

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
February 14, 2002**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 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 Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(P) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Chuck Mosher, City of Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(A) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Council Chair

(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Deputy 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:

Doug MacDonald

Richard McIver

Julia Patterson

Cynthia Sullivan

Public Comment

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

Mr. Mark Dublin discussed some proposed light rail alternatives, elevated rail, and busways.

Mr. Phillip Grega mentioned that he would like to see a video display of the WSDOT traffic web site at Northgate and other transit centers.

Mr. John Deter urged the Board not to consider the I-5 by-pass route for the North Link Light Rail.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims stated that the Board was working from a revised agenda adding two action items, Motion No. M2002-21 and Resolution No. R2002-01, and the discussion on the Community Development Fund had been deleted.

Mr. Sims advised that Board that he was appointing or reconfirming the following Board Members to represent Sound Transit on other transit committees: Dave Earling and Jack Crawford would continue representing Sound Transit on the Trans-Lake Committee; Mary Gates would continue representing Sound Transit on the ScatBrd Committee; Chuck Mosher would join Jack Crawford representing Sound Transit on the Eastside Transportation Partnership; Chuck Mosher would represent Sound Transit on the I-405 Committee; and Jack Crawford would continue to represent Sound Transit on the Seashore Committee.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Joni Earl advised Board members that in response to Mr. Sims' request at the January 24, 2002, Board meeting, a report was in their packets regarding the impacts of the potential loss of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue from Initiative 776 if it should pass (a copy of the report is on file).

(Board member Mclver arrived at this time.)

Ms. Earl briefed the Board on the status of discussions with the City of Seattle on underground utilities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. She said that a preliminary proposal has been received and she was confident that an agreement would be coming to the Board for approval in the near future.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the January 10, 2002 Board Meeting

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the month of December 2001, in the amount of \$26,359,840.58

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

Motion No. M2002-09 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Hatch Mott MacDonald/Sverdrup (HMM/S) Joint Venture to provide additional Civil Engineering Final Design Services in the amount of \$3,355,269 plus a contingency of \$287,293 for a total of \$3,642,562 and for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,444,562

Mr. Mclver advised that he would be voting against the motion because of the reduction in the M/W/DBE participation.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried by the majority vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-09 be approved as presented. (Mr. Mclver voted in the minority. The vote was 14 in favor and 1 opposed.)

Motion No. M2002-13 – Selecting the route alternatives for inclusion and study in the North Link Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) and deleting less promising route alternatives from further study

Mr. Endlich stated Board was being asked to give final direction on the alternatives to be included in the Final SEIS for the North Link Draft SEIS.

(Board member Patterson arrived at this time.)

Mr. Endlich discussed the following topics:

- Direction from the Board at the January 24, 2002, Board meeting.
- Two new Brooklyn Avenue routes, including the West Tunnel hybrid route.
- The central segment of the line across the Ship Canal and in the University District area.

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

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that:

- **Routes B.F.1, B.F.2 and B.C. be excluded;**
- **A West Tunnel Hybrid Route be developed; and**
- **Staff report back when there is information as to the Ship Canal and Pacific Avenue alignments.**

It was moved by Mr. McIver and seconded by Mr. Ladenburg to include Route B.E. in the SEIS.

The motion was defeated by a vote of eight in favor and eight opposed. (Those in favor were Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Ladenburg, Mr. Enslow, Mr. Phelps, Ms. Gates, Mr. Hansen, Mr. McIver, and Ms. Thomas.)

It was moved by Mr. Mosher, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the majority vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-13 be approved, inserting the West Tunnel Hybrid Route. (The vote was 15 in favor and 1 opposed. Mr. Ladenburg voted in the minority.)

Motion No. M2002-21 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a construction contract amendment to increase Contract No. RTE/RE 38-01 with Wilder Construction Company by \$970,000 with a 10% contingency of \$97,000 for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$5,860,400

Resolution No. R2002-01 – Authorizing the Executive Director to draw \$1,067,000 in East King County Capital Projects Program Reserve funds for the NE 40th Street Overlake Transit Center/Park-and-Ride Lot Project

Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, briefed the Board on Motion No. M2002-21 and Resolution No. R2002-01. Ms. Govern gave background information and outlined a new management process being put in place to flag concerns and allow for communication to the Board in a timely manner.

Ms. Linda Smith, Project Manager, outlined the business reasons for the increase which included increased earthwork and excavation, additional hauling and filling, changed conditions, wet weather, permit approval delayed starts, and restarts.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Mosher that Motion No. M2002-21 be approved as presented.

Ms. Hague advised that she would be voting in favor of the motion. She reminded the Board that when the service change was implemented on February 4, 2002, there were some troublesome routes implemented with the direction that an oversight group would be established to monitor the difficult changes. She volunteered to take a lead role in coordinating the effort.

Ms. Sims asked Ms. Hague to take the lead for the oversight group, and directed staff to work with Ms. Hague on the details.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2002-21 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Chair Sims noted that Resolution No. R2002-01 required a super-majority vote of the Board which is 12 members. He stated that 16 Board members were in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by a unanimous vote of all Board members that Resolution No. R2002-01 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Mr. Sims reported that at the February 7, 2002, Executive Committee meeting, he had appointed an ad-hoc committee to formulate recommendations on the Regional Fund. He said the committee would bring its recommendations to the March 7, 2002, Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Sims stated that the Executive Committee also received briefings on the proposed approach for the unincorporated King County Transit Access Project; and the proposed approach for the SR-522 HOV Enhancements Project.

Finance Committee

Mr. Phelps reported that at the February 7, 2002, Finance Committee meeting, the members received a briefing that included a review of Resolution No. 78-1 and the budget process.

Mr. Phelps addressed subarea equity, stating that Sound Move was a blueprint to build a system that anticipated changes. He mentioned that each of the five subareas have different pressures and highlighted East King County's excess funds and Pierce County's shortfall. Mr. Phelps said that staff would be bringing the Finance Committee a procedure for working with the subarea issues.

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee adopted Motion No. M2002-05, a contract amendment with Otak, Inc. for final design services with associated urban design for the Beacon Hill Station; Motion No. M2002-06, a contract with AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. to provide geotechnical investigation and reports for Central Link from South Boeing Access Road to South 154th Street; Motion No. M2002-10, contract amendment with Emerald Services for the environmental remediation of the Chevron site on the Tacoma Link Light Rail alignment; Motion No. M2002-12, amending the existing contract with Denny Miller McBee Associates for federal government relations services for an additional one-year term from January 1, 2002, until December 31, 2002; and Motion No. M2002-08, a contract with KPFF to conduct a siting study, site selection, and preparation of 30% plans and environmental documentation for the proposed Issaquah Transit Center.

Executive Session

Mr. Desmond Brown, General Counsel, advised that the Board would convene an executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.220, paragraph I, to discuss potential litigation. He said the executive session was expected to last for 15 minutes, at which time the Board would reconvene the meeting. The Board would not be taking any further action after the executive session.

The Board was recessed into executive session at 3:38 p.m.

The Board was called back to order at 3:45 p.m.

Other Business

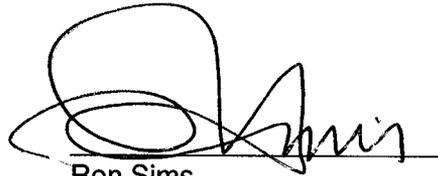
None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 28, 2002
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator