

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
October 26, 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

(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds City Councilmember

(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) 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

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Mayor

(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

Chair Ladenburg announced the Board would be working from a revised agenda. He also announced that the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board awarded \$68 million in federal funds for Sound Transit projects from the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. He reported Sound Transit earned \$36.5 million for the regional transit services and \$31.5 million through the competitive process. The competitive awards include \$15.75 million for Airport Link, \$12 million for University Link, \$2 million for the South Everett Freeway Station and \$1.5 million for design of the Pacific Avenue overcrossing in Tacoma.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

In response to inquiries from the October 12, 2006 Board Meeting, Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl introduced Ahmad Fazel, Link Director and Tony Raben, Deputy Construction Manager of the Rainier Valley project who provided a progress report on the paving delays in the Rainier Valley, as well as detailing responsive remedies. Ms. Earl also reported that staff in the Diversity Program Office continues to collect data on the local diversity labor force from regional sources and will report back to the Board with the results.

Mr. Greg Mowat, Sound Transit's Project Labor Agreement Specialist provided an explanation of the function of the Project Labor Agreement and its limitations in application to the concrete labor strike.

Public Comment

Chair Ladenburg announced that he was departing from the usual practice of hearing public comment on action items only and would take public comment on ST2 at Board meetings until the Board has adopted a draft ST2 package.

Genesee Adkins of Transportation Choices Coalition presented a letter on behalf of the organization, as well as 250 written individual comments from its membership, copies of which are on file with the Board Administrator.

Paul W. Locke
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ST2

Mr. Ric Ilgenfritz, introduced the three areas that would be covered. He introduced Ian Stewart, a Senior Analyst with Evans/McDonough Inc. who described the methods and results of the most recent telephone survey.

Mr. John Howell, Administrator for the Expert Review Panel summarized the October 20, 2006 letter to the Board, which is the fourth formal letter from the Panel regarding Sound Transit's efforts to develop a package of proposed ST2 improvements. A copy is on file with the Board Administrator. Mr. Howell reviewed the six elements identified in the Panel's letter; i.e., cost estimating, constructability issues, review of ST2 scenarios, environmental review, financial planning and Sound Transit's evaluation methodology. Mr. Howell announced that the panel will report to the Board after the Panel's next meeting, scheduled to occur the first week of January 2007.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board would proceed with the action items on the agenda and would then resume the ST2 briefing.

Action Items

Items forwarded by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2006-20 - A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (1) 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 North Link - Roosevelt Station; and (2) amending the Adopted 2006 Budget to include acquisition of properties described in Exhibit A as an authorized use of the Regional Fund Contingency.

It was moved by Mr. Butler and seconded by Ms. Burleigh that Resolution No. R2006-20 be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Burleigh and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2006-20 be amended by deleting the following language:

“...and (2) amending the Adopted 2006 Budget to include acquisition of properties described in Exhibit A as an authorized use of the Regional Fund Contingency,” and Section 7, in its entirety.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2006-20, as amended, carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion No. M2006-73 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole source contract with Alliance Data Systems to provide network services as the clearinghouse for debit/credit transactions for Sound Transit's ticket vending machines for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$222,000

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-73 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2006-74 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contingency for the contract with RCI/Herzog, Joint Venture for the Rainier Valley light rail construction by \$7,500,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$154,449,260.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-74 be approved as presented.

Item not referred by Committee

Resolution No. R2006-21 – 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; to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for the Airport Link project of the Central Link Light Rail Project, amending a legal description contained in Resolution No. R2005-15 Exhibit A, and ratifying the actions of the Chief Executive Officer with regard to the amended legal description as of the effective date of Resolution No. R2005-15.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2006-21 be approved as presented.

ST2 briefing continued

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Chief Policy & Planning Officer presented the discussion on the technical planning work. He also reviewed the anticipated briefing schedule and subject matter to develop a draft ST2 plan. Mr. Matt Sheldon, Project Manager in the Office of Policy & Planning, reported on service enhancement alternatives and maintenance facility options showing modeling assumptions utilizing various funding scenarios to determine agency costs. Mr. David Beal, Program Manager in the Office of Policy & Planning provided an analysis of capital and operating cost estimates for which Sound Transit can deliver defined ST2 projects. Mr. Beal also described the approach of defining scope of transportation projects, evaluating risks and examining inflation factors.

Discussion Items

Board member Anderson requested the Tacoma to Lakewood Track and Facilities Project Update be taken before the SR520 update report.

Tacoma to Lakewood Track and Facilities Project Update

Mr. Jim Edwards, Deputy Director of Capital Projects reported on progress since the March 23, 2006 Board briefing on the Tacoma to Lakewood Track and Facilities Project. Mr. Eric Beckman, Rail Program Manager, provided a preliminary project status report on the feasibility of grade separation on a portion of the commuter rail alignment between D Street and M Street in Tacoma. Mr. Edwards reported on the community outreach process. A group of architects volunteered concepts, of a connection between D Street and M Street. Mr. Edwards reported Sound Transit staff assessments of two of the architectural concepts noting risks and assumptions with a request for direction from the Board whether or not to continue its review of a grade-separated design as a portion of the feasibility study. Mr. Beckman gave a brief history of the project describing the status of the work to date and conclusions from various stakeholders as a result of the outreach.

It was moved by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Burleigh that the Board adopt a motion to authorize the chief executive officer and staff to meet with the City of Tacoma engineering staff and principals of the AIS project to review Concept B and Concept F and determine if there are any fatal flaws or opportunities and to report back to the Sound Transit Board at the same time the engineering and feasibility on Modified Alternative 2 is concluding.

A quorum of the Board was no longer present so Chair Ladenburg set the motion aside.

SR 520 Project Update on Alternatives and Decision-making process

Ms. Andrea Tull, Project Manager, Office of Policy & Planning as co-lead for the SR 520 project introduced John Milton, Project Director and Julie Meredith, Engineering Manager with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to update the Board on alternatives and revised cost estimates for the SR 520 bridge replacement and high occupancy vehicle project. Their report described the decision-making process that WSDOT identified for the project. Mr. Milton described the history of the project as well as Sound Transit's historical role in that relationship. He described the advantages, disadvantages and risks of the three proposed alternatives, the cost assumptions and the next steps. Ms. Meredith provided details to describe the features of the potential service coordination, reviewing the outreach efforts including the top areas of interest identified through the draft Environmental Impact Statement process.

Ms. Earl stated that staff would return to the Board to comment on the alternatives presented by the WSDOT.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the items on the Consent Agenda would be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting because a quorum was no longer present.

Committee Reports

None

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

None.

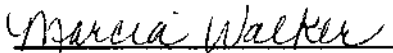
Next Meeting

Thursday November 9, 2006
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

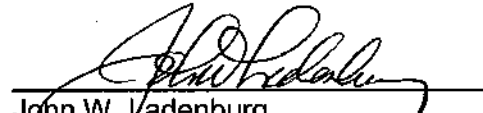
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair