

**Sound Transit Board Meeting  
Summary Minutes  
March 13, 2003**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Vice Chair Dave Earling 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

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember  
(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive  
(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember  
(A) Mary Gates, Federal Way City Councilmember  
(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember  
(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary  
(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember  
(P) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor  
(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember  
(P) 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:

Mark Olson  
Ron Sims

**Public Comment**

Mr. Mike Nash, Vice President and General Manager of ERG, read his comments into the record (copy on file with the Board Administrator).

(Mr. Olson and Mr. Sims arrived at this time.)

Mr. Will Knedlik, gave public comment regarding a letter he sent to the Inspector General.

Mr. Richard Borkowsky, President of the People for Modern Transit, gave public comment on the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel.

## **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Sims announced that the Board was working from a revised agenda: the motion appointing new members to the Citizen Oversight Panel will be on the March 27, 2003, agenda; the Smart Card motions had been removed from the agenda until the Finance Committee acts on them; Motion No. M2002-99-1 addressing proposed changes to the Performance Audit Committee and an executive session had been added.

Mr. Sims further reported that the motion regarding the North Link route alternatives decision-making process was added to the agenda.

Mr. Sims noted that Board Member Nickels had resigned from the Finance Committee and he thanked Mayor Nickels for his great work on the Finance Committee. Mr. Phelps thanked Mayor Nickels for his work as the founding Chair of the Finance Committee.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Earl announced that she had for her report, transit-oriented development quarterly briefing and the 2003 milestones.

Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick, Transit Oriented Development Project Manager, presented the transit-oriented development (TOD) quarterly report. He also indicated that staff is looking for Board direction on two TOD projects. The facility enhancement at the Ash Way park and ride lot in Snohomish County will include mixed use, retail, office, daycare, an office building and 120 units of multi-family housing. Plans for a pedestrian connection and traffic control have not been developed which is vital to making it transit-supportive. The other proposed TOD project is in Woodinville. He noted that alternatives for both projects will be coming to the Board for discussion at a later date.

Ms. Earl presented Sound Transit's 2003 milestones. She highlighted Central Link construction, agreements with BNSF, continuing construction on the Bellevue access project and operating Tacoma Link Light Rail.

She reported on projects that have been accomplished this year: securing \$75 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and receiving a "highly recommended" rating for Central Link from the FTA; agreement with the Port of Seattle for extending the Link Light Rail to the airport; and the grand opening of the Dupont park-and-ride lot.

## **Consent Agenda**

February 13, 2003 Board meeting minutes

Voucher certification for the month of December 2002 in the amount of \$30,378,586.20

Voucher certification for the month of January 2003 in the amount of \$40,006,241.74

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

## **Action Items**

### **Items Not Referred by Committee**

Motion No. M2002-99-1 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting the recommendations of the oversight stakeholders group chaired by Board member Bob Drewel; establishing a Performance Audit Committee; and directing the Executive Director to facilitate the implementation of the Performance Audit Committee’s activities, and superseding Motion No. M2002-99

Mr. Sims explained that this motion changes the number of independent citizens on the Committee from three to five, one from each subarea rather than one from each county.

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Enslow and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2002-99-1 be approved as presented.**

### **Item Referred by Executive Committee and Finance Committee**

Motion No. M2003-16 – Adopting revisions to Sound Transit’s pay for performance program by (1) reducing base pay percentage increases, (2) reducing performance award percentages, (3) capping the performance award dollar amount, and (4) eliminating the agency performance award, effective January 1, 2003

Ms. Janice Bondar, Human Resources Manager, presented Motion No. M2003-16.

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried by the majority vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2003-16 be approved as presented. (Ms. Sullivan voted in the minority.)**

### **Item Referred by Finance Committee**

Motion No. M2003-22 – Directing staff to negotiate service agreements with existing service providers (Community Transit, King County Metro Transit, and Pierce Transit)

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2003-22 be approved as presented.**

### **Item Referred by Central Link Oversight Committee**

Motion No. M2003-33 – Directing staff to complete additional work on North Link route alternatives in order to provide the Board with more comprehensive information for its North Link route decision-making process. Staff is directed to (1) perform additional engineering studies; (2) undertake additional third-party discussions based on results of those engineering studies; and (3) conduct a peer review to assess completeness and accuracy of findings; (4) develop joint meetings of the Finance and Central Link Oversight Committees to identify financing tools; and (5) develop a Cost Estimating Validation Process for the estimates developed during preliminary engineering

Ms. Sullivan reported that the Central Link Oversight Committee (CLOC) received a progress report on North Link earlier in the week. She indicated that the progress report was very encouraging. She cautioned, however, that the conceptual cost estimates were very preliminary, at 5% design and that cost estimates are not intended to represent an estimate of the actual projected cost or serve as the basis for a new budget for North Link.

Ms. Sullivan commented that CLOC members felt it was important that the full Board take action on staff's request for additional engineering work and third party discussions on North Link. This will provide more comprehensive and accurate information before identifying the preferred route.

She announced that CLOC agreed to work with the Finance Committee to explore the tools that may be available to pay for North Link. The committee also asked staff to develop a cost estimating validation process to provide additional confidence in the accuracy of the numbers for the preferred route during preliminary engineering.

Mr. MacDonald explained that the cost estimating validation process is utilized at WSDOT. He indicated that costs are presented in a range and discussion of that range is in terms of specific risks and issues that cause uncertainty.

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2003-33 be approved as presented.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Sims reported that the Executive Committee received updates on the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride, the Downtown Kirkland Transit Center and the Bothell/Canyon Park Flyer Stop project. He also reported that the Committee approved Motion No. M2003-30, authorizing Board members Olson and Enslow to travel to San Francisco to study the Smart Card program.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Phelps reported that at the March 20, 2003, Finance Committee meeting Deloitte-Touche will present a work plan for the annual subarea equity report to be completed by April 25, 2003. He also reported that the Committee took action on the following action items within its authority: Motion No. M2003-23, authorizing the extension of a contract with Mr. Kosty for additional engineering consulting services; Motion No. M2003-28 executing a contract with NEC Business Network Solutions to update in-house network systems, and Motion No. M2003-29, executing a contract with KPFF for civil design services for the initial segment of Central Link.

**Other Business**

None.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, March 27, 2003  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
Seattle, Washington

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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Ron Sims  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator