

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**September 27, 2007**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:22 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 Chair

(P) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) 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) Paula Hammond, Interim 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. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

**Report of the Chair**

Chair Ladenburg announced the Board was working from a revised agenda. Election of Board Vice-Chair was added to the agenda as item 7A.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl announced that the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel reopened on September 24, 2007. She described the project: retrofitting and other improvements were made to the tunnel in order for buses to resume service and for light rail to begin service in 2009. She thanked customers who use the tunnel, and thanked the consultants, contractors, and staff from Sound Transit, King County Metro, and the City of Seattle for their work in completing the project on time.

Ms. Earl announced that new Sounder service began on September 24, 2007. Two new weekday round trips have been added in the south corridor; including the first reverse commute "City of Destiny" train that will run from Seattle to Tacoma on weekday mornings.

Ms. Earl announced that the State Auditor's Office is anticipated to release its performance audit report on the Link Light Rail system sometime next week.

**Public Comment** (comments on file with Board Administration)

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**Consent Agenda**

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

Voucher Certification for August 16, 2007 through August 31, 2007

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

**Action Items**

Item not referred by Committee

Election of Board Vice-Chair

Chair Ladenburg asked for nominations for Board Vice-Chair to serve the unexpired term of Mark Olson, who has resigned from the Sound Transit Board. He explained the Chair and Vice-Chairs must be from different counties. Boardmember Marin nominated Aaron Reardon as Board Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations.

**It was moved by Boardmember Marin, seconded by Vice-Chair Marshall, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present to elect Boardmember Reardon as Board Vice-Chair, to fill the unexpired term of outgoing Vice-Chair Mark Olson, term expires at the end of 2007.**

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2007-20 - Approving the University Link Project capital Baseline Cost Estimate at \$1.614 billion; establishing the baseline project completion schedule milestone as late September 2016; and authorizing the chief executive officer to submit a Full Funding Grant Agreement application to the Federal Transit Administration for the University Link Project

Link Light Rail Executive Director Ahmad Fazel, University Link Deputy Project Director Ron Endlich, and Executive Director of Finance and Information Technology Brian McCartan presented the staff report.

Mr. Fazel gave a background and history of the light rail project, advising that the Initial Segment is approximately 80% complete and is on schedule to open for service in July 2009.

Mr. Fazel and Mr. Endlich described the benefits of the University Link project, and presented a schedule leading to execution of an anticipated full funding grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration in summer 2008.

Mr. Fazel presented the proposed baseline cost estimate for University Link, which is \$1.614 billion in year of expenditure dollars. He compared the estimate to that of the preliminary engineering estimate, which was done in 2005. He advised that if today's action item is approved by the Board, a revised project lifetime budget based on the baseline estimate

would then be established. This revised lifetime budget would be established through a budget amendment to the Proposed 2008 Budget in November 2007.

In response to a question from Boardmember Anderson, Mr. Fazel discussed the changes in proposed staff funding for University Link. In order to be responsive to the Federal Transit Administration, proposed funding for Link staff was increased in areas where it was identified that additional staff would be needed to support the project. Mr. Fazel also described the risk analysis that was performed on the project, indicating a 90% confidence in completing the project by the end of September 2016.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-20 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2007-101 - Approving the elimination of the Ninth Avenue transit contraflow lane traffic and street improvement constructed as a primary mitigation project in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Agreement between Sound Transit, King County, and the City of Seattle

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-101 be approved as presented.**

#### Executive Session

None.

#### Other Business

Ms. Earl announced that Carol Doering has accepted a position with the Link Light Rail department and today's Board meeting would be her last as Board Coordinator. Ms. Earl thanked Ms. Doering for her service in Board Administration.

#### Next Meeting

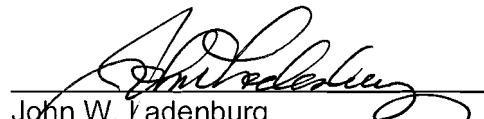
Thursday, October 11, 2007  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
John W. Ladenburg  
Board Chair

**Regional Transit Authority  
Voucher Certification Approval  
August 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:

  
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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	55934 - 56280	10,942,644.06
Treasurer Checks	1157 - 1158	39.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	17	29,298,781.18
Voided Checks	55203, 55204, 55689, 56023, 56178	(\$207,135.33)
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$40,034,328.91</b>

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	4	21,809.24
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$21,809.24</b>

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	7025 - 7032	\$11,379.56
Direct Deposit	436	\$722,980.53
Voided Check /EFT		\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	1	\$160,755.34
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>\$895,115.43</b>

Total certified vouchers from August 1 through August 15, 2007 are \$40,951,253.58.

**Regional Transit Authority  
Voucher Certification Approval  
August 31, 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

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Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks	56281 - 56607	10,863,894.35
Treasurer Checks*	1160 - 1161	14.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	32	31,622,643.61
Voided Checks	52886, 54972, 55509, 56375, 56439	(\$19,310.53)
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>\$42,467,241.43</b>

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	2	34,015.25
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$34,015.25</b>

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	7033 - 7035	\$4,795.72
Direct Deposit	440	\$722,139.62
Voided Check /EFT	1	(\$6,613.88)
Payroll Taxes	2	\$158,288.61
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>\$878,610.07</b>

\* Check number 1159 was not issued.

Total certified vouchers from August 16 through August 31, 2007 are \$43,379,866.75.