

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
July 26, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Vice Chair Connie Marshall, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(A) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, 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

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(P) 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. Carol Doering, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Ms. Marshall announced that she was chairing the meeting in Chair Ladenburg's absence and the cancellation of the Finance and Executive Committee meetings on August 2, 2007, the Board meeting on August 9, 2007 and the Central Link Oversight Committee meeting on August 16, 2007. She also announced that there would be no executive session.

Ms. Marshall announced the departure of Board member Doug MacDonald who has resigned as Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary. She displayed a plaque that will be awarded to him to commemorate Sound Transit's appreciation of his service.

Resolution No. R2007-18 - To recognize and commend Doug MacDonald for his exemplary career in public service on the occasion of his retirement from the Washington State Department of Transportation as Secretary of Transportation

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-18 be approved as presented.

Board members commented on Mr. MacDonald's contributions.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl introduced the 2006 Annual Report, which features the agency's mission statement to plan, build, and operate a regional transit systems and to provide services to improve mobility for the Central Puget Sound region. She emphasized Milestones, subarea summary and the auditor's opinion sections.

Public Comment

Will Knedlik
John Niles

Ms. Marshall announced that the requisite number of Board members to take action on the two budget amendment resolutions had arrived and that the Board would now consider them.

Action Items

Items referred by Committee

Resolution No. R2007-16 - Amending the Adopted 2007 Budget for the Mukilteo Station, North Platform project from \$9,809,505 to \$10,247,102 to reflect a budget transfer from the Sounder Snohomish County Program Reserve in the amount of \$437,597

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all fourteen Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-16 be approved as presented.

Resolution No R2007-17 - Amending the Adopted 2007 Budget to create a new Mobile Communications project with a project budget of \$5,720,000 and transfer a total of \$4,520,000 from the Bus Maintenance Base project and \$1,200,000 from the Research and Technology Fund to fund this project.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all fourteen Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-17 be approved as presented.

Ms. Marshall announced that the Board would continue with the action items in the order on the agenda.

Items not referred by Committee

Motion No. M2007-71 - Appointing committees to prepare supporting and opposing arguments for the Sound Transit and Regional Transportation Investment District Roads & Transit proposition to be submitted to the voters at the general election to be held within the Sound Transit and RTID districts on November 6, 2007

Ms. Walker, Board Administrator indicated that an incorrect version of the motion had been inadvertently posted with the July 26, 2007 agenda to Sound Transit's website. The version of the motion being considered at this meeting is the correct one and is the same version the Board postponed at the July 12, 2007 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. von Reichbauer and seconded by Ms. Burleigh to adopt Motion No. M2007-71.

Mr. Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Policy Planning and Public Affairs summarized the process of selecting the names for the committee in opposition to the ballot measure. He informed the Board that staff was contacted via email by Mr. Knedlik and Mr. Niles with the names of Kemper Freeman, Jr., from Bellevue and former Supreme Court Justice Phil Talmadge to serve on the committee opposing the ballot measure.

In response to questions from Board member Patterson about the willingness of the individuals to serve on the committee in opposition of the ballot measure, Mr. von Reichbauer reported he had spoken with the individuals and they had agreed to serve.

MW - verify the following:

It was moved by Mr. Reardon and seconded by Mr. von Reichbauer to amend Motion No. M2007-71 by substitution.

Mr. Ilgenfritz described the substitute motion.

1. Add a paragraph at the end of the "Background" section as follows:

"The legislative authorities responsible for appointing committee members are the Pierce, King, and Snohomish County Councils on behalf of the Regional Transportation Investment District, and the Sound Transit Board on behalf of Sound Transit"; and

2. Insert a sentence at the end of the "Motion" section as follows:

"The Board acknowledges that the Pierce, King, and Snohomish County Councils may, at their discretion, appoint other individuals to the committees."

It was moved by Mr. von Reichbauer and seconded by Mr. Reardon to amend the substitute motion by replacing the names Dick Paylor and Bill Eager with Kemper Freeman, Jr., and Phil Talmadge.

The motion to amend the substitute motion was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.

The motion to amend Motion No. M2007-71 by substitution was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2007-71 as amended was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion No. M2007-81 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contingency for the contract with Balfour Beatty Construction Incorporated for construction of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Retrofit and Expansion segment of the Central Link light rail Initial Segment project in the amount of \$3,100,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$94,070,000

Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Executive Director and Ms. Stephanie Kirby, Link Deputy Construction Manager gave the staff presentation. Mr. Fazel provided a historical view of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT) project and a status report of the anticipated timeframe for operation of the buses in September 2007 and rail service providing joint tunnel operation in July 2009. Ms. Kirby summarized the key features of the proposed action, which include the interim operation and maintenance of escalators and elevators as well as providing security between the end of the construction period and prior to commencement of revenue service.

It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-81 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-75 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Wilder Construction Company to provide construction services for the Mukilteo Station, North Platform project in the amount of \$5,940,800, with a 10% contingency of \$594,080, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$6,534,880

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-75 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-78 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with Pierce Transit to purchase and install a new radio-CAD/AVL communications system for the Sound Transit bus fleet operated by Pierce Transit for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$5,720,000.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-78 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-79 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Mowat Construction Company for the construction of selected elements of the SeaTac/Airport Station and trackwork in the amount of \$34,800,000, with a contract contingency of \$1,000,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$35,800,000

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-79 be approved as presented.

Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Executive Director and Ron Lewis, Airport Link Project Director gave the staff presentation. Mr. Fazel outlined the key points leading to the decision to scale back design features of the Airport Link project to reconstruct the reinforced concrete structural elements and track work. He described the driving factors as the tight labor market, fiscal constraints and tight schedule demands. Board members expressed concerns about the policy decisions which may have led the bid process, whether fiscally driven, schedule driven or driven by increased labor costs. The Board requested staff analyze the policy and report back.

Ms. Earl described the analytical approach staff undertook to resolve the project's fiscal challenges to complete the station finishes. Mr. Lewis described challenges with the roof truss, the pedestrian bridges, the pick-up and drop-off area on International Boulevard, the escalators and elevators that service the station and provide station utility.

Motion No. M2007-80 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Hatch Mott MacDonald to provide additional civil and architectural design services for the redesign and repackaging of the SeaTac/Airport Station for the Airport Link project in the amount of \$949,239, with a contingency in the amount of \$46,716, totaling \$995,955 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$29,831,305

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-80 be approved as presented.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

None.

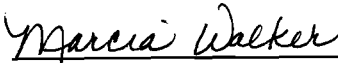
Next Meeting

Thursday August 23, 2007
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair