

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2001-15

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority defining a scope of work for the Central Link Project Review Committee (formerly called the Technical Advisory Committee) and directing the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee Chair, to appoint the members of the Committee.

Background:

On January 11, 2001, the Sound Transit Board adopted the Link Six-Month Work Plan as part of Resolution No. R2001-01, which included the creation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The work plan provided information on the type of technical issues that would be addressed and included a schedule for the TAC. Since the adoption of Resolution No. R2001-01, staff has further clarified the role and proposed make-up of the Committee. Because of concerns over the increased costs of the light rail program and change in estimated completion date, there has been renewed interest in ensuring the TAC is allowed to review the project to find ways to reduce cost, schedule, risk, and improve the project where possible.

Due to the complexities and magnitude of the project, the Sound Transit Board and Executive Director want assistance and guidance from a mix of community and technical leaders to review actions of the project team as the light rail project progresses over time. The Committee is especially important during the first six to nine months leading to the Board decision to award contracts for light rail construction.

Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that a Central Link Project Review Committee (CLPRC) is hereby created to advise the Board and Executive Director on the Link Light Rail project. The Committee Chair will be the Honorable Charles Royer.

The initial scope of the CLPRC is to work with Sound Transit staff and consultant teams to evaluate and review the light rail project. The committee will provide advice to the Executive Director and the Sound Transit Board on technical issues, contracting strategies, potential refinements to reduce costs, schedule and risk, and to improve the project.

The CLPRC will review prior studies and updated information to understand the decisions leading up to the selection of the Board-adopted preferred alignment against which other alternatives to reduce cost, schedule and risk will be assessed. Key issues for the committee to evaluate are contained in the six-month work plan adopted January 11, 2001, and may include, but not be limited to:

1. Assessing refinements and modifications to alignment and design, and review of third party agreements and costs.
2. Providing an independent assessment of courses of action recommended to the Board by staff and taken by the Executive Director.
3. Developing a recommendation for an on-going independent review and oversight of the project, subsequent to completion of the six-month work plan.

The Sound Transit Board directs the Executive Director, in consultation with the CLPRC Chair, to appoint the committee. During the initial phase of the CLPRC, estimated to be six to nine months, the committee will be made up of 13 members, which shall include the following:

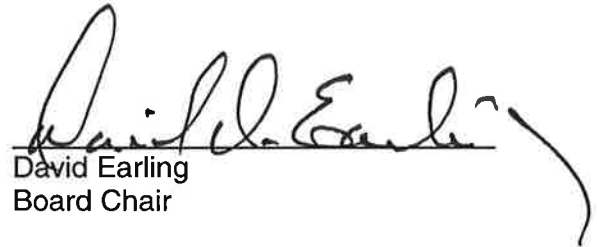
- Chair
- Five Sound Transit Board members representing the three county region
- One Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel member with construction project expertise
- Two outside experts familiar with light rail projects, especially tunnel construction
- One outside expert familiar with financing of large public works projects
- Three citizen/business/labor representatives

At the conclusion of the initial work program, the Central Link Project Review Committee may choose to reconfigure the membership and scope to focus more on ongoing technical issues related to the further design and implementation of the light rail project.

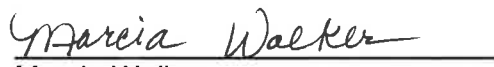
Persons who have financial relationships with Sound Transit shall not be appointed.

It is further moved that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a sole source contract in order to provide an independent staff person to support the Committee Chair.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8th day of February, 2001.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator