

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
September 25, 2003**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m. by Chair Ron Sims in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds City Council President

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(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
(P) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) 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
(A) 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
Doug MacDonald
Chuck Mosher
Mark Olson

Public Comment

Mr. Will Knedlik, COST Alliance, spoke to Resolution No. 75 regarding comprehensive performance audits.

(Board member Mosher arrived at this time.)

Mr. Phillip Grega asked if the Smart Card would be integrated with the University of Washington student body card and requested additional information on the 2006 scheduled Seattle Tunnel closure.

(Board member Hague arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

None.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl announced that the opening for the Issaquah Highlands interim park-and-ride lot was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2003. She mentioned that ST Express and its transit partners will have service changes going into effect on September 29, 2003. Included in the service changes will be service out of the new Lynnwood transit center.

Ms. Earl advised that Sound Transit's legal department has asked the State Supreme Court for an expedited decision on Initiative 776.

Mr. Jerry Dahl, Regional Express Project Manager, showed a time-lapsed video of the I-405 NE 8th Street bridge being rolled into place.

(Board members MacDonald and Olson arrived at this time.)

Beacon Hill Test Shaft – Emergency Response Drill Report

Mr. Hamid Qaasim, Agency Manager of Quality Assurance/Quality Control; Chief Nelson, Assistant Fire Marshall; and Chief Vickery, Homeland Security, described and showed a tunnel rescue training video that was done at the Beacon Hill test shaft. Mr. Qaasim stated that the entire drill lasted most of the day and involved 30 to 40 firefighters.

Action Items

Items Referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2003-89 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Fifth Supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle in the amount of \$1,224,204 with a 10% contingency of \$122,420 for a total estimated amount of \$1,346,624, and a revised total of the Memorandum of Agreement not to exceed \$15,099,309. The effective date of this action is September 1, 2003

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and approved by the unanimous vote of all Board member present that Motion No. M2003-89 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-90 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle specifying the cost, terms and conditions for undergrounding utilities in the Rainier Valley along Martin Luther King Jr. Way South in an amount not to exceed \$15,576,000, which includes \$2,097,000 in reimbursements from private utilities

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and approved by the unanimous vote of all Board member present that Motion No. M2003-90 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-91 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Seattle to provide construction support services for the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment in the amount of \$38,462,500, with a contingency of \$3,304,365, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$41,766,865. This action also authorizes a task limit of \$46,116,865 before City of Seattle credits to Sound Transit of \$4,350,000. Staff is directed to re-evaluate the proposed traffic control services approach (use of on-duty law enforcement officers) and report the findings of that evaluation with a staff recommendation to the Sound Transit Board prior to its action. The

objective of this evaluation is to identify the most cost-effective means of providing the necessary traffic control services consistent with City of Seattle requirements

It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Crawford that Motion No. M2003-91 be approved as presented.

Mr. Ron Lewis, Link Deputy Director, stated that at the September 18, 2003, Finance Committee meeting, staff was directed to re-evaluate the proposed traffic control services approach and present the evaluation and a recommendation to the Sound Transit Board.

Mr. Lewis stated staff contacted other cities and found that several of the cities require the use of law enforcement officers for countermanding signaled intersections. In looking at the salaries for these services, they appeared to be in relatively close range with other cities. However, with support from the City of Seattle, staff has been able to decrease the \$85 per hour rate to \$76.67 per hour. Mr. Lewis recommended to the Board that they approve the motion using the \$76.67 per hour rate which will result in a \$540,000 net savings.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and approved by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-91 be amended to remove the language added by the Finance Committee at its September 18, 2003 meeting.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2003-91, as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Resolution No. M2003-17 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, dispose, lease, and transfer certain real property interests by negotiated agreement, negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), condemnation litigation, or entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for the acquisition of various properties owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and required for the Everett-to-Seattle Segment, the Lakewood-to-Tacoma Segment, and its possible extension

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2003-17 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Central Link Oversight Committee

Ms. Earl provided the Central Link Oversight Committee report on Ms. Sullivan's behalf. She stated that at the September 18, 2003, meeting, the Committee was given an extensive presentation on the Beacon Hill test shaft findings.

Audit and Reporting Subcommittee

Mr. Phelps reported that the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee met on Wednesday, September 17, 2003. Included in the meeting was a presentation by staff of the final 2002 Subarea Report, review of the debt service procurement contract, and an update on the ongoing state audit to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year.

Finance Committee

Mr. Phelps reported that at the September 18, 2003, Finance Committee meeting, the members were given a briefing on the naming rights of capital investments; there was discussion on policy considerations regarding providing interim financing for transit-related projects; Alec Stephens, Diversity Program Manager, gave a semi-annual performance report on small businesses and minority/women/disadvantaged business enterprises; and Pete Rogness, Budget Manager, began a discussion of the 2004 budget.

The Committee took action on Motion No. M2003-73, entering into an interlocal agreement with the City of Lynnwood for construction and construction management of the Lynnwood park-and-ride lot.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 9, 2003
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

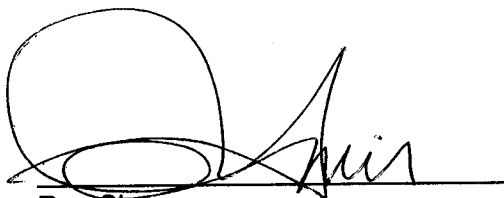
Executive Session

At 3:38 p.m. the Board convened a 30-minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party. At 4:20 p.m., Chair Sims extended the executive session by 30 minutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:55 p.m.

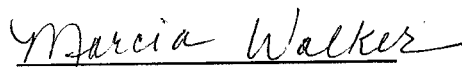
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator