

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
December 13, 2001**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 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

(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

(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.

John Ladenburg

Rob McKenna

Doug MacDonald

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

(Mr. Ladenburg arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling deferred action on recognizing the service of Mr. Schell and Ms. Davis. He also noted the Tacoma Link Rail-Laying ceremony on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, and thanked the communications and government relations staff.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Joni Earl, Executive Director, told the Board that she had met with the State Auditor. The annual audit of Sound Transit was complete, although the report had not been issued yet. She reported that the audit was positive and there were no findings. The auditors also complimented the agency's accounting and financial staff who deal with subarea equity. The report will be reviewed by the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee.

Mr. Nickels noted that there has been only one audit finding in six years.

Consent Agenda

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certifications for the month of October 2001, in the amount of \$19,090,501.77.

Motion No. M2001-125 – Adopting the 2002 State Legislative Program.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Ms. Gates, 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

Resolution No. R2001-17 – Adopting an annual budget for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2002.

Mr. Earling announced that the Finance Committee had adopted several amendments and that a roll call vote would be taken as a super-majority was needed to adopt the budget resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. White that Resolution No. R2001-17 be adopted as presented.

(Mr. McKenna arrived at this time.)

Mr. Phelps extended the Finance Committee's compliments to Mr. Hugh Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Brian McCartan, Budget Manager, for their work on the budget as well as their work on audit issues.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2001-17 be amended by inserting "an evaluation of options for funding additional parking for the Issaquah Highland Park and Ride (King county Project)" under Section 7.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. R2001-17 as amended was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Aye Nay

Mr. Crawford
Mr. Drewel
Mr. Enslow
Ms. Gates
Mr. Ladenburg
Mr. McIver
Mr. McKenna
Mr. Nickels
Mr. Phelps
Mr. Sims
Ms. Sullivan
Mr. White
Mr. Earling

Items Referred by the Executive Committee

Motion No. M2001-132 – Designating Sound Transit as the operator of Tacoma Link Light Rail on an interim basis.

It was moved by Mr. Ladenburg and seconded by Mr. White that Motion No. M2001-132 be approved as presented.

The language “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.” was included in Motion No. M2001-132 by friendly amendment.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2001-132 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Suspension of Rules.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the rules be suspended to allow the election of the Board Chair and Vice Chairs to take place in the absence of the Secretary of Transportation.

Motion No. M2001-127 – Electing Ron Sims as the Chair of the Sound Transit Board for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2002.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-127 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2001-128 – Electing David Earling as a Vice Chair of the Sound Transit Board for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2002.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-128 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2001-131 – Electing John Ladenburg as a Vice Chair of the Sound Transit Board for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2002.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2001-131 be approved as presented.

(Mr. MacDonald arrived at this time.)

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Mr. Earling, Chair of the Executive Committee, said that the recommendations for Board Officers was the only report.

Finance Committee

Mr. McKenna, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on action taken by the Finance Committee.

Central Link Task Force

Ms. Gates, Vice Chair of the Central Link Task Force, reported that the task force received updates on Tacoma Link, the Community Development Fund, and North Link Light Rail scoping.

Government Affairs and Communication Committee

No report.

Other Business

None.

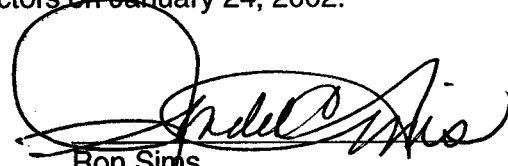
Next Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2002
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn


The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Sound Transit Board of Directors on January 24, 2002.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator