

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
January 10, 2002**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by Chair Ron Sims in the Sound Transit Board Room of Union Station, 401 South Jackson, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) David Earling, Edmonds City Council President

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Board Members

(P) Jack Crawford, City of Kenmore Deputy Mayor

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(A) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug MacDonald WSDOT Secretary

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Deputy Mayor

(A) 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:

Ed Hansen

Cynthia Sullivan

Chair's Remarks

Mr. Sims asked the Board to welcome Ms. Claudia Thomas, Deputy Mayor of Lakewood and newly appointed member of the Sound Transit Board. Mr. Sims also thanked the outgoing Chair, Mr. David Earling, for his leadership over the last two years.

(Board members Hansen and Sullivan arrived at this time.)

Mr. Sims also announced that Bellevue City Councilmember Chuck Mosher and King County Councilmember Julia Patterson were in the audience, and that he expected them to be confirmed as Board members by the King County Council next week.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Reid Shockey

Mr. Phillip Grega

Mr. Paul Locke

Mr. Mark Dublin

Report of the Chair

The agenda for the Board meeting had been revised. Mr. Sims asked that agendas not indicate times for action items.

Mr. Sims nominated the following Board members for appointed to the Finance Committee:

- Kevin Phelps, Chair
- Jack Crawford, Vice Chair
- Dave Enslow
- Mary Gates
- Ed Hansen
- Richard McIver
- Greg Nickels

He also asked the Board to approve the appointments of Bellevue City Councilmember Chuck Mosher and King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz as members of the Finance Committee once their councils confirm them as Sound Transit Board members.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Kevin Phelps be elected Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Jack Crawford be elected Vice Chair, and that Mr. David Enslow, Ms. Mary Gates, Mr. Ed Hansen, Mr. Richard McIver, and Mr. Greg Nickels be elected as members, and that Mr. Chuck Mosher and Mr. Dwight Pelz also be elected upon their confirmation as Sound Transit Board members.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Joni Earl, Executive Director, told the Board that she was at the headquarters of Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) in Ft. Worth, Texas to meet with company officials to discuss the start up of a third commuter train between Tacoma and Seattle, as well as to discuss issues regarding the start up of commuter rail service between Everett and Seattle.

The quarterly meeting with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) was recently completed and the FTA was very pleased with the agency's responses to questions and the developments in project control. Staff will prepare a summary report for the Board in a few weeks.

At a meeting with Governor Locke, the Governor told Ms. Earl and Mr. Sims' staff that it was important to reach an agreement on the connection at the airport and that Sound Transit should work to make the public more aware of all the services it is providing to communities.

Finally, Ms. Earl announced the hiring of Ms. Janice Bondar, Human Services Manager, and Mr. Al Lowe, Real Estate Manager. Mr. Lowe replaces Mr. Larry Ellington, who has been the Acting Real Estate Manager.

There will be an announcement in two weeks regarding the selection of Directors for Sounder Commuter Rail and Link Light Rail.

Consent Agenda

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certifications for the month of November 2001, in the amount of \$42,794,578.43.

Minutes of the November 29, 2001 Board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, 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

Motion No. M2002-01 – Authorizing Board member travel for the year 2002 within the State of Washington and to Washington D.C. for the purpose of briefing legislators and congressional delegates on behalf of Sound Transit.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-01 be approved as presented.

Discussion Items

Motion No. M2002-02 – Revising the responsibilities of the Board's Executive and Finance Committees and renaming the Central Link Implementation Task Force to the Central Link Oversight Committee and superseding Motion No. M2001-74.

Mr. Sims asked Board members to contact him with their comments on his proposals for changing the committee structure and responsibilities, and that he would seek action on this motion at the next Board meeting.

Briefing on Preliminary Route Evaluation Results for North Link

Ms. Earl introduced Mr. Ron Endlich, Program Manager, Link Light Rail, to present the discussion.

Mr. Endlich said the purpose of the briefing was to present the staff recommendations on routes and to seek Board guidance on routes to carry forward to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement process (SEIS). The goal for seeking definition of the specific routes to be studied at this time is to allow the agency to complete the financing plan in order to present a project for the federal funding cycle in 2004.

He discussed the characteristics of the North Corridor, the work plan, and key criteria for selection. The routes under consideration, were discussed in terms of the Capital Hill/Eastlake segments; the Portage Bay/University District segments, and the Northgate segments.

Mr. Phelps asked that more consideration be given to alignments west of the University of Washington (UW) campus.

Ms. Earl told the Board that the Seattle City Council had a discussion regarding routes west of the UW.

The City of Seattle Council suggested on Monday that a route on Brooklyn Avenue rather than Roosevelt be explored, Mr. McIver said. This will be coming from the City Council to ST. This needs to be looked at by staff.

Mr. Ladenburg said that since the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) is no longer in consideration due to costs, it shouldn't be used as a baseline to evaluate ridership of alternative routes. Ridership should be compared to other systems around the nation.

Ms. Gates asked that pros and cons for each alternative be listed.

Mr. MacDonald asked that an analysis of ridership for Husky stadium events factored in to ridership projections, as this element was not considered in commuter ridership forecasts.

After the Board's discussion, Mr. Sims asked that the Board be prepared to narrow the number of alternatives staff consider for the SEIS at its January 24, 2002 meeting so that staff could focus on only those routes that seemed viable, and that the Board make a final selection on routes for the SEIS at its February 14th meeting.

In response to Board questions, he asked that staff:

- Compare the alternatives to other routes around the country, not the LPA
- prepare a matrix of positives and negatives for each alternative, for comparison,
- not develop cost estimates for the alternatives, as it was too early in the process to have reliable projections.

Executive Session

The Board convened an executive session to meet with legal counsel to discuss potential litigation to which Sound Transit may become a party. Mr. Sims said the Board would not be taking any action after the executive session.

The Board convened an executive session at 3:48 p.m.

The regular Board meeting was reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2002
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station
Seattle, Washington

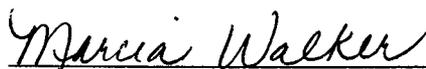
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator