# Sound Transit Board Meeting Summary Minutes November 8, 2001

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:24 p.m. by Chair David Earling in the Sound Transit Board Room of Union Station, 401 South Jackson, Seattle, Washington.

## Roll Call

# <u>Chair</u>

(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
- (P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor
- (P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive
- (A) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember
- (P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember
- (A) Doug MacDonald WSDOT Secretary
- (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
- (A) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, indicated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

#### **Public Comment**

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

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. Philip Grega

# Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling announced that the next Board meeting would be November 29, 2001, and that Board members should expect the meeting to last the full three hours scheduled.

Mr. Earling noted that the RTA boundary expanded as a result of the election held Tuesday, November 6, 2001. The expansion was into an area adjacent to Issaquah, and 68% of voters in that area approved inclusion in the Sound Transit region.

# **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Joni Earl, Executive Director, presented the Board with the agency's response to the Deloitte & Touche Cost Estimating Systems Performance Audit, and said that staff would address the status of

the implementation of the recommendations in detail with the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee and the Executive Committee.

Ms. Earl also brought the Board's attention to the Sound Transit Ridership Report distributed to them at the meeting.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the month of September 2001, in the amount of \$34,211,462.31.

Minutes of the August 9, 2001 Board meeting.

Motion No. M2001-114 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation Program Agreement between the transit agencies of Pierce Transit, King County Metro Transit, Community Transit, Everett Transit and Sound Transit.

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

### **Action Items**

## **Items Not Referred by Committee**

Resolution No. R2001-15 – Recognizing and commending Mr. Reid Shockey's leadership and service as Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel.

Ms. Walker read Resolution No. R2001-15 into the record.

WHEREAS, a regional transit authority (Sound Transit) has been created for the King, Pierce, and Snohomish County region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, Central Puget Sound area voters approved local funding for Sound Move, the ten-year plan for regional high-capacity transit in the Central Puget Sound Region; and

WHEREAS, the Sound Transit's Board's commitment to public accountability is a predominant theme in the principles and policies described in the plan; and

WHEREAS, Sound Move included a promise to appoint a citizen oversight committee to monitor Sound Transit's performance in carrying out its public commitments; and

WHEREAS, the Sound Transit Board adopted Motion No. 27 on February 27, 1997, appointing the first members of the Citizen Oversight Panel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid Shockey has been a member of the Citizen Oversight Panel since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockey was elected Vice Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel on June 17, 1997, and reelected as the Vice Chair in May 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockey was elected Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel on April 13, 1999, and reelected as the Chair on April 25, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockey chaired 35 Citizen Oversight Panel meetings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockey has presented regular Citizen Oversight Panel reports to the Sound Transit Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockey has shown exemplary regional leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to recognize and commend Mr. Reid Shockey for his leadership and service as Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel and the region.

It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2001-15 be approved as presented.

Board members thanked Mr. Shockey for his leadership of the Citizen Oversight Panel, and Mr. Earling presented him with a plaque commending him for his service to Sound Transit from May 1999 through October 2001.

Mr. Shockey thanked the board for honoring him.

#### **Rules Suspension**

Mr. Earling asked the Board to suspend the rules to allow the Executive Committee to develop recommendations for Board officers at its December meeting, as the November 16, 2001 Executive Committee meeting was cancelled.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the rules be suspended to allow the Executive Committee to meet in December rather than November to develop Chair and Vice Chair recommendations for the Board.

Motion No. M2001-123 - Authorizing up to eight (8) Board members travel to the City of Portland, Oregon for a field study of the MAX (Metropolitan Area Express) Light Rail system from November 19 through November 20, 2001.

Mr. Earling said that the Board's travel policy specifies that travel by Board members "...beyond a radius of 300 miles from the Authority or which requires overnight lodging shall be approved by the Board's Executive Committee." As the Executive Committee would not be meeting before the travel dates specified, he asked that the Board approve Motion No. M2001-123.

It was moved by Mr. Enslow, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-123 be approved as presented.

### **Items Referred by Executive Committee**

Resolution 1-1 (Amended) - Adopting and amending rules and operating procedures for the Board.

Mr. Earling introduced the resolution, stating that it was recommended to the Board for adoption by the Executive Committee and that a super-majority was required. The amendment to the resolution would delete the requirement that the Board hold regular business meetings in Pierce and Snohomish counties from Section 4.

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

Motion No. M2001-119 – Adopting a Sounder Commuter Rail Interim Surface Parking Policy and authorizing the Executive Director to implement the policy as defined.

Mr. Roger Iwata, Project Development Coordinator, Sounder Commuter Rail, presented the staff report. He said the policy was needed to set guidelines for use of Sounder surface parking facilities while the agency develops an overall policy.

Mr. Crawford asked that staff report back on this issue in six months.

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-119 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2001-14 - Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation, by settling condemnation litigation or entering administrative settlements, to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties on Smith Street between Railroad Avenue North and Fourth Avenue North and Pioneer Street between Railroad Avenue North and Central Avenue North as necessary for the Kent Commuter Rail Station, and to reimburse the City of Kent for any expenses incurred in assisting Sound Transit with the acquisitions.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Ms. Gates that Resolution No. R2001-14 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2001-14 be amended in Exhibit A to include parcel 242204-9011-00 in the Burlington Northern section.

Ms. Gates said the amendment adds the legal description of a property that was not adequately identified in the original resolution, and that it does not change the scope, schedule or budget.

It was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2001-14 be adopted as amended.

# **Committee Reports**

#### Finance Committee

Mr. McKenna, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, briefed the Board members on the committee's actions.

# **Central Link Task Force**

Ms. Gates briefed the Board members on the activities of the task force.

#### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Earling, Chair of the Executive Committee, briefed Board members on actions taken by the committee.

Ms. Earl reported to the Board that Sound Transit was negotiating a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle regarding financing the Community Development Fund.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Earling announced that the Board would convene and executive session to discuss contract negotiations with legal counsel. The executive session was expected to last 25 minutes and would not result in any action. The Board was to reconvene its regular meeting to hear other business and adjourn.

The Board recessed into executive session at 1:10 p.m.

Mr. Earling asked the Board Administrator to announce to the public waiting for the Board to reconvene the regular meeting that the executive session would be extended by an additional twenty minutes.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 1:55 p.m.

# **Other Business**

None.

# **Next Meeting**

Thursday, November 29, 2001 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Union Station Seattle, Washington

# <u>Adjourn</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

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David Earling Board Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker Board Administrator