Panel report had been deferred, Motion No. M2001-118 had been added appointing a chair of the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee, and Motion No. M2001-110 had been changed to reflect the Executive Committee's action.

Mr. Earling announced that Sound Transit received three First Place Awards at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) conference. He said that each year APTA sponsors an annual competition to honor outstanding transit marketing and advertising programs nationwide – the Adwheels. Sound Transit awards were for the following work:

- Advertisement-Promotion/"Sounder Launch Ads"
- Annual Report
- Billboard/outdoor advertising/"Sounder Launch billboards"

As First Place winners, the agency was also eligible to win Grand Prize Awards. The awards were announced at the APTA General Session on Wednesday, October 3, in Philadelphia, and Sound Transit received a Grand Prize for its newspaper ads for the launch of Sounder in September 2000.

## Executive Director Report

Ms. Joni Earl, Executive Director, announced that Sound Transit celebrated ten million riders on Regional Express with events at the Bellevue, Lynnwood, and Tacoma park-and-ride lots. She stated that the week prior Sounder had a record ridership of 13,226 passengers.

Ms. Earl mentioned receiving a letter from Ms. Helen Knoll of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding additional feedback on the process for the full funding grant agreement (FFGA) for the initial light rail segment.

Ms. Sullivan suggested the Board invite Mr. Hal Henderson with Parsons Brinkerhoff to make a presentation on alternative technology for going north. She said he is an expert in the field and could offer his expertise.

## Consent Agenda

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certifications for the month of August 2001, in the amount of \$26,600,353.14

### Minutes of the July 26, 2001, Board meeting

Motion No. M2001-106 – Authorizing the Executive Director to (1) amend the option sections of Contract No. RTA/CR 08-98 with Bombardier Transportation Corporation (Bombardier) to specify a specific number of additional cab cars and passenger coaches that may be purchased, and (2) exercise the option to purchase seven cab cars from Bombardier at a cost of \$13,548,1285 (\$1,935,455 each) and ten passenger coaches at a cost of \$17,901,100 (\$1,790,110 each), for a total authorized amount for this option not to exceed \$31,449,285

Motion No. M2001-108 – Appointing Ms. Rea Hagan to the Citizen Oversight Panel to fill the position vacated by Claudia Ellsworth, Pierce County

Resolution No. R2001-13 – Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase or by condemnation and to pay eligible relocation and reestablishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction and operation of the Regional Express Lynnwood Direct Access Project

Motion No. M2001-118 - Appointing Mr. Kevin Phelps as Chair of the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee

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

Action Items

Items Referred by Finance Committee without Recommendation

Motion No. M2001-105 – (1) authorizing an increase to the Sounder construction budget for Everett Station to \$10,443,954; (2) approving a transfer of \$4,738,965 from the Regional Express Pacific Avenue Overpass Project to the Sounder Everett Station Project; and (3) authorizing the Executive Director to execute a second supplemental agreement to the Memorandum of Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Everett for Funding Design and Construction of the Everett Station

Mr. Earling advised that Motion No. M2001-105 had been forwarded to the Board from the Finance Committee without recommendation.

Ms. Val Batey, Project Manager, briefed the Board on Motion No. M2001-105.

(Mr. McKenna arrived at this time.)

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Motion No. M2001-105 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Phelps stated his concern with taking cost savings from one line of business and applying the savings to another line of business. He requested that in the future, cost savings be applied within the line of business.

Mr. Drewel acknowledged Mr. Phelps' concern with moving funds. He did remind the Board that the station was multi-modal and the funds would be transferred within one region.

Mr. Hansen added that as a multi-modal facility, the parking would serve both Sounder Commuter Rail and Regional Express bus.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-105 was approved by the unanimous vote of all members present.**

Items Referred by Executive Committee

Motion No. M2001-110 – Authorizing the Executive Director to implement changes to ST Express Bus Route 574 effective February 2002

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director, briefed the Board on Motion No. M2001-110. She explained that in February 2001 three early morning trips were added to the 574 route. This was done with the condition the early trips would only continue if additional funding was identified to help with service outside ST Express's hours of 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Discussions to reach a financial partnership with the Port of Seattle were unsuccessful. The Executive Committee recommended deleting the first northbound 3:07 a.m. route from the Lakewood Mall, which has not met service standards and performance guidelines.

Ms. Gates advised that after hearing public comments, she would like to offer the following substitute motion.

**It was moved by Ms. Gates and seconded by Mr. Drewel that the Executive Director be directed to pursue a funding agreement with the airlines serving Sea-Tac airport to finance Regional Express Route 574 trips that are outside the Sound Move service hours of 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with the decision on Route 574 being part of Board action on the 2002 Service Implementation Plan.**

Ms. Gates advised that the additional time would allow for discussions with the individual airlines to seek funding partnerships and a full year of service to get an accurate measure of the use of the service.

**The motion to approve Ms. Gates substitute motion was carried by the majority vote of all Board members present with Mr. McIver and Mr. Earling voting in the minority.**

### **Items Not Referred by Committee**

**Motion No. M2001-113 - Authorizing Sound Transit's I-405 representative to recommend specified HCT related elements to be incorporated into the I-405 Preferred Alternative**

Mr. Matsuoka briefed the Board members on Motion No. M2001-113. He stated that Sound Transit is a co-lead with the WSDOT, the FTA, the FHWA, and King County the on the I-405. The Sound Transit representatives are Board members McKenna and Sims.

He stated that the staff recommendation was to proceed with bus rapid transit (BRT) as the preferred solution in this corridor as opposed to rail.

**It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-113 be approved as presented.**

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Tacoma Link Operations Policy**

Mr. Matsuoka stated that when Sound Move was adopted in 1996, clear statements were made regarding services being contracted for Regional Express and Sounder. With Link, the plan was silent.

He advised that staff was not asking for action at this time and he outlined two options: (1) Sound Transit self-operation or (2) begin activities for competitive procurement. He said that Link Light Rail will be a new system for Washington State and direction will need to be decided.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Earling announced that the Board would convene an executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss contract negotiations with legal counsel. He said there would be no action following the executive session. The executive session convened at 3:30 p.m. and lasted until 3:53 p.m.

### **Other Business**

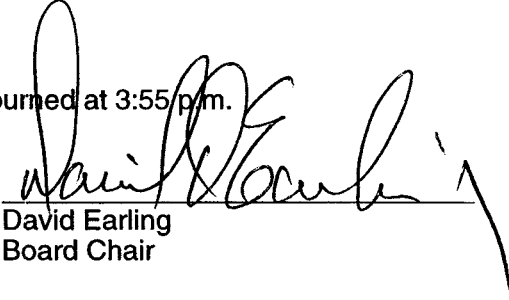
None.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, November 8, 2001  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station, 401 South Jackson  
Seattle, WA

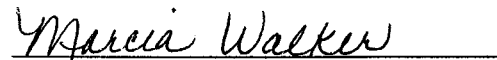
**Adjourn**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



David Earling  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator