

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
June 9, 2005

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 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 Council President

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Deputy Mayor

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds Council President

(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) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember

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

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

Public Comment

Richard Lighter

Report of the Chair

Chair Ladenburg announced neither he nor the vice chairs would be available for the June 23, 2005 Board meeting and suggested Board member Sims act as chair pro tem.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Board member Sims serve as Chair pro tem at the June 23, 2005 Board meeting.

He stated he received a letter from Shawn Bunney, Chair of the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID), requesting that Sound Transit work with RTID on issues relating to a possible joint ballot in 2006. Chair Ladenburg will be working with the Board and Ms. Earl to organize the collaboration to decide whether to pursue a joint ballot.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl reviewed the quarterly "RIDE" guide and the "Report to the CEO" describing the ridership numbers for Sounder, ST Express bus, and Tacoma Link.

She announced that on Monday, June 6, 2005, a second Sounder train began service from Everett to Seattle.

Discussion Items

Beacon Hill Update

Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Director and Mr. Joe Gildner, Deputy Link Director presented the discussion item.

Discussion highlights included:

- Reasons to shift the platform to the west by 88 feet, and
- Underground components of the subway station - the main shaft, the auxiliary shaft, and the 400 foot long concourse tunnel.

Long Range Plan Update

Chair Ladenburg stated the Board would be adopting the Long Range Plan in July and would then start working on an ST2 plan. He wants the ST2 plan in place by the end of the year in order to be ready for a possible vote in November 2006.

(Board member Sims arrived at this time).

Ms. Earl stated the final Supplemental Environmental Impact Summary (EIS) was published on June 1, 2005 and was distributed. The supplemental EIS is a supplement to the 1993 Regional Transit System Plan EIS, which supported the adoption of Sound Move and the Regional Transit Long-Range Vision. It evaluates the environmental impacts of two system alternatives; (a) no action alternative – just implement Sound Move, and (b) long-range alternative, which essentially reflects 1996 vision to continue to build upon the system in place. The appeal period closes on June 15, 2005 and appeals are made directly to Ms. Earl.

Mr. Paul Matsuoka reviewed the “Project Evaluation Criteria” handout, which focused on factors that will be considered by the Board when it makes a choice about competing transportation technologies. The criteria include Ridership, Capital Costs, Operating Costs, Travel Time and Reliability, Connectivity, Land Use and Development, Customer Experience, and Risk. He distributed a handout defining Bus Rapid Transit versus Light Rail systems as requested by Board member Marshall at the May 26, 2005 Board meeting.

Ms. Walker reviewed the Long-Range Plan amendments. She described the “technical” amendments to the system map (reflecting Board adoption of Service Implementation Plans since 1996), “housekeeping” amendments, and amendments submitted to date by Board members.

Chair Ladenburg gave his thoughts on moving forward. He said the Board would adopt the Long Range Plan in the next few weeks, and would then start the process for building a project list to take to the voters in the fall. He said that jurisdictions around the region are eager to know how the process will unfold. He proposed working through the established transit forums - in King County (Eastside Transportation Partnership, South County Transportation Board, and Seattle Shoreline Area Transportation Board), the Snohomish County Policy Forum, and RAMP in Pierce County – to help set priorities.

He suggested an additional Board meeting on July 7, 2005, for the adoption of the Long Range Plan. Board members agreed.

North Link - Brooklyn Station

Mr. Ron Endlich, Link Project Manager, presented the discussion item. He stated Safeco announced that the U-District is the preferred location to consolidate and expand its business offices. As a result, Sound Transit needs to decide to continue with the current station site or consider another north U-District site.

Options for proceeding:

1. Pursue joint development with Safeco at current site
2. Advance Preliminary Engineering (PE) on North Brooklyn site
 - Expand staging area east
3. Advance PE on NE 45th site on UW campus
4. Consider new site(s) in U-District and advance one to PE
5. No action until funding is determined

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for April 16 through April 30, 2005

Voucher Certification for May 1 through May 15, 2005

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

Executive Session

At 3:07 p.m., Chair Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene a 10-minute Executive Session. There would be no action thereafter.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:17 p.m.

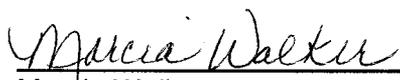
Next Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2005
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

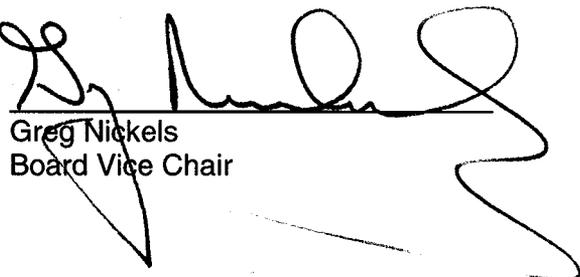
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Greg Nickels
Board Vice Chair