# SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING Summary Minutes January 10, 2008

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair Greg Nickels, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

### <u>Roll Call</u>

#### <u>Chair</u>

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

### Vice Chairs

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

- (P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember
- (P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember
- (P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember
- (P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President
- (P) Dow Constantine, King County Council Vice Chair
- (P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor
- (A) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary
- (P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive
- (P) Connie Marshall, Bellevue Councilmember
- (A) Richard McIver, Seattle Councilmember
- (P) Julia Patterson, King County Council Chair
- (P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair
- (P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember
- (A) Ron Sims, King County Executive
- (P) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Chair Nickels announced that Boardmember Anderson would be arriving late to today's meeting, but would like to attend by via teleconference for the first half. He explained the Board operating rules allowing members to attend meetings by teleconference. Requests to attend are acted on by motion prior to action taken on the first item of business and require a 2/3 affirmative vote of members who are physically in attendance.

# It was moved by Chair Nickels, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Boardmember Anderson be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

### Report of the Chair

Chair Nickels discussed his thoughts and expectations on beginning his tenure as Board Chair. He outlined some of his goals as Chair; including the opening of Link Light Rail for service next year, securing a \$750 million Full Funding Grant Agreement for University Link, the groundbreaking of University Link, and expanding regional transit options for all three counties in the Sound Transit district. He also expressed his desire to use the Executive Committee for guiding legislative policy and to continue to support the work of chief executive officer Joni Earl and her staff.

Mr. Nickels recognized Boardmember Ladenburg for his leadership over the past four years as the Sound Transit Board Chair. He presented Mr. Ladenburg with a gift and praised him for his dedication, for his hard work, and for raising public confidence toward the agency.

Chair Nickels announced that the Board would delay discussion of committee appointments until after the chief executive officer's report.

## **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl thanked Boardmember Ladenburg for his leadership on behalf of the Sound Transit staff and welcomed Mr. Nickels as the new Board Chair.

She presented the annual 2007 and 2008 Agency Milestones Report. She stated that 36 of 43 milestones were achieved in 2007. She announced that the agency has carried over 73 million passengers since train and bus service began in 1999.

Some of the 2007 milestones accomplished were: additional Sounder trains on both the north and south lines, including first reverse commute train between Seattle and Tacoma; the reopening of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel; the agreement reached with the University of Washington regarding University Link, and the proposal of a Roads and Transit plan to voters last November.

Some of the 2008 milestones include: addition of Sounder trains on the north and south lines; the opening of Mukilteo station; the opening of Lakewood Station for bus service; breakthrough of the second Beacon Hill tunnel by the tunnel boring machine; completion of the Link fleet; adoption of Link fares, and the application for a full funding grant award for University Link.

#### **Committee Appointments**

Motion No. M2008-06 - Appointing committee chairs and members for two-year terms.

It was moved by Chair Nickels, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the following committee chairs and members are appointed for 2008 and 2009:

Executive Committee: Greg Nickels (Chair); Aaron Reardon (Vice Chair); Claudia Thomas (Vice Chair); Fred Butler; Paula Hammond; John Ladenburg; Julia Patterson; Larry Phillips; Ron Sims.

Finance Committee: Aaron Reardon (Chair); Fred Butler (Vice Chair); Mary-Alyce Burleigh; Dave Enslow; Claudia Thomas; Pete von Reichbauer.

Central Link Oversight Committee: Larry Phillips (Chair); Fred Butler; Paul Roberts; Claudia Thomas

The Audit and Reporting Subcommittee meeting will continue to be chaired by Fred Butler.

#### Public Comment

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# Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for November 1, 2007 through November 15, 2007 Voucher Certification for November 16, 2007 through November 30, 2007

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Anderson, 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

Motion No. M2008-05 - Authorizing Board member travel for the year 2008 within the State of Washington and to Washington DC, for the purpose of briefing legislators and congressional delegates on behalf of Sound Transit

It was moved by Boardmember Marshall, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-05 be approved as presented.

#### Item referred by the Finance Committee with no recommendation

Resolution No. R2008-01 - 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 reestablishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction of the Everett Station Layover Track for Trains 3 and 4

<u>Boardmember Butler spoke to the resolution</u>, which was forwarded by the Finance Committee to the Board with a do-pass recommendation. <u>Senior Real Estate Representative Don Vogt discussed the property that the agency is seeking authorization to acquire and described the procedures staff would follow. Mr. Vogt and Rail Program Manager Eric Beckman described the temporary construction easement that is needed for the project as it relates to the property.</u>

Boardmember Marshall asked for a briefing before the acquisition is completed.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2008-01 be approved as presented.

#### Executive Session

None.

#### Other Business

None.

#### Next Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2008 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ruth Fisher Boardroom

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# <u>Adjourn</u>

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

ATTEST:

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Marcia Walker Board Administrator

Greg Nickels Board Chair

# Regional Transit Authority Voucher Certification Approval November 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.

<b>Claims Vouchers:</b>	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks*	57722 - 57932*	14,883,728.86
Treasurer Checks**	1168 - 1177	169.50
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	21	22,873,552.02
Voided Checks	57501, 57593	(3,650.85)
Total Claims	237	\$37,753,799.53

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers		0.00
Total Claims	0	\$0.00

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	7070 - 7075	\$7,180.43
Direct Deposit	433	\$709,677.56
Voided Check /EFT		\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	· 1	\$153,790.98
Total Payroll	440	\$870,648.97

\* A/P check 57798 was not issued

\*\* Treasury checks 1169 and 1175 were not issued

Total certified vouchers from November 1, 2007 through November 15, 2007 are \$38,624,448.50.

# Regional Transit Authority Voucher Certification Approval November 30, 2007

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Auditing Officer:

Kelly Priestley, Controller

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Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks	57933 - 58181	12,198,576.64
Treasurer Checks		0.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	22	15,082,062.40
Voided Checks	58056	(290,010.00)
Total Claims	270	\$26,990,629.04

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	· 1	25,055.00
Total Claims	1	\$25,055.00

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	7076 - 7090	\$17,185.08
Direct Deposit	864	\$1,453,297.86
Voided Check /EFT		\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	1	\$162,937.35
Total Payroll	880	\$1,633,420.29

Total certified vouchers from November 16, 2007 through November 30, 2007 are \$28,649,104.33.