

**Sound Transit Board Meeting  
Summary Minutes  
April 25, 2002**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 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

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(A) Chuck Mosher, City of Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) 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:

Dave Earling

John Ladenburg

David Enslow

Doug MacDonald

**Public Comment**

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

**Mr. Tom Heller** referenced a recent editorial in the Seattle Times by Mr. Bruce Ramsey concerning Sounder commuter rail costs.

(Mr. MacDonald arrived at this time.)

He stated that he had provided data to Mr. Ramsey for the article. He was before the Board to correct an error in a calculation on cost per rider from \$16.74 to \$24.50.

(Mr. Ladenburg arrived at this time.)

**Mr. Michael Richmond, Rainier Valley Transit Advisory Committee (RVTAC)**, spoke in support of the undergrounding of utilities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

(Mr. Enslow arrived at this time.)

**Mr. Kevin Shively, Sensible Solution for I-405**, commended the Sound Transit Board for its foresight in directing staff to do a feasibility study of the purchase and use of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) right-of-way from Tukwila to Woodinville.

**Ms. Diane Davies**, discussed the undergrounding of utilities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, and urged the Board to vote yes on the motion.

### **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Sims stated that the Board was working from a revised agenda adding Motion No. M2002-57 and deleting Motion No. M2002-46 which has been replaced with a briefing on the Community Development Fund.

Mr. Sims commented on the concerns of community-based organizations and displaced business owners with regard to relocating back in the Rainier Valley. He stated the importance of the preservation of the ethnic enclaves, the identification and development of relocation sites in the same area for the continued growth and livelihood of the various communities that are part of Southeast Seattle, and assisting businesses to access Community Development Funds for transit-oriented development (TOD) and other opportunities that can assist with increased transit ridership. Mr. Sims asked staff to provide the Board with a proposal on how work with the community of the issues mentioned.

(Mr. Earling arrived at this time.)

### **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Earl mentioned that at the Finance Committee meeting, there was discussion about Sound Transit's minority, women, and disadvantaged business enterprise programs, contracting out, business utilization, etc. She advised the Board of two contracting opportunity outreach sessions scheduled for the next two nights to work with minority, women, and disadvantaged businesses in helping the businesses understand Sound Transit's processes and procedures.

### **Citizen Oversight Panel Monthly Report**

Mr. Al Stipe, Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) member, presented the COP report. (A copy of the report is on file with the Board Administrator.) He thanked Ms. Gates, Mr. Mosher, and Mr. Crawford for attending the last COP meeting.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Minutes from the March 28, 2002 Board Meeting**

**The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the month of February 2002 in the amount of \$26,030,350.61**

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

### **Action Items**

Motion No. M2002-40 – Executing an amendment to the Commuter Rail Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma for the upgrade, construction, and joint use of the rail facilities located on the City of Tacoma’s rail right-of-way for purposes of providing Sounder Commuter Rail service to the Tacoma Dome Station

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-40 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-57 – Authorizing the Executive Director to: (1) Initiate the final design for undergrounding utilities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way S. (from approximately the McClellan Station to South Barton Street) in conjunction with completion of final design for the Link light rail project and to develop a cost estimate and identify impacts of undergrounding utilities. (2) Based upon a refined cost estimate and identification of impacts, negotiate an agreement with the City of Seattle to define terms and conditions for undergrounding utilities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way S.

Mr. Ron Lewis, Link Deputy Director for Support Services, presented Motion No. M2002-57 which would authorize final design for undergrounding utilities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

He advised that Mayor Nickels had passed on to the Seattle City Council a resolution, which they passed with the following provisions:

- Supports undergrounding publicly and privately owned utilities along Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South in conjunction with light rail construction.
- Directs the Mayor to negotiate and submit for City Council approval a proposed agreement with Sound Transit defining terms and conditions for City payments for undergrounding.
- Cost to the City of Seattle not to exceed \$19.8 million (in 2002 dollars).

Mr. Lewis stated that the action before the Board would (1) initiate final design for undergrounding utilities, develop a cost estimate, and identify impacts of undergrounding utilities; and (2) based upon a refined cost estimate and identification of impacts, negotiate an agreement with the City of Seattle to define terms and conditions for undergrounding utilities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South.

**It was moved by Mr. McIver, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-57 be approved as presented.**

### **Items Referred by Finance Committee**

Motion No. M2002-45 – Executing a contract with AMEC-Hatch Mott MacDonald Joint Venture (AMEC-HMM JV) to provide civil final design services for Central Link from South Boeing Access Road to South 154<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$13,000,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$1,300,000 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$14,300,000

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-45 be approved as presented.**

### **Discussion Item**

#### **Briefing on the Transit Oriented Community Development Fund for Southeast Seattle**

Mr. Lewis updated the Board on the Community Development Fund (CDF). He stated that the agreement was evolving and was currently working its way through the Seattle City Council. The Council was scheduled to take action on April 29, 2002.

He informed the Board that both Sound Transit and the City of Seattle had suggested amendments in an effort to strengthen the agreement and to provide a clearer basis for the funding approach reflected in the agreement.

### **Introduction**

Mr. Sims asked Ms. Daphne Cross, Board Administration Administrative Specialist for Sound Transit, to introduce her daughter who was at the Board meeting as a participant in the "Take Your Child to Work" program.

Ms. Cross introduced her daughter, Briann Barron, who is 11 years old and attends St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mr. Sims welcomed Miss Barron and asked about her singing career.

Miss Barron stated that she had been asked to sing at a Mariners game, but they were unable to coordinate a date. She advised the Board that she has sung the national anthem at a Sonics game.

Mr. Drewel extended an invitation to Miss Barron to sing the national anthem at an Everett Aqua Sox game.

Mr. Sims invited Miss Barron to sit beside him at the Board table and to call on the Committee Chairs for their reports.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Central Link Oversight Committee**

Ms. Sullivan reported that the Central Link Oversight Committee received briefings on the Link Light Rail Initial Segment, the SeaTac Link, and the North Link.

#### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee took action on the following items: Motion No. M2002-28 – authorizing an amendment with Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc. from August 16, 2002, to December 31, 2003 for continuation of Sounder fare collection support; and Motion No. M2002-47 – authorizing a contract for utility vault for storm water detention vaults at the Lynnwood park-and-ride.

In addition, the Committee took action on Motion No. M2002-42. The motion presented was to authorize an amendment with Nori Sato for lead artist services through August 30, 2003. The Finance Committee asked the Executive Committee to review art and its relationship to capital projects. Therefore, the motion was amended to extend the contract one month, through the end of May 2002, to allow time for discussion of the art program at the next Executive Committee meeting.

**Other Business**

None.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, May 9, 2002  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
401 South Jackson  
Seattle, Washington

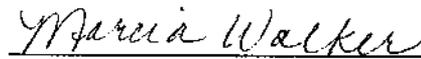
**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. by Miss Barron.



Ron Sims  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator