

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
September 14, 2006**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 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

(P) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember

(A) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland City Councilmember

(A) Fred Butler, Issaquah Council President

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds City Councilmember

(A) 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

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Mayor

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

Ms. Carol Doering, acting Board Administrator, stated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg announced that Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, would be presenting the 2007 Proposed Budget during the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

He also announced that a joint meeting of the Sound Transit Executive Committee and the Regional Transit Investment District Executive Board was scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2006 in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Joni Earl recognized and thanked Board member Mary-Alyce Burleigh for her participation and representation at the citizen access community meeting which was televised on a public access channel on Saturday, September 9, 2006. She also announced the groundbreaking for the South Everett Freeway Station project on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 in partnership with Washington State Department of Transportation, the City of Everett, Snohomish County, the Transportation Improvement Board and the Federal Highway Administration.

Ms. Earl announced receipt of a \$1.98 million grant awarded from the Federal Transit Administration to install the Talking Signs® way-finding system which is a part of Sound Transit's Mobility Initiative Program, to improve mobility for the disabled members of the community. In addition, she announced the kickoff for soliciting volunteers for the Smart Card Regional Fare

project. The beta test is scheduled to begin in October 2006. The nickname for the project is ORCA (One Regional Card for All).

Ms. Earl began her report on the 2007 Proposed Budget utilizing the budget book distributed to the Board with their meeting packet. A copy is on file in the Board Administrator's office. She emphasized the basic goal of the \$1.05 billion budget for 2007 would be to build on Sound Transit's successes by continuing to build out the regional transportation system and planning work for Sound Transit 2 for future investment. For the first time, capital replacement expenses will be reflected in the 2007 budget.

She reviewed the 2006 Budget accomplishments noting the 57 million riders system-wide. She announced a new performance measurement process which is being developed in the agency as a result of the performance audit. The new process is called STAR (Sound Transit Agency Review). It identifies outcome areas of Project Delivery, Service Delivery, System Expansion, Stewardship of Resources and Organizational Vibrancy.

PSRC Report on Prosperity Partnership

PSRC Executive Director, Bob Drewel and Bill McSherry, Director of Economic Development, summarized the goals and policy recommendations of the Prosperity Partnership program. A written summary was made available, a copy of which is on file with the Board Administrator.

Link Light Rail – Initial Segment

Board member Larry Phillips, Chair of the Central Link Oversight Committee, introduced Link Director, Ahmad Fazel and Link Deputy Director, Joe Gildner who provided an overview of the Initial Segment construction project. Mr. Fazel provided an overview of the progress and described existing challenges, including labor shortages, the concrete strike and inflated material costs.

Chair Ladenburg and Board members proposed that staff explore methods to communicate to the public that the construction is a product of Sound Transit by placing signage along the construction route.

Public Comment

Mr. Eddie Rye, Jr. informed the Board about a pilot program developed by the Seattle Public Schools entitled HUB (Historically Underutilized Business). Mr. Rye distributed an informational sheet, a copy of which is on file with the Board Administrator.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification from July 1, 2006 through July 15, 2006

Voucher Certification from July 16, 2006 through July 31, 2006

Voucher Certification from August 1, 2006 through August 15, 2006

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

Action Items

Items Forwarded by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2006-16 - A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the Adopted 2006 Budget

Mr. Ladenburg announced that amending the budget requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire Board, which is twelve members.

It was moved by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Marin to approve Resolution No. R2006-16.

Mr. Ladenburg asked Ms. Doering to conduct a roll call vote.

<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Julie Anderson	
Mary-Alyce Burleigh	
Dow Constantine	
Dave Enslow	
Richard Marin	
Connie Marshall	
Julia Patterson	
Larry Phillips	
Aaron Reardon	
Claudia Thomas	
Pete von Reichbauer	
John Ladenburg	

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2006-16 was carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. R2006-17 - A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), by condemnation litigation, or by administrative settlement; and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Sounder Commuter Rail Everett Station Project

It was moved by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2006-17 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2006-64 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Universal Field Services, Inc. to provide acquisition, relocation, and property management services for properties acquired or to be acquired for Link Light Rail projects for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$11,806,000

It was moved by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-64 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2006-68 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing Board member Dave Enslow to travel to the Rail-Volution 2006 Conference being held in Chicago, Illinois from November 5, 2006 through November 8, 2006

It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-68 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Vice Chair, Julie Anderson, reported on actions taken by the Finance Committee at its August 17, 2006 and September 7, 2006 meetings. Ms. Anderson noted the Committee's recognition of Mr. Hugh Simpson for his service as Sound Transit's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) who has left the agency to pursue new employment. In addition, the Committee acknowledged staff member, Brian McCartan, who assumes the position of CFO.

The Committee approved Motion No. M2006-65, a contract amendment with KPMG, LLP to provide independent financial and federal audit services in the amount of \$425,000, for a total authorized contract amount of \$1,355,000 and to exercise the first of two options to extend the term of the contract to October 20, 2007. The Committee also approved Motion No. M2006-67, a one-year contract with two one-year options to extend with Sheppard Technologies to provide on-call electrical and lighting services for a total authorized contract amount for the one-year period not to exceed \$300,000. Also approved was Motion No. M2006-66 a contract amendment with Willis of Seattle, Inc. to provide insurance brokerage services in the amount of \$240,000, a new total authorized contract amount of \$1,050,000 and to exercise the second of two options to extend the term of the contract to September 30, 2007.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday September 28, 2006
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

John W. Ladenburg
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Board Chair