

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
November 21, 2002**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 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

(A) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(A) 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) Mark Olson, City of Everett Councilmember

(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:

Doug MacDonald

Julia Patterson

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board in favor of Sound Transit and the Link Light Rail program. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

(Mr. MacDonald and Ms. Patterson arrived at this time.)

Mr. Dick Burkhardt

Mr. Bob Adams, Associated General Contractors

Mr. Peter Coates, Seattle/King County Building and Construction Trades Council

The following individuals presented comments to the Board opposing Sound Transit and the Link Light Rail program. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Mr. Guy Spencer, Normandy Park City Councilmember

Mr. Stuart Jenner

Ms. Ruth Korkowski

Ms. Evelyn Rosner

Mr. John Dodd

Mr. Arthur McDonald
Mr. David Ward
Mr. Gary Powell
Mr. Henry Aronson
Mr. Jami Als
Ms. Maggie Fimia, Coalition for Effective Transportation Alternatives
Mr. Richard Harkness

Mr. Joe Shapiro showed a video of a bus rapid transit system.

Mr. Philip Grega spoke to the importance of providing clocks at transit centers.

Report of the Chair

None.

Report of the Executive Director

Ms. Earl shared the preliminary numbers of the election results for Initiative 776 within the ST district. She said that district-wide, Initiative 776 was defeated by 56.6%. In King County, the initiative failed by 61.3%; in North King County the initiative failed by 71%; in East King County Initiative 776 was defeated by 58%; in South King County the initiative passed by 53%; Snohomish County defeated the initiative by 51.3%; and in Pierce County the initiative passed by 54%. Ms. Earl stated that the results for major cities were as follows: Everett – passed by 53.3%; Seattle – failed by 71.6%; Bellevue – failed by 61.1%; and Tacoma – failed by 50.6%.

Executive Session

Mr. Desmond Brown, Legal Counsel, advised that as allowed by RCW 41.30.110, the Board would convene an executive session.

Mr. Sims stated that the executive session would last approximately 30 minutes, returning to open session at approximately 3:30 p.m. He advised that there was a potential for Board action at the end of the executive session and that the Board would not adjourn the meeting until after providing a report.

The Board recessed into executive session at 2:58 p.m. At 3:35 p.m., the session was extended for 15 minutes. At 3:55 p.m., the session was extended for an additional 15 minutes.

The Board meeting was reconvened at 4:20 p.m., and Ms. Walker indicated a quorum of the Board was present.

Mr. Sims announced that the Board had met to discuss potential action regarding Initiative 776. He stated that the Board would continue deliberation for several more weeks before making a final decision.

Mr. Ladenburg advised the Board that earlier in the week, the Pierce County Council voted to begin litigation against Initiative 776 for several reasons. The 22 cities in Pierce County would lose transportation funding in excess of \$8 million a year. He stated that the state has a “two-subject rule” to allow voters to vote on one subject at a time and that Initiative 776 is in violation of that rule. The Pierce County Council has decided to litigate based on voter rights that should be protected.

Mr. Ladenburg said that if the voters in the state can repeal a tax in Pierce County, King County, or Snohomish County, then there is a situation that is unconstitutional under Section 11. He proclaimed that Sound Transit should stand up for those citizens who voted in 1996 to tax themselves to build a transit system.

Mr. Sims stated the following for the record:

- 1) Sound Transit has received a letter from the Department of Licensing stating that Sound Transit's Motor Vehicle Excise tax (MVET) the revenue will continue to be collected. As a result, there aren't any proposed projects that would be compromised because that revenue stream is assured.
- 2) The Board wishes to convey the vote pattern within the Sound Transit district. Initiative 776 was defeated by 56%. The voters are willing, for the district they created, to continue paying taxes to build the transportation solutions they desire.
- 3) King County will be joining Pierce County in litigation against Initiative 776. King County's issues are slightly different than Pierce County's in that King County has bonded against the MVET revenue where Pierce County did not.

Mr. Sims stated on behalf of the Board that Sound Transit would continue to receive the MVET revenue to applied to proposed projects. He said that through the public's vote in the Sound Transit district it created, the public has endorsed Sound Transit and its approach, and wants Sound Transit to move forward.

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2002
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, WA

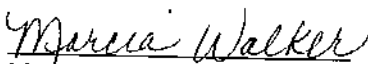
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator