

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 8, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 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

(A) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Mary-Alyce Burreigh, Kirkland City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy 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

(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

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

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg acknowledged Board member Thomas and asked her to announce the groundbreaking event scheduled for the Lakewood Sounder Station.

Ms. Thomas announced the groundbreaking for the Lakewood Sounder Station in Lakewood, scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. Will Knedlik

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl described the Link light rail Operations and Maintenance Base dedication event held on March 5, 2007 acknowledging Board member Nickels who presided over the event as well as Board members Constantine and McIver who participated. She also announced the start of the Link light rail testing.

Ms. Earl summarized attendance and comments received from three ST2 Open Houses conducted by Sound Transit and Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) staff as

well as various other outreach efforts of printed media material and public speaking engagements held throughout the region.

Ms. Earl announced the appointment of Bill Reed to the Diversity Oversight Committee. She announced that Mr. Reed's appointment fulfills the vacancy of a Snohomish County position.

Ms. Earl also informed the Board that the Airport Link project had only one bid submitted. She stated that staff is analyzing methods to proceed and will report to the Central Link Oversight Committee and the Board on potential strategies.

Ms. Earl introduced Ann McNeil, Government Relations Manager and Stephen Sheehy, Legal Counsel to provide a legislative report and update on the four Bills pending in the State Legislature as well as the status of each Bill in the House and Senate. She described the four bills as follows:

The first clarifies that Sound Transit projects are not subject to local impact fees.

The second removes the sunset on owner controlled insurance plan (OCIP) projects over \$100 million.

The third clarifies bus routes exempt from special fuel taxes.

The fourth would allow a single ballot for the Roads & Transit package vote in November 2007.

Mr. Sheehy informed the Board about a new Senate Bill designed to change government structure in the region that has been introduced by Representative Jarrett in the House and by Senators Haugen and Murray in the Senate. He summarized the differences between them, as well as the legislative and taxing authorities of both. He described impacts on the transportation agencies plan prioritize and fund all modes of transportation in the four county region of King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap. He informed the Board that Sound Transit is actively opposing the Bill.

Mr. Sheehy explained the authority, structure, scope, and composition of the recommended new agency, as well as legal presumptions affecting the joint Regional Transportation Investment District/Sound Transit (RTID/ST) ballot measure in November 2007.

Mr. Ladenburg and members of the Board summarized their opposition to the two bills. A request of staff was made to analyze impacts on federal laws and report to the Board.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Mr. Ladenburg introduced Cheryl Huston, Customer Service Manager, to present the third annual customer satisfaction survey conducted by Evans McDonough whose company has conducted the annual surveys for Sound Transit since 2004. The survey data summarizes public perception and is used to plan and manage ST Express, Sounder and Tacoma Link services. Ms. Huston summarized the methodology and overall grades as well as customer comments about travel to the service, usage of park and rides, on-time performance of service as well as travel time data and fares. Ms. Huston introduced Ian Stewart of Evans McDonough who stated that that the percentages of responses from the survey grew between 2005 and 2006 from respondents who desired more frequent service.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of January 25, 2007 Board Meeting

Minutes of February 8, 2007 Board Meeting

Voucher Certification for February 1, 2007 through February 15, 2007

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

Motion No. M2007-38 – Ratifying a contract with the McKinstry Company for emergency main sewer line repairs performed at the Bellevue Rider Services Center for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$127,773.

Mr. John Sheldon, Facilities Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, to approve Motion No. M2007-38.

Board member Mclver offered an amendment to Motion No. M2007-38 to add:

“...and to pursue all avenues for recovery of the money from Howard S. Wright..”

It was moved by Mr. Mclver, seconded by Mr. Enslow and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the proposed amendment to Motion No. M2007-38 be approved.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2007-38 as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Items forwarded by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2007-06 - Amending Sound Transit's Fare Policy regarding Sounder fares from a zone-based fare structure to a distance-based fare structure and increasing Sounder fares.

Board Members Mclver and Enslow commented on the reasonableness of a fare increase for Sounder. In response to Board member Nickels' question about fare policy, Ms. Earl explained the fare policy structure contained in Sound Move.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the majority vote of Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-06 be approved to amend Sound Transit's Fare Policy reflecting an approximate 10% revenue increase by charging a \$2.55 base fare combined with a 5.5 cent per-mile distance fare charge, with fares rounded to the nearest quarter and implement a change from a zone-based fare structure to a distance based fare structure. Board member Mclver voted in the minority.

Resolution No. R2007-04 – Ratifying the amendment to the Adopted 2007 Budget in the amount of \$1,410,000 for actions directed by Resolution No. R2006-20 regarding the acquisition of property interests for the North Link-Roosevelt Station

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of thirteen Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-04 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-20 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with King County and the City of Redmond to provide funding for design and construction of the Redmond Transit Center for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$6,000,000

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-20 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-37 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute the University Link Supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle to reimburse the City for project-related services in support of University Link final design work in the amount of \$1,979,401 with a 10% contingency of \$197,940, for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$2,177,341

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-37 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Mr. Butler announced that in the future, Finance Committee reports describing the committee's discussions and actions would be provided in writing to the Board rather than verbally.

Mr. Butler reported on the March 1, 2007 meeting. The Finance Committee continued its review of the potential changes to the agency's financial policies prior to Board adoption of the ST2 system plan. He reported that the committee also heard staff presentations on policy changes that would include grant allocations, debt limits, subarea reporting and allocation of system-wide costs.

The committee also took final action on Motion No. M2007-35 authorizing an agreement with the City of Kirkland for the design, right of way acquisition and construction of a portion of the 85th corridor improvement project located in Kirkland.

He announced the next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 15, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. and the Audit and Reporting subcommittee meeting scheduled for 12:00 Noon in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

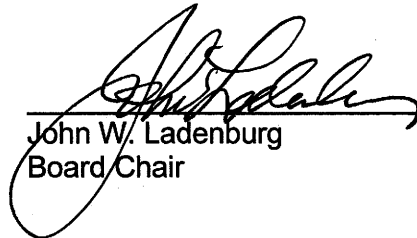
Thursday March 22, 2007
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Workshop

Thursday, March 29, 2007
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

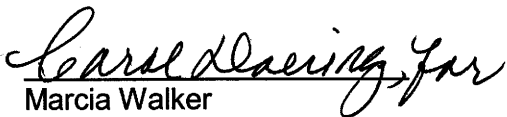
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

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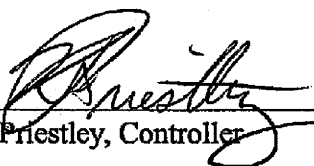
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

**Regional Transit Authority
Voucher Certification Approval
February 15, 2007**

Auditing Officer Certification

I, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the expenses listed below represent claims that were just, due, and paid obligations against the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, and further that I am authorized to authenticate and certify said claims paid through the disbursement process.

Auditing Officer:



Kelly Priestley, Controller

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority's Auditing Officer.

Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks	52278 - 52633	8,479,025.66
Treasurer Checks		0.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	18	20,606,879.19
Voided Checks	52213, 52451	(\$2,657.63)
Total Claims	372	\$29,083,247.22

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	1	14,200.00
Total Claims	1	\$14,200.00

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	6931 - 6938	\$13,594.76
Direct Deposit	416	\$684,392.32
Voided Check /EFT		
Payroll Taxes	1	\$155,300.40
Total Payroll	425	\$853,287.48

Total certified vouchers from February 1 through February 15, 2007 are \$29,950,734.70.