

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 11, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair John Ladenburg in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, indicated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Public Comment

Ms. Walker read into record a letter from the City of Kirkland Mayor Mary-Alyce Burleigh (copy on file).

The following individuals presented comments to the Board. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Mr. John Niles

Ms. Judith Raab

Mr. Richard Borkowski

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board was working from a revised agenda, specifically adding the Regional Transportation Investment District emerging issue and an executive session. In addition, he advised that he would be going to the Action Items prior to the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

Mr. Ladenburg stated that the Seattle Chamber and the Trade Development Alliance would be leading a delegation of regional leaders to Munich in May. He stated that the Board's policies allow Board members expenses to be covered while engaged in official Sound Transit business outside the United States and Canada and require the travel be approved. He asked the Board to approve travel for Julia Patterson, Mark Olson, and himself to participate in the International Study Mission in Munich from May 7 through May 15, 2004.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that travel to Munich to participate in the International Study Mission from May 7 through May 15, 2004, be approved for Julia Patterson, Mark Olson, and John W. Ladenburg.

Mr. Ladenburg thanked the Board members who participated in a special work session the end of February with members of the Federal Way City Council.

Action Items

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2004-11 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to amend the sole source contract with Willis of Seattle, Inc., to provide Owner Controlled Insurance Program insurance brokerage services for Sound Transit through December 31, 2006, in the amount of \$206,250 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$300,000

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2004-11 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2004-01 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), by condemnation litigation, or by administrative settlement; and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for a portion of the Central Link Light Rail Project in the vicinity of Convention Place Station and the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2004-01 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-20 – Directing staff to work with partners within the East King County subarea to conduct a six-month evaluation of the subarea capital program and recommend a final capital project list for Board consideration

Ms. Agnes Govern, Interim Director Administrative Services, and Ms. Vicki Youngs, Regional Express Program Manager, presented the motion to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Marshall, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2004-20 be approved as presented.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl presented the fourth quarter ridership report. She stated that systemwide, ridership was up 19.8% over fourth quarter 2002; without the addition of Tacoma Link, ridership was up 10.3% from fourth quarter 2002.

Ms. Earl advised the Board that Sound Transit, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and the City of Bellevue were awarded the Miracle Award from the Bellevue Downtown Association for the Bellevue HOV Access Project.

She reported that this was the last day for the public comment period on the modified Montlake Route for North Link. An overview will be presented to the Central Link Oversight Committee on March 18, 2004, and the Board will be given a presentation at the March 25, 2004, Board meeting.

Regional Transportation Investment District

Chair Ladenburg stated that the Board would not be making any decisions on the Regional Transportation Investment District's (RTID) at today's meeting.

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, described the RTID request to the Sound Transit Board and the history behind the RTID. He then presented how a joint ballot would work and what needs to be considered when deciding whether to join in a joint ballot.

Following Board discussion, Mr. Ladenburg stated that the Executive Committee would develop recommendations and bring them to the Board at the April 8, 2004, Board meeting.

Citizen Oversight Panel Report

Mr. Stephen Wamback, Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) Vice Chair, presented to the Board the panel's opinion on Sound Transit joining the RTID in a joint ballot (copy of letter on file). He outlined the COP's concerns regarding district boundaries, subarea equity, eligible projects, and Phase 2 planning.

Consent Agenda

November 13, 2003, Board meeting minutes

December 11, 2003, Board meeting minutes

February 12, 2004, Board meeting minutes

Voucher Certification for January 16 through January 31, 2004

Voucher Certification for February 1 through February 15, 2004

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

Discussion Item

Regional Signage and Wayfinding Program

Ms. Lana Nelson, Program Manager for Signage/Wayfinding, and Ms. Debora Ashland, Link Architect, gave an update on the program and advised the Board that staff is working with stakeholders on station names for the Central Link initial segment.

Committee Reports

Central Link Oversight Committee

Mr. Pelz advised that he would not be giving a report due to time restraints.

Audit and Reporting Subcommittee

Mr. Phelps reported that the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee met on February 25, 2004. The members received an update on the agency audit and expect a final report in May. The subcommittee approved procedures for the subarea report, which will be presented in May.

He stated that the lead auditor from KPMG presented a review of how the audits are being done in the private sector.

Finance Committee

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee received a report on the risk management program including a detailed report on the agency's insurance program and went over the asset management liability program.

The Committee took action on Motion Nos. M2004-13, executing a contract amendment with Streeter & Associates Architects AIA, PLLC, to complete preliminary engineering services for the Edmonds Commuter Rail Station Project; Motion No. M2004-15, executing a contract with Sandscript Studios to provide sandblast granite pavers for Central Link Light Rail; Motion No. M2204-16, executing a contract amendment with NuStats, Inc. to provide additional survey services for the Puget Sound Fares Survey; and Motion No. M2003-17, executing a contract amendment with DKS Associates to provide traffic engineering design support during construction of the Initial Segment of the Link Light Rail Project.

Executive Session

At 3:30 p.m. the Board convened a 20-minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:50 p.m.

Other Business

None.


Next Meeting

Thursday, March 25, 2004
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

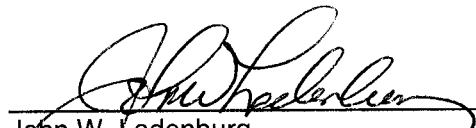
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair