

**Sound Transit
Executive Committee Minutes**

May 2, 2002

Call to Order

Executive Committee Chair Ron Sims called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Attendance

(P) Ron Sims, Chair	(A) Chuck Mosher
(P) Dave Earling, Vice Chair	(P) Greg Nickels
(A) John Ladenburg, Vice Chair	(P) Julia Patterson
(P) Bob Drewel	(P) Kevin Phelps
(P) Dave Enslow	(A) Cynthia Sullivan
(P) Renee Montgelas, representing Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary	

Also attending: Board Member Jack Crawford

Public Comment

Ms. Angela Maglione, Employee Program Specialist, Alaska Airlines, spoke on behalf of employees of SeaTac airport who were urging the Board not to cut Route 574 trips on ST Express.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims called on Mr. Drewel to make a report on the Regional Transportation Bill.

Mr. Drewel updated the Executive Committee on the work being done by the three County Executives. He stated that the legislation that was passed by the legislature calls for the three county councils of Pierce, Snohomish, and King to come together and form a planning committee. The committee could recommend for voter approval (1) the formation of a regional transportation improvement district, (2) a plan of expenditures for various transportation projects, and (3) one or more taxes authorized by the legislation. Legislation also provides for the development of a common ballot measure with Sound Transit permitting the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) to impose two of the taxes authorized by use for the RTA. He explained that this portion of the bill allows the Sound Transit Board to release some of Sound Transit's sales tax and motor vehicle excise tax authority to the RTID for high-capacity transportation projects.

Mr. Drewel stated that the three county executives have had their staffs, with the assistance of WSDOT and Sound Transit staff, look at revenue and project options. He said that after substantial analysis and discussion, the three county executives have decided to make a recommendation to the Sound Transit Board to authorize staff and the Board to participate more fully in the regional discussions. Mr. Drewel commented that it was premature for the Sound Transit Board to make a decision on whether or not to put HTC tax on the ballot, however, he said he felt strongly that a decision to participate needed to be made.

(Mr. Enslow arrived at this time.)

Mr. Drewel asked staff to prepare a motion for the Board's consideration at the May 9, 2002, Board meeting outlining a process and a timeline for participation.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Earl mentioned that the Finance Committee would be considering a motion for the Community Development Fund, which would then be forwarded to the Board.

She advised that an agreement had been reached with the City of Lakewood on the Commuter Rail station. Because action was time sensitive, the motion would be brought directly to the Board at the May 9, 2002, meeting.

Ms. Earl asked Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, to brief the Committee on the emerging issue of Opening High Occupancy Vehicle lanes to Single Occupancy Vehicles during non-peak hours (copy on file).

Following the briefing, Ms. Govern advised the Committee that a staff recommendation could be brought to Executive Committee in June 2002. The consensus of the Executive Committee was to continue with Sound Transit's existing policy.

Action Items

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Resolution No. R2002-07 – Adopting the ST Express 2002 Service Implementation Plan and authorizing the Executive Director to implement the Plan.

Mr. Sims welcomed Ms. Peggy Gerdes and Ms. Anne Mini members of the Sounding Board which was put together to work with King County Metro and Sound Transit staff for restructuring service along SR 522.

It was moved by Mr. Earling and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Resolution No. R2002-07 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Ms. Patterson offered an amendment to Resolution No. R2002-07 adding the sentence, "In the case of Route 574, no more than one trip will be eliminated; staff shall do a thorough analysis to determine which trip elimination would have the least impact on ridership."

It was moved by Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that the amendment adding the sentence, "In the case of Route 574, no more than one trip will be eliminated; staff shall do a thorough analysis to determine which trip elimination would have the least impact on ridership." to Resolution No. R2002-07 be approved as presented.

The motion to forward Resolution No. R2002-07, as amended, to the Board with a do pass recommendation was carried by the majority vote of all members present. (The vote was five in favor and two opposed with Mr. Phelps and Mr. Enslow voting in the minority.)

Motion No. M2002-22 – Seeking policy direction for reimbursement to Sound Transit by partner agencies under specific circumstances

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, briefed the Executive Committee on Motion No. M2002-22.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Earling, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2002-22 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2002-48 – Adopting the policy guidelines for interactions with Sound Transit's partner agencies as permits are applied for, evaluated, and obtained in order to implement Sound Move

Mr. Matsuoka presented Motion No. M2002-48.

Mr. Nickels asked to have Motion No. M2002-48 held over until Board members could discuss the concerns with other jurisdictions.

Mr. Sims asked that the motion come back to the Executive Committee.

Motion No. M2002-56 – Executing an agreement between Sound Transit, the City of Bellevue, and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the purposes of (1) allocating financial responsibility for cost over-runs in the Bellevue Direct Access Project; and (2) amending the SE 8th Street Construction Agreement by adopting the allocation of financial responsibility provisions of this agreement

Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, presented Motion No. M2002-56.

Following discussion, Mr. Earling stated that he was uncomfortable supporting the action until staff discussed the agreement with the Eastside Transportation Project (ETP). He asked to have Motion No. M2002-56 held until after staff meets with the ETP.

Mr. Sims asked staff to discuss the action with the ETP and report back.

Motion No. M2002-58 – Adopting the Regional Fund Task Force recommendations

Mr. Sims stated that because of time constraints, Motion No. M2002-58 would be held until the June 6, 2002, Executive Committee meeting.

Discussion Items

Renton HOV Improvement Projects

Ms. Tracy Krawczyk, Project Manager of Capital Projects for Regional Express, briefed the Executive Committee on the Renton HOV Improvement Projects.

Mr. Sims asked staff to bring the Overview and Status of the Fare Integration Program and the Sound Transit Art Program Policy discussion items to the June 6, 2002, meeting.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2002, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Union Station Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

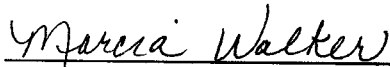
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Ben Sims
Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:

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Marcia Walker
Board Administrator