

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
May 25, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Chair John Ladenburg, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(A) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Council President

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds City Councilmember

(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Mayor

(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.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg announced that a joint meeting of the Sound Transit Executive Committee and the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) is scheduled for June 1, 2006 in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that Resolution No. R2006-09 requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire Board and that he would seek action at the time 12 members were in attendance.

He provided an update on activities working with the Community Coalition for Contracts and Jobs (CCCJ) advising that outside legal counsel had been retained to investigate recent complaints. In addition, a work group has been established, made up of staff, Board members, members of CCCJ, NAACP, the Urban League, Tabor 100, Black Contractors Union, A. Phillip Randolph Institute, contractors and African American ministers.

Chief Executive Report

Ms. Earl reported that a complaint was filed by Farrow Concrete Specialties, subcontractor to PCL Construction Services on the Federal Way Transit Center, which has been turned over to an outside investigator. Upon completion of the investigation a report will be provided to the Board.

Ms. Earl introduced Jim Price, recently hired as the Rail Activation Manager for Sound Transit.

Ms. Earl gave a report on the 32nd FTA Quarterly Meeting detailing construction progress on Link light rail, the status on Sound Transit's request to FTA for final design authority for University Link, Sounder commuter rail station design and construction and Link Light rail operations start-up plans and activities.

Ms. Earl reported on various project related issues; a road closure, partnering with WSDOT, for Totem Lake Freeway station project to allow for road lowering construction; a groundbreaking for the Issaquah Transit Center and a temporary closure of Tacoma Link for repair and maintenance on the rail line.

Ms. Earl also reported on the 1st Quarter Ridership report for 2006, which is up 12% over the same time last year. Secretary MacDonald asked staff for a load factor analysis, focusing on data to determine what, if any, the response to service changes are. Mr. Marty Minkoff, Transportation Services Director stated he would provide that information.

Public Comment

None

Action Item

Resolution No. R2006-09 - A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the Adopted 2005 Budget

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2006-09 be approved as presented.

Mr. Ladenburg announced there would be an executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate.

ST2 Policy Issues – Subarea Equity Discussion

Mr. Ric Igenfritz, Chief Communications Officer, Paul Matsuoka, Chief Policy & Planning Officer, and Hugh Simpson, Chief Financial Officer presented a briefing on the policy issue of subarea equity. Mr. Matsuoka indicated that the purpose of discussing subarea equity was to let staff know if they should assume the Board plans to continue to follow the existing framework for subarea equity as staff develops sample investment scenarios.

He reviewed the definition of subarea equity both in state law and in Board policy in Sound Move. He provided the historical framework of subarea equity, reiterating the equity principle contained in Sound Move "...defined as utilizing local tax revenues and related debt for projects and services which benefit the subareas generally in proportion to the level of revenues each subarea generates." He noted the definition is broad allowing subarea agreements to be flexible, fair, based on Board judgment and instills trust that a Board-adopted transit plan is equitable. Mr. Simpson reviewed revenue dynamics of subarea equity reviewing information on tax resources, economic drivers of each subarea such as taxes collected and behavioral spending in population centers that produce revenue. Mr. Igenfritz provided a timing framework and a proposed schedule for developing investment scenarios.

Following Board discussion, Mr. Ladenburg commented that the sense of the Board was to continue to follow the current framework.

Action Items

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification from April 16, 2006 through April 30, 2006
Minutes of April 27, 2006 Board Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the consent agenda be approved as presented

Items Forwarded by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2006-41 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Transit Center Easement Purchase and Reimbursement Agreement with King County Hospital District No. 2 (Evergreen Healthcare) regarding the development and maintenance of the Totem Lake Transit Center at Evergreen Hospital

It was moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-41 be approved as presented

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Chair Butler reported on the May 18, 2006 Finance Committee meeting and the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee meeting. KPMG provided the 2005 audit results and reported an unqualified clean audit opinion on the financial statements and the federal audit. There were no reportable conditions and no findings. Three management letter comments and/or recommendations were issued which included developing processes for tracking interlocal agreements, developing a policy and processes for capitalizing construction in progress and to develop a policy for land sales or swaps for partial parcels. Final reports are anticipated within the next several weeks.

Central Link Oversight Committee

Chair Phillips reported on the May 18, 2006 Central Link Oversight Committee (CLOC) held at the Sound Transit Southeast Seattle Community Office. Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Director, introduced Jon Sleavin, the new civil engineering manager for Link. Mr. Fazel and Mr. Joe Gildner, Link Deputy Director, briefed the Committee on the Central Link Initial Segment project.

Mr. Tony Raben, Deputy Construction Manager, gave a briefing on Rainer Valley. Kathy Albert, Link Community Outreach Program Manager, updated the committee on the Rainier Valley Community Outreach program emphasizing the new outreach campaign entitled "The World at Your Doorstep" with a goal of attracting customers to businesses during construction. Johnathan Jackson, Link Project Development Program Manager, explained the Residential Sound Insulation Program available to residential homes located in the corridor. This program is used to mitigate noise and air pollution created by construction activities. Jaime Garcia, CDF

Executive Director, gave a status report on the Rainier Valley Community Development Fund (CDF).

The next CLOC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle WA.

Executive Session

At 3:07 p.m., Chair Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene a 15-minute executive session authorized under RCW 42.30.110 to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

Chair Ladenburg reconvened the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Other Business

None


Next Meeting

Thursday June 8, 2006
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

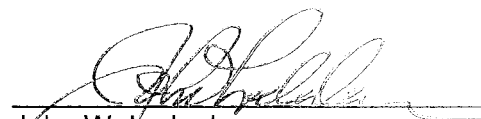
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair