

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:28 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
(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember
(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary
(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember
(A) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor
(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember
(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember
(A) 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:

Bob Drewel
Richard McIver
Mark Olson

Public Comment

Mr. Will Knedlik spoke to the issuance of long-term bonds.

(Board member McIver arrived at this time.)

Mr. Mark Dublin spoke to the importance of building a light rail system.

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

Mr. Chris Leman spoke to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the I-90 project.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims reported that action on Resolution No. R2003-18 was being deferred until the December 11, 2003, meeting.

He announced that earlier in the day, the House and Senate lawmakers included \$75 million in the fiscal year 2004 appropriations for the Central Link light rail project.

At this time, Mr. Nickels and Ms. Earl formally signed three agreements between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle. The agreements were the Fifth Supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle; 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; and an agreement for the City of Seattle to provide construction support services for the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl presented the third quarter ridership report. She stated that this was the first report that has included all three lines of business reporting ridership.

Citizen Oversight Panel Report

Mr. Steve Wamback, Vice Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP), gave the panel report (copy on file). He advised the Board members that the COP had sent a survey to them and senior management seeking input on how the COP can best serve the Board and the agency.

Action Items

Motion No. M2003-122 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to accept a funding contribution from the Puyallup Tribe in the amount of \$41,000 to fund a feasibility study on the extension of the Tacoma Link light rail to the east side of Tacoma

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-122 be approved as presented.

Items Referred by the Executive Committee

Motion No. M2003-99 – Identifying Alternative R-8A as the preferred alternative for the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Project

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the majority vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-99 be approved as presented. (Mr. McIver voted in the minority.)

Motion No. M2003-120 – Directing staff to immediately negotiate an agreement with the parties to the 1976, I-90 Corridor Agreement to define the ultimate configuration for I-90, consistent with appropriate planning activities and environmental studies, and to work with regional partners to accelerate planning for future High Capacity Transit (HCT) investments in the I-90 corridor by analyzing various HCT alternatives consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the update of the Regional Transit Long-Range Vision

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-120 be approved as presented.

Items Referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2003-108 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Carter & Burgess to provide construction management services along Martin Luther King Jr. Way South in the amount of \$7,864,305 plus a 10% contingency of \$786,430 for a total amount not to exceed \$8,650,735, for a four-year term with the option of two additional one-year extensions

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-108 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-113 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Re-Stated Land Bank Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation substantially in the form of the attached Exhibit A, for a term of 40 years, that establishes credits upon construction bid. It is further authorized that the standard Airspace Lease Agreement be revised to provide for a term up to 40 years, and to address rent adjustments, termination and remedy. The Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute said Airspace Leases for up to the term stated herein

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-113 be approved as presented.

Discussion Item

North Link Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

Mr. Ron Endlich, North Corridor Project Manager, and Mr. James Irish, Senior Environmental Analyst, presented the work program and routes being covered in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

Mr. Martin Schachenmayr, Project Control Manager, summarized the cost estimating methodology. He stated that this process identifies differences in the alternatives and in the absolute cost of the alternatives.

Mr. Endlich closed the discussion by outlining the Board decision-making process. He stated that the comment period for the Draft SEIS would be over the end of January. The Board would identify a preferred route in February or March 2004. The Final SEIS and preliminary engineering for the route would be complete late 2004 or early 2005.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Mr. Ladenburg stated that in addition to Motion No. M2003-99 and Motion No. M2003-120 which the Board acted on earlier in the meeting, at the November 6, 2003, Executive Committee meeting, the committee took action on Motion No. M2003-118, directing staff to (1) terminate the existing funding agreement with the City of Everett for the North Everett Transit Center, (2) terminate the existing design contract with Parametrix, (3) negotiate a new agreement with the City of Everett covering all phases of the North Everett Transit Center project, and (4) draft an amendment to the 2004 Proposed Budget to reduce the North Everett Transit Center project budget and transfer the remaining project budget to the Snohomish Subarea Program.

In addition, the committee unanimously nominated John Ladenburg as Board Chair for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2004. The nomination will be presented to the Board for action at the December 11, 2003, meeting.

Finance Committee

Mr. Crawford reported that a budget workshop was held on November 6, 2003, prior to the Finance Committee meeting. The committee looked at the draft 2004 financial plan and received a report on the Community Development Fund from its Executive Director, Fred Cooper.

The committee took action on Motion Nos. M2003-107, executing a contract amendment with URS for the completion of the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation phase of the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride/North Mercer Way Project; Motion No. M2003-114, executing a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Farradyne for a preliminary system design for Regional Express and Sound Transit facility technologies; and Motion No. M2003-112, executing Task Order #3 for Agreement GCA 3536 with Washington State Department of Transportation for final design services for the Eastgate Direct Access Project.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2003
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

Executive Session

At 2:43 p.m. the Board convened a one hour and fifteen minutes executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party.

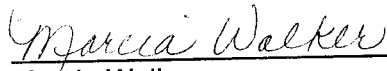
At 3:50 p.m., Chair Sims extended the executive session until 4:15 p.m.

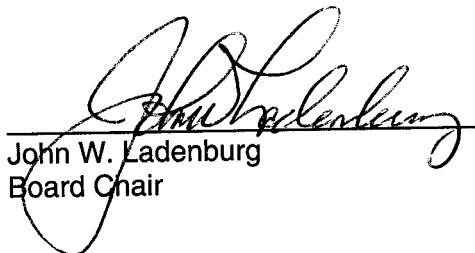
The Board reconvened in open session at 4:15 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair