

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
January 23, 2003**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 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, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, Federal Way City Councilmember

(P) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(A) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City 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:

Jane Hague

Dwight Pelz

Public Comment

Mr. Martin J. Durkin, Jr., stated that he did not believe in the federated board style of government and that he believed his constitutional rights were being violated. He also stated that he will be introducing legislation dealing with issues related to Sound Transit such as full time commissioners on the board of directors, and lobbying by labor on Sound Transit's behalf.

(Mr. Pelz arrived at this time.)

Mr. Will Knedlik praised the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) and the Performance Audit Committee. He suggested adding individuals to both committees that were impartial. He suggested including a number of individuals to both committees.

Mr. Phillip Grega expressed the need for digital clocks at transit centers and that the clocks must be easily viewable by riders and drivers.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims stated that the Board was working from a revised agenda and that Motion No. M2003-06, a contract amendment with URS/O'Brien Kreitzberg to provide funding for construction management services for Sounder, was added to the action items.

Mr. Sims also informed the Board members that the order of the agenda had been adjusted to have the COP report first, followed by the Consent Agenda, and then the Executive Director's report.

Citizen Oversight Panel Year-End Report

Mr. Arlington Carter, Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel presented the Year-End report. He also reported that the COP will be losing several founding members this year and that the panel will need replacements in a timely manner, hopefully before April 2003.

Mr. Sims indicated that the Board could assist with names of individuals that would be good candidates for replacing the outgoing members of the panel and that the Board would provide those before April. He also thanked the COP for its continued hard work and diligence.

Consent Agenda

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certifications for the month of October 2002 in the amount of \$30,968,075.10 and the month of November 2002 in the amount of \$20,846,014.03

Minutes from the December 12, 2002 Board Meeting

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

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Earl reported on the 2002 milestones and indicating those milestones that have been achieved and others that are still work in progress. She also indicated that staff was working on the 2003 milestones that will be shared with the Board soon.

Ms. Earl gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following projects: the Bellevue Transit Center, Sounder Service, the Kent garage, the Tacoma Dome Station, the Overlake Transit Center, the Bellevue downtown access construction, Lynnwood park-n-ride lot, completion of the Regional Express network included in Sound Move, the Tunnel Agreement, Light Rail operations agreement, receipt of the \$50 million of fiscal year 2001 funding for Central Link, the full funding grant agreement, and negotiations with BNSF, progress with the Central Link Maintenance Base, Auburn improvements underway, the Ash Way Project underway, and the Port of Seattle agreement in principle.

Ms. Earl then showed a video simulation of a computer generated Central Link Light Rail system as it would look if it were operating today.

Ms. Earl also noted a few items of interest to the Board and public including a Tacoma Link car on display at Westlake Center, a postcard announcing the dedication of the DuPont Regional Express station, and the first meeting of the Performance Audit Committee.

Action Items

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2002-121 – Adopting a Scope Control Policy to help guide Sound Transit staff in responding to partners' requests for enhancements to projects and authorizing the Executive Director to take necessary steps to implement the policy

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-121 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-05 – Executing a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation in accordance with the Board approved "Umbrella Agreement," GCA-3361, to provide construction and construction management for the I-5 at 164th Ash Way Direct Access Project in the amount of \$11,987,733 plus a 5% contingency of \$599,387 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$12,587,120

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-05 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-06 – Executing a contract amendment with URS/O'Brien Kreitzberg to provide funding for construction management services for the Tacoma Dome Commuter Rail Station, Reservation to Freighthouse Square track and signal construction and median safety improvements in the amount of \$829,152 with a 10% contingency of \$82,915 totaling \$912,067 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,727,768; and to exercise an option to extend the contract expiration date to April 30, 2004

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-06 be approved as presented.

(Ms. Hague arrived at this time.)

Items Not Referred by Committee

Motion No. M2003-09 – Adopting the 2003 State Legislative Program

It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Mr. Ladenburg that Motion No. M2003-09 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Pelz, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend the attachment of Motion No. M2003-09 by creating a new section #2 to read as follows.

2. Support partner jurisdictions interested in amending Regional Transportation Investment District legislation.

In 2002, the legislature enacted SB 6140, the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) bill. SB 6140 allows the Central Puget Sound region to implement additional taxes and fees to help pay for large transportation projects. Included in the projects eligible to receive funding through RTID is highways of statewide significance which add lane capacity, multi-modal capital improvements including HOV lanes, park and ride lots, fly-over ramps, bus pullouts, buses, vans, ramp metering and other transportation system

management improvements. Sound Transit supports expanding the definition in RTID to allow funding of high capacity transit projects.

~~Over the past 8 months, jurisdictions are compiling their respective lists of projects that would be eligible for funding through RTID. Initial lists included funding for signal and track improvements. However, legal analysis indicates that signal and track improvements are not included in the definition of projects eligible to receive funding in the RTID legislation. In order to fund this project an amendment expanding the definition to high capacity projects may be necessary.~~

It was moved by Mr. Pelz, seconded by Mr. Drewel and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend the attachment of Motion No. M2003-09 by creating a new section #6 to read as follows.

- ~~6. Oppose legislation which adversely affects transit operations on High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) facilities. Support legislation or regulations that ensure transit operations on high occupancy vehicle facilities.~~

During the last few legislative sessions, several bills have been introduced which have proposed significant operational changes to the HOV lane system. Sound Transit Regional Express service relies on the smooth operation of these systems to provide its service to citizens in the region. In addition to express bus service, Sound Transit is also constructing HOV direct access ramps that serve the HOV lanes. Significant changes to HOV operations may undermine the agency's ability to provide reliable service and undermine our investment in direct access ramps.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2003-09, as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Discussion item

External Relations Follow-Up Report

None.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Mr. Sims reported that at the January 9, 2003 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee authorized staff to proceed with public outreach on the 2003 Service Implementation Plan. He also reported that the Committee authorized Board member travel for 2003 within the state of Washington and to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of briefing legislators and Congressional delegates on behalf of Sound Transit. He further reported that the Committee advised staff to continue with the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation process for the Mountlake Terrace in-line station, and the Committee received a staff presentation on overhead options and contracting approach for ST Express bus.

Finance Committee

Mr. Crawford reported that at the January 16, 2003 Finance Committee meeting, the Committee authorized one item for the maintenance of Union Station and the Weller Street Bridge.

Other Business

Mr. Sims thanked the Board members and Sound Transit staff for their hard work.

Mr. Pelz responded to the public comment made by Mr. Martin Durkin. He commented that his concern about governance bills is that the experience of the people who are generally selected for positions such as Board members do not have the experience necessary to make the decisions necessary to lead a large governing entity such as Sound Transit.

Mr. Ladenburg commented that electing a board regionally would not be a good idea. He stated that the campaigns could be financed with contractors that are working for Sound Transit and this wouldn't serve in the public's interest.

Dr. Thomas asked if Sound Transit was providing clocks at transit centers, which was commented by Mr. Philip Grega during public comment.

Ms. Earl responded that a letter of response was sent out two to three weeks ago, in terms of how we approach the issue of clocks. She further commented that sometimes it is part of the design of the station and sometimes this is tied into the closed circuit television system.

Dr. Thomas commented that the public needs to know what Sound Transit is doing in order to provide clocks at transit centers.

Mr. Sims commented that King County Metro changed its bus signs to make them more easily readable. He also stated that it is becoming increasingly important to have digital clocks.


Dr. Thomas stated that she also believes Sound Transit should provide the time of day in Braille.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2003
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

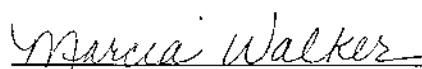
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator