

**Sound Transit Special Board Meeting  
Summary Minutes  
July 17, 2003**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Chair Ron Sims in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds City Council President

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(A) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember

(A) Mary Gates, Federal Way City Councilmember

(P) 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, during public comment (listed in order of arrival):

Greg Nickels

Doug MacDonald

Mark Olson

Dave Earling

**Public Comment**

The following people spoke against Resolution No. R2003-15:

Mr. Alan Harvey Deright

Mr. Henry Ramsey

Mr. Gary Powell

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. Will Knedlik, Cost Alliance

Mr. George Curtis

Mr. Peter Sherwin suggested to the Board that it look again at the possibility of tunneling through the Rainier Valley.

**Action Item**

Resolution No. R2003-15 – A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority declaring that in the event the Sound Transit motor-vehicle excise tax revenue is reduced, the Board shall identify alternative local revenues consistent with Sound Transit financial policies to construct the Initial Segment of the Central Link Light Rail project, and to operate and maintain existing Sound Transit services

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Ms. Thomas that Resolution No. R2003-15 be approved as presented.**

Ms. Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, presented Resolution No. R2003-15.

Mr. Earling noted that subarea equity is not included in the title of the resolution and asked Ms. Earl to confirm that the language “local revenues consistent with Sound Transit financial policies to construct the Initial Segment of the Central Link Light Rail project” means the Board would continue the practice of subarea equity.

Ms. Earl responded that subarea equity was not part of the Inspector General’s purview because it is local financial policy, so it was not included in the actual action. However, subarea equity principles are reinforced in the “whereas” statements.

Ms. Hague stated her belief that this action was taking a vote against subarea equity. She said that if the resolution passed, subarea equity would be in grave danger. She encouraged the staff to continue to do good work, but not to erode subarea equity and bonding capacity.

Mr. Nickels thanked the Board for the incredible work it has done to get to this point. He said that the action before the Board was another step to move the region forward. He stressed the importance of coming together as a region so everyone benefits.

Mr. Mosher stated that while he has a concern with subarea equity, he feels it is time to start supporting each other to get things done at the right time rather than delaying projects which only increases the costs for everyone.

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R2003-15 was carried by the majority vote of all Board members present with Ms. Hague voting in the minority.**

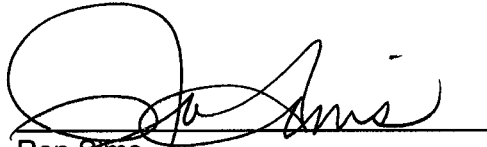
Chair Sims indicated that as Board Chair, he needed to make a statement about subarea equity. He stated that in the time he has been on the Sound Transit Board, there has always been absolute commitment to respecting each subarea’s goals. He went on to say that there is too much personal, political, and ethical integrity on the Board to undermine any subarea. He expressed his appreciation to the Board for its commitment to achieve every subarea’s goals.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, July 24, 2003  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
Seattle, Washington

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

  
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Ron Sims  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator