

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
November 29, 2001**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m. by Chair David 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

(A) 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

(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 at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Greg Nickels

Jane Hague

Rob McKenna

Doug MacDonald

Kevin Phelps

Ron Sims

Public Comment

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

Mr. Philip Grega

Michael Richmond

Sydney Elmer

Diane Davies

Mike Peringer

Lawrence Molloy

Ethel Boyar

Richard Borkowski

Bob Markholt

Bob Watt

Jackie Engler

Dave Miller

Dick Burkhart

Craig Ward

Neil Wilson

Warren Yee

Dwight Pelz

John Little

George Curtis

John McFarland

(Mr. MacDonald, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Nickels, and Mr. Sims arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling announced that the Board agenda had been revised. A report from the Project Review Committee was added to the agenda, Motion No. M2001-130 was added to the action items, and the action items were moved ahead of the discussion items on the agenda.

Executive Director's Report

(Mr. Phelps arrived at this time.)

Ms. Joni Earl, Executive Director provided the Board with the schedule for the scoping meetings with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for I-90, set for December 4, 5, and 6, 2001. Along with that information, invitations to the rail placement ceremony in Tacoma for Tacoma Link on December 11, 2001 were also in Board member's packets.

Citizen Oversight Panel

Mr. Art Carter, Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) presented the panel's report. Mr. Carter said a recent meeting with Mr. Drewel, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Enslow on the COP's evolving role was very productive. The report focused on Sounder Commuter Rail, 2002 Budget, and Sound Transit Communications.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the August 23, 2001, September 13, 2001, September 27, 2001, October 25, 2001, and November 8, 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 to Suspend Rules

Mr. Earling stated that Mr. Nickels had requested that the rules be suspended to allow him to participate in the meeting by telephone should he be required to leave before the business of the day's meeting was completed.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Nickels to participate in the meeting by telephone if necessary.

Action Items

Motion No. M2001-130 – Appointing Mr. Phillip Yin to the Citizen Oversight Panel to fill the position vacated by Kristi Mandt, Seattle/King County.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. White, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-130 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2001-16 – Selecting the initial segment of the Central Link Light Rail Project to be constructed and operated by 2009.

Ms. Earl presented the staff report on Resolution No. R2001-16, and said that staff was asking the Board to approve the initial segment and authorize the work plan to develop the airport connection and South 200th Street segment.

Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Interim Director, Link Light Rail, outlined the key features of the proposed initial segment.

Mr. Ron Endlich, Project Manager, Link Light Rail, provided an update on the alternatives for routes between Seattle and Northgate.

Mr. Hugh Simpson, Director of Finance and Information, discussed changes in the financial plan since September. The Project Review Committee's letter to Sound Transit was provided to Board members, and it states that the committee found Sound Transit's financial projections to be reasonable.

Ms. Gina Marie Lindsey, Port of Seattle, told the Board that the Port was committed to finding a good solution for the airport terminal station.

(Ms. Hague arrived at this time.)

Mr. Earling introduced Mr. Frank Stagen and Ms. Kathy Scanlon of the Project Review Committee. Mr. Stagen and Ms. Scanlon addressed the recommendations the committee made in their letter to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Ladenburg and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Resolution No. R2001-16 be adopted as presented.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend Resolution No. R2001-16 by inserting the following language on page 13 before Section 5:

“Section 6. The light rail project scope shall include the potential for relocating and placing the utilities along Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South underground. The work necessary to place the utilities underground will be performed only if the other elements included within the project scope and the cost to underground the utilities can be completed for an amount that does not require Sound Transit's expenditures to exceed the \$2,070,000,000 project budget. Sound Transit will continue to pursue additional external funding sources to supplement the existing budget in order to pay the cost to underground the utilities as provided in Motion No. M2001-103.”

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend Resolution No. R2001-16 by inserting the following language on page 12 after Section 3:

“Section 4. The light rail project scope includes the potential for cost savings. As net cost savings from the initial segment are realized they will be designated for either extending the project north of Convention Place Station for North King County or south of South 154th Street for South King County, provided that current project scope is not reduced, unless done so through Board procedures.”

The word “net” was inserted before “cost savings” by friendly amendment.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend Resolution No. R2001-16 by inserting the following text on page 11 after the second "Whereas" clause:

"Whereas, on November 26, 2001, the Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of Sound Transit sent a letter to the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, in which they identified the Board's objectives and made commitments on behalf of the agency and the Board in response to issues raised in a September 27, 2001 letter received from the Chamber, including objectives for system expansion, improved accountability, strengthened oversight, and strict control of project scope and costs; and"

"Whereas, the agency will fully pursue the content of the November 26, 2001 letter on the Board's behalf; and"

and insert the following on page 13 after Section 6.

"Section 8. The Executive director shall solicit input from the Citizen Oversight Panel, the Project Review Committee, other transit properties and external sources on methods and mechanisms for strengthening oversight of project development and construction, improving agency accountability, controlling project scope, processing third-party agreements, and containing project costs. Based on this work, the Executive Director shall develop options and recommendations to be presented to the Board no later than January 24, 2002."

The motion to adopt Resolution No. R2001-16 as amended was carried by the majority vote of all Board members present.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Crawford	Ms. Hague
Ms. Davis	Mr. McKenna
Mr. Drewel	
Mr. Enslow	
Ms. Gates	
Mr. Ladenburg	
Mr. MacDonald	
Mr. McIver	
Mr. Nickels	
Mr. Phelps	
Mr. Sims	
Ms. Sullivan	
Mr. White	
Mr. Earling	

Motion No. M2001-126 – Authorizing the Executive Director to: 1) implement a work plan to evaluate alternative Central Link Light Rail routes and station locations to serve the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport by the year 2009; 2) negotiate an agreement with the Port of Seattle allowing operation of a temporary shuttle service between the Link station at South 154th Street and the Main Terminal at the Airport, if a permanent connection cannot be achieved by the start of Link service in 2009; 3) negotiate an interlocal agreement with the Port of Seattle to provide design review and planning and design support for analysis of alternative airport support facilities and phasing strategies and 4) include the cost for this evaluation effort in the Sound Transit 2002 budget.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. White that Motion No. M2001-126 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend Motion No. M2001-126 by inserting "with the Port of Seattle and City of SeaTac" after "1) implement a work plan;" and inserting "with the goal of extending light rail to S. 200th St. in the City of SeaTac" after "3) negotiate an interlocal agreement with the Port of Seattle."

It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-126 be amended by inserting "and associated bus and paratransit facilities" after "1) implement a workplan to evaluate alternative Central Link Light Rail routes and station locations."

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-126 as amended was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Discussion Items

Sounder Commuter Rail Risk Assessment

Mr. David Beal, Acting Director, Sounder Commuter Rail, presented the staff report on Sounder risk assessment, and he described budget and schedule risks to implementation of service and strategies for managing risks.

Other Business

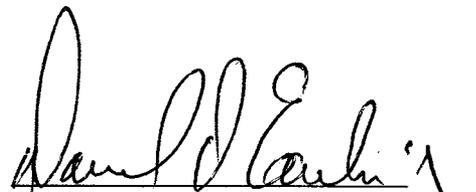
Ms. Sullivan told the Board that she met with the Project Review Committee regarding the financing plan and that some policy changes suggested by the committee could help get the system built faster.

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2001
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station
Seattle, Washington

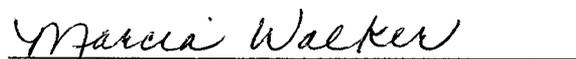
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.



David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator