

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

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 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

*(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*

*(P) 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*

*(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive*

*(P) Jack Start, Mill Creek City Councilmember*

*(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember*

*(P) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair*

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Dave Enslow

Mark Olson

Dwight Pelz

Larry Phillips

Aaron Reardon

Ron Sims

**Public Comment**

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

Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit

(Board members Pelz and Enslow arrived.)

## **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Ladenburg announced that he would be changing the order of the agenda to allow the Board to go into executive session at this time. He stated that following the executive session, the Board would reconvene in open session, and the balance of the meeting would follow the agenda.

## **Executive Session**

At 1:20 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 1:55 p.m., the session was extended by 15 minutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:15 p.m.

(Board members Olson, Phillips, Reardon, and Sims arrived during the executive session.)

## **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl reported on the Reservation to Freighthouse Junction in Tacoma. She advised that the installation of 182 auger cast piles had been completed. She stated that readings indicate the embankment settling has slowed down. At the end of June, the contractor began construction to correct the stability and ballast concerns. A series of dynamic test loads will be conducted through the month of July.

Ms. Earl announced that construction in the Rainier Valley would begin on July 12, 2004.

## **Board Direction on Alternatives to be Analyzed for the Long-Range Plan and Phase 2 Planning**

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, discussed public input received so far in the following areas:

SR99 North: Mr. Matsuoka reported interest in the possibility of bus rapid transit (BRT) on SR 99 in north King County and south Snohomish County. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with this and explore a partnership and long-range bus service with local transit authorities.

SR520: Mr. Matsuoka advised that the long-range plan includes a bus corridor on SR520. Since 1996, Sound Transit and the Washington State Department of Transportation have been working as co-leads of the Translake Steering Committee. The committee, comprised of elected officials, was formed to look at various alternatives for improvements as well as highway and transit capacity in the corridor. The conclusion of the committee was to place the higher priority for high-capacity transit (HCT) on the I-90 corridor.

Ms. Marshall stated that the cities in east King County appreciate that HCT on I-90 is a higher priority, followed by HCT on SR520. The cities would also welcome consideration of express bus service to Microsoft and the University of Washington.

I-405: Sound Move's proposed strategy was to implement a bus HOV system on I-405. The long-range plan for I-405 called for that to be a potential rail extension corridor. A study of the I-405 project was conducted with Sound Transit and WSDOT as co-leads. The study identified BRT as a preferred option. WSDOT has taken the next step and has received a federal record of decision on that proposal. Burlington Northern Santa Fe has requested preserving the right-of-way along Lake Washington parallel to I-405. The Puget Sound Regional Council has been looking at what would be involved in preserving the right-of-way for use by trains, bikes, and HCT.

Ms. Marshall stated that there is interest in east King County to include language that states BRT is the preferred option now, but as ridership warrants higher capacity technology, the Board would be willing to reconsider rail.

Seattle Streetcar: Mr. Matsuoka explained that the City of Seattle is looking at a light rail/streetcar from Westlake to South Lake Union, and most recently, this was extended from South Lake Union to the University of Seattle. He stated that Sound Move included a light rail route serving both of these stations via Capitol Hill and First Hill, so there is the potential of having two lines serving the same areas.

Mr. Sims asked staff to look at extending the waterfront streetcar from its northern terminus to the Immunex because of anticipated growth by the Port of Seattle.

Monorail: Mr. Matsuoka reported on discussions about whether monorail should be added as a fourth line of business for Sound Transit. He stated that staff is prepared to look at the monorail as a general technology. He advised that at its last meeting, the King County Council suggested looking at BRT, light rail, and monorail for the I-90 corridor.

Mr. Crawford stated that east King County may need another system in the future to handle the traffic. He suggested monorail above the Burke-Gilman trail.

Ms. Patterson advised that southwest King County is very interested in learning whether an extension of the monorail from the West Seattle terminus into southwest King County would make sense.

## **Consent Agenda**

Voucher Certification for June 1 through June 15, 2004

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

## **Action Items**

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2004-49 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an Interagency Agreement with the City of Everett, establishing the City of Everett as the project lead and specifying Sound Transit's maximum funding responsibility for the North Everett Transit Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,452,400

**It was moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-49 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2004-07 – Amending the Adopted 2004 Budget by (1) reducing the North Everett Transit Center by \$573,000 and (2) transferring \$270,000 from the North Everett Transit Center project to the Snohomish Subarea Program Reserve

Mr. Ladenburg advised that approval of Resolution No. R2004-07 would require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board, which is twelve.

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of the seventeen Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-07 be approved as presented.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### Executive Committee

Chair Ladenburg reported that at the July 1, 2004, meeting, the Executive Committee was briefed on the Regional Express service agreements with Sound Transit's transit partners.

In addition, the committee received a status report on the Mukilteo Commuter Rail Station; approved travel for Board member Phelps for business related to potential bond issuance; and forwarded the two I-90 actions to the Board with a do-pass recommendation. The I-90 actions will be on the July 22, 2004, Board agenda.

#### Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chair Phelps reported on the June 17 and July 1, 2004, Finance Committee meetings.

The committee received reports on potential fixed rate bond issuance and new service implementation agreements. In addition, the committee approved Motion No. M2004-60, executing a contract with artist Richard Elliott to provide artwork for Central Link Light Rail; and Motion No. M2004-64, authorizing the acquisition of certain real property from the Washington State Department of Transportation.

#### Audit and Reporting Subcommittee

Mr. Phelps reported that on June 24, 2004, the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee met with the KPMG to discuss the 2003 federal and financial audits and subarea equity.

### **Other Business**

None.


**Next Meeting**

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

**Adjourn**

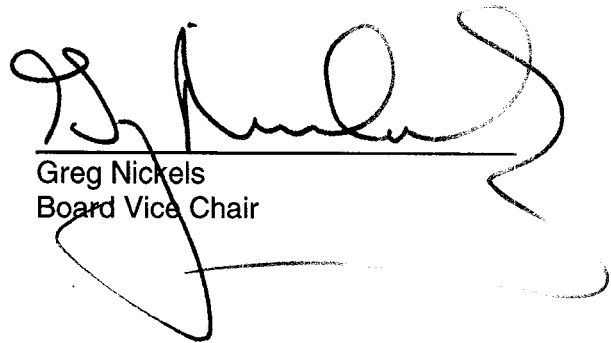
The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

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Greg Nickels  
Board Vice Chair