

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2001-132

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority designating Sound Transit as the operator of Tacoma Link Light Rail on an interim basis and directing staff to develop a detailed workplan for operations. Light rail operations of Tacoma Link will not become the foundation for light rail operations of Central Link. Central Link Operations decisions will be determined by the Sound Transit Board in the future. All hiring decisions and potential contracts will reflect this understanding and principle.

Background:

In accordance with Sound Move, Sound Transit's approach to operations for both ST Express Bus and Sounder Commuter Rail has been to contract with existing transit operators in the region that already have the necessary maintenance and operations infrastructures in place. Currently, there is neither a public nor a private entity in the region that operates a modern light rail system.

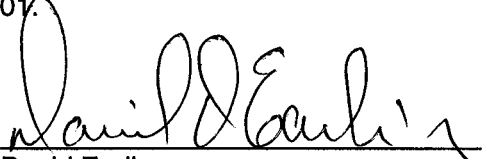
Tacoma Link is scheduled to begin operations in September 2003. Sound Transit needs to identify its approach for operating Tacoma Link so that the efforts to assure fully mobilized operations can begin early in 2002. Experience gained by operating Tacoma Link on an interim basis can assist the Sound Transit Board when determining a permanent approach for light rail operations.

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Motion:

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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of December, 2001.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator