

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**August 25, 2005**

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Chair

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Council President

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Deputy Mayor

(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds Council President

(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember

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

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

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Nickels officially welcomed Tacoma City Councilmember Julie Anderson to the Board.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, reported the first rail for Central Link Light Rail was laid in Seattle's SODO district last week with Mayor Nickels in attendance.

Ms. Earl announced that Sound Transit has received awards for its year-end "In Motion" video, the creation of the new website, and the "Been Sitting Too Long" advertisement.

She indicated that on September 8, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. there will be a kick-off for the construction of the Sammamish Park-and-Ride.

The Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel closes on September 24, 2005 for two years to be retrofitted and upgraded so it can be used by both light rail and buses. There is a comprehensive and detailed plan for outreach to the transit riders, downtown businesses, partner agencies, and Washington State Ferries. Sound Transit has been working closely with King County Metro, Community Transit, and Pierce Transit to coordinate the outreach efforts. Outreach efforts include cross-training street teams to aid passengers with changes on routes from all transit agencies, media briefings, news, radio, and television ads, flyers, and a multi-agency website for updated information.

Mr. Nickels stated he recently visited downtown Seattle businesses and they have been well informed of the closure and thanked staff for the outreach.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Deborah Gibby  
Mr. Richard Borkowski

Based on Mr. Borkowski's comment, Ms. Earl stated she would follow up on Sound Transit providing signage to riders during the downtown closure, which informs riders where the new bus stops have been relocated.

### **Consent Agenda**

Voucher Certification for July 1 through July 15, 2005  
Voucher Certification for July 15 through July 31, 2005  
Minutes from June 23, 2005 Board meeting  
Minutes from July 7, 2005 Board meeting  
Minutes from July 14, 2005 Board meeting

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

### **Action Items**

#### Item Recommended by Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2005-15 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with property appraisals and, upon issuance of the Airport Link Record of Decision by the Federal Transit Administration, to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation, by settling condemnation litigation or entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Airport Link Project of the Central Link Light Rail Project.

Mr. Roger Hanson, Senior Real Property Agent presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2005-15 be approved as presented.**

#### Items Not Previously Considered by a Committee

Motion No. M2005-90 - Appointing two new members to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning August 2005 and expiring August 2009

Chair Nickels indicated that approval of Motion No. M2005-90 would appoint Mr. Thomas Ryan and Mr. Donald Green to the Citizen Oversight Panel to fill two vacancies.

**It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Sims, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2005-90 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2005-101 - Adopting SeaTac/Airport as the final name for the Central Link Light Rail Airport Link Station

Ms. Debora Ashland, Link Senior Architect, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by an unanimous vote of all members present Motion No. M2005-101 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Sims introduced a motion for the North Link First Hill work plan.

Motion No. M2005-102 - Directing the Chief Executive Officer to complete the "North Link First Hill Work Plan" dated August 3, 2005 as reviewed by the Executive and Finance Committees on August 4, 2005, and report back to the Board in writing at least four weeks prior to the Board's final decision selecting the preferred route, profiles, and station locations for the North Link Light Rail Project

**It was moved by Mr. Sims and seconded by Ms. Marshall that Motion No. M2005-102 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Phillips offered a friendly amendment to Motion No. M2005-102 to include the "First Hill Rail Spur Work Plan," which Mr. Sims accepted. Mr. Phillips clarified that his intent is the work plan activities would be performed by Sound Transit staff using existing resources and relying on available information.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2005-102 was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.**

Ms. Marshall and Mr. Sims thanked the staff for a thorough work plan.

Ms. Earl indicated Sound Transit will also review the plan submitted by the First Hill Association as part of the work plan.

**Committee Reports**

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chair Crawford reported in addition to today's item on the agenda, the Finance Committee approved the minutes of July 21, 2005 Finance Committee meeting; Motion No. M2005-72 - executing a contract with Pacific Power Products to supply remanufactured engines and transmissions for Sound Transit's 60' bus fleet; and Motion No. M2005-85 - executing a three-year contract with Bruce Allen and Associates, Inc. to provide appraisal services.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, July 28 2005  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Other Business**

None.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker  
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Board Administrator

  
John W. Ladenburg  
Board Chair