

SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
February 3, 2005

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Chair

(P) John W. Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Greg Nickels, Seattle Mayor

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

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

Public Comment

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

Paul W. Locke

Report of the Chair

None.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl advised that the public comment period for the draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for updating the Long-Range Vision and Sound Transit 2 ended on Monday, January 31, 2005. Approximately 200 comments have been received.

Action Item

Items within the Executive Committee's Authority

Minutes of the January 3, 2005 Executive Committee meeting

It was moved by Ms. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that the minutes of the January 6, 2005 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Discussion Items

East King County – Program Understanding for the Community Connections

Ms. Agnes Govern, Capital Projects Director, briefed the Executive Committee on the key elements of the program understanding between Sound Transit and King County for the Community Connections program in the East King County subarea.

Ms. Marshall asked for a provision in the agreement concerning transfer of ownership on facilities not currently served by Sound Transit. She would like to see language added that would allow ownership to transfer back to Sound Transit should the agency begin serving the facilities during a later phase. Ms. Govern indicated that it would be appropriate to consider such a provision during negotiations of the project level agreements.

Mr. Ladenburg asked if reimbursement to King County Metro for design staff review time was capped. Ms. Govern answered that a limit had not been set; however, it is not expected to exceed \$100,000 for all three facilities.

Mr. Phelps asked for additional discussion on the facility transfers prior to the agreement being executed. He also requested signage at the facilities stating that they were built with Sound Transit dollars.

Mukilteo Early Start Station

Ms. Agnes Govern, Capital Projects Director, and Eric Beckman, Project Manager, briefed the Executive Committee on the Mukilteo Early Start Station.

Mr. Ladenburg stated that during a visit to Mukilteo earlier in the week, City representatives mentioned two possibilities to help with the parking concerns. (1) add 20 feet of pavement to Mukilteo Lane and turn it into a one-way street which would narrow the street surface and allow parking to be built without disturbing any of the hillside, eliminating the need for retaining walls; and (2) engage in a discussion with the owner of a restaurant at that location which is going to close for a period of time and has an existing parking lot that could be used.

Mr. Phelps agreed that the visit to Mukilteo was very informative. He stated concerns about expending dollars on an early start station, when it will be a challenge to develop a permanent station under budget. He mentioned that during the Mukilteo visit, the City officials expressed interest in working with Sound Transit. His impression was that if Sound Transit were to show a good faith effort on Mukilteo Lane, the City would work with staff on station design and other issues that impact the budget.

Mr. Olson questioned whether the increased ridership at an early start station would pay for operational costs. He stated that the revenues gained from 200 boardings a day might offset some of the capital costs of the early start station.

Ms. Govern responded that staff would look at the revenues and operating costs and get back to the Board with an answer to Mr. Olson's question.

Mr. Ladenburg summarized that the Board would like additional information on financing the permanent station, potential costs of an early start station, and issues of time slippage of the permanent station.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2005
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Sound Transit Board Room

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


John W. Ladenburg
Executive Committee Chair