

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**April 8, 2004**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m. by Chair John Ladenburg in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President	(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember
(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember	(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair
(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember	(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive
(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary	(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive
(P) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor	(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember
(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember	(P) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair
(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember	
(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember	

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

Board member Doug MacDonald arrived after roll call.

**Public Comment**

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

Mr. Linnea Hirst, League of Women Voters of Seattle

Mr. Bruce Olsen

Ms. Melissa Briody

Mr. Kevin Shively, Transportation Choices Coalition

(Board member MacDonald arrived at this time.)

Mr. Aaron Ostrom, 1000 Friends of Washington

Ms. Jodie Vice

Mr. Jeffrey Belt

Mr. Gregory Hill

Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit

Ms. Heidi Schor

Ms. Virginia Gunby

Mr. Bryan Flint, Tahoma Audubon Society of Pierce County

Ms. Karin Blakley  
Mr. Tim Gould  
Mr. Scott Bass  
Mr. Gary Nelson, Snohomish County Council and Executive Board member, RTID  
Mr. Paul W. Locke

### **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Ladenburg announced scheduling conflicts for Board members in May. Therefore, he would be canceling the May 13, 2004, Board meeting and rescheduling it for May 20, 2004.

Mr. Ladenburg advised that Board member Connie Marshall would be the second representative, along with Jack Crawford, to the Translake Project. Ms. Earl and Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, will serve as alternates for Mr. Crawford and Ms. Marshall.

### **Chief Executive Officer Report**

Ms. Earl stated that at the May 18, 2004, Finance Committee meeting, staff reported that steel prices had risen by approximately 70% in recent months. The current price surge will likely abate some time prior to the main steel delivery timeframe for the Central Link Initial Segment. However, the increase in steel prices may require the use of contingencies and shortages could impact delivery schedules.

Ms. Earl advised that Sounder's Home Run service for weekend Mariners games would begin April 18, 2004. Home Run service would be available from both Snohomish County and Pierce County.

### **Discussion Item**

#### **Regional Transportation Investment District**

Ms. Earl introduced the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) discussion item. She asked Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Light Rail Director, and Mr. Martin Schachenmayr, Link Project Control Manager, to explain how the process of the Board's adoption of the final route, phasing, and the finance plan for North Link would differ between the current approach and an accelerated approach.

Mr. Fazel gave an overview of Sound Transit's current approach to the North Link Light Rail project, which include identifying the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), advancing engineering to 30%, the development of construction schedules and cost estimates, and developing the finance plan and baseline project budget.

Mr. Schachenmayr covered the accelerated approach to North Link when considering RTID. He stated that the processes which would be accelerated include development of preliminary construction schedules, development of full capital cost ranges for segments, the Board's preferred interim terminus selection, and refining and validating the project cost estimate for RTID through peer review and risk analysis.

Mr. Ladenburg stated that the Board had been working to decide the LPA before the RTID. He said that the first step in both processes is still to pick an LPA.

## **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the March 11, 2004, Sound Transit Board meeting  
Voucher Certification for March 1 through March 15, 2004

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

## **Action Items**

Item Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2004-27 – Establishing that the preferred alternative for the Small Cities Transit Access project is rider safety and security improvements to westbound SR520 flyer stop in Yarrow Point

**It was moved by Ms. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-27 be approved as presented.**

Item Referred by Executive and Finance Committees

Resolution No. R2004-03 – Authorizing the transfer of \$4.252 million from the Small Cities Transit Access project budget to East King County Subarea's Bus Systemwide project procurement budget

Mr. Ladenburg advised that approval of Resolution No. R2004-03 would require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board, which is twelve.

**It was moved by Ms. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of the twelve Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-03 be approved as presented.**

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2004-04 – 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 additional property interests as identified in Exhibit A required for Link Light Rail Tukwila Contract Segments

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-04 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2004-31 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to accept easement rights for use of portions of property owned by the City of Everett and to transfer to the City of Everett existing parking improvements on the Southwest lot at the Everett Station and to transfer certain other improvements to be constructed under the Pacific Avenue Overpass, in exchange for the receipt of certain easements required to site Everett Commuter Rail Station improvements

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-31 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2004-32 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill to provide design services during construction of light rail in the Rainier Valley in the amount of \$925,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$10,382,572

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-32 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2004-33 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with URS Corporation to provide construction management services for Contract C510 Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Retrofit and Tunnel Expansion and related utility relocations in the amount of \$5,454,500 with a 10% contingency of \$545,450, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,999,950

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-33 be approved as presented.**

#### Items Not Referred by Committee

Motion No. M2004-35 – Approving the appointment of Kevin Grossman from North King County, Paul Masten from Snohomish County, and Jessyn Schor from North King County to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each beginning April 2004 and expiring April 2008

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-35 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2004-39 – Authorizing HNTB Corporation to continue its engineering work and authorizing Stacy and Witbeck to mobilize its forces and to purchase the supplies, materials, and equipment necessary to repair the Reservation Junction to Freighthouse Square retained earth fill embankment and track bed structure and delegating contract approval authority to the Finance Committee

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Ms. Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-39 be approved as presented.**

#### **Briefing Item**

##### North Link Route and Station Alternatives

Mr. Ron Endlich, North Corridor Project Manager, briefed the Board on the North Link Route outlining the decision schedule and going over the routes and stations. (Copy of the presentation is on file.)

#### **Executive Committee Report**

Mr. Ladenburg stated that in addition to the items which came before the Board, the Executive Committee took action on Motion No. M2004-28 authorizing staff to begin the procurement process for new buses needed to implement the 2003 ST Express Service Implementation Plan, and Motion No. M2004-30 identifying the structured parking option as the preferred alternative

to expand parking capacity at the Issaquah Park-and-Ride Lot as part of the Issaquah Transit Center project.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee took action on Motion No. M2004-29, executing a contract amendment with KPFF Consulting Engineers to complete preliminary engineering and environmental documentation for the Newcastle Transit Center project in the amount of \$186,200, with a 10% contingency of \$18,620, totaling \$204,820 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$311,908 and Motion No. M2004-34, executing an amendment to the agreement with Tacoma Public Utilities, Tacoma Power Division, for relocation of electrical ductbanks in the Tacoma Link corridor in the amount of \$2,462, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$607,462.

### **Other Business**

None.


### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, April 22, 2004  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
Seattle, Washington

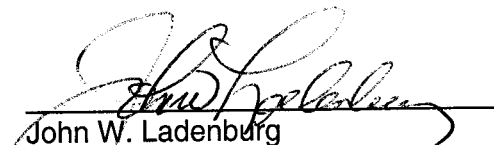
### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
John W. Ladenburg  
Board Chair