

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**March 13, 2008**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Chair Greg Nickels, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(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) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Council Vice Chair

(P) Deanna Dawson, Edmonds Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Council Chair

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(A) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) 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.

**Report of the Chair**

Chair Nickels announced the breakthrough of the tunnel boring machine at the east portal of the Beacon Hill tunnel last week.

He announced the following boardmembers have volunteered to represent Sound Transit on transportation forums:

Seashore – Deanna Dawson

Eastside Transportation Partnership – Fred Butler

South County Area Transportation Board – Julia Patterson

Sound Transit Finance Committee – Richard Conlin

Chair Nickels called upon Citizen Oversight Panel Chair Dick Chapin to present the COP's letter to the Board regarding the ST2 process. A copy of the letter is on file with the Board Administrator.

Chair Nickels announced that Boardmember von Reichbauer requested to attend today's meeting by teleconference. 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 Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Boardmember von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.**

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

None.

## **Public Comment**

Claudia Balducci, City of Bellevue Deputy Mayor  
Paul W. Locke  
John Niles  
Robert Scheuerman  
Mark Ralph, City of Shoreline Public Works Director  
Will Knedlik  
Tom Hingson, Everett Transit  
Emory Bundy

Chair Nickels announced that last week the City of Seattle became the new owner of King Street Station, which was formerly owned by BNSF. Restoration of the station is scheduled to begin later this year.

## **ST2 Polling Results**

Office of Policy, Planning, and Public Affairs Executive Director Ric Ilgenfritz, Media Relations and Public Information Manager Geoff Patrick, and Ian Stewart of EMC Research presented public involvement activities in the first quarter of 2008.

Mr. Patrick described the methodology used to gather public opinion on ST2 planning. Web-based and telephone surveys were used; they were promoted using mailers and print and online ads. Over 9,000 participated in the online survey and 819 participated in the telephone survey.

Mr. Stewart provided an overview of the survey responses covering topics such as: perceptions of Sound Transit as a whole, urgency of transportation issues, the timing of bringing a transit measure to the ballot, and potential transit projects. Preliminary reports of the two surveys are on file with the Board Administrator.

Mr. Patrick discussed some of the key themes of the web survey, including: addressing transportation, congestion, and mass transit as top priorities; favoring an extension of the light rail system; moving forward as soon as possible with a new plan; a need for better access to transit services; and better coordination between all transit agencies.

Mr. Stewart answered questions from boardmembers regarding the purpose of the surveys, the methodology used, and what the survey results say about public sentiment.

Mr. Ilgenfritz noted that a memorandum from Policy and Planning Officer Greg Walker is contained in boardmember packets. The memorandum responds to questions from the March 6, 2008 Board Workshop on ST2 Update Planning. A copy is on file with the Board Administrator.

Mr. Ilgenfritz described the proposed upcoming schedule for the draft plan. Ms. Earl reminded boardmembers that an issuance of a draft plan is not a decision on when to go to the ballot. It allows technical work to be performed in order for the Board to keep a 2008 ballot option open.

In response to questions from Boardmember Conlin, Mr. Ilgenfritz stated that he would be willing to meet with him and review some of the potential I-5 investments along the north corridor.

### **Action Items**

#### **Item referred by the Executive Committee**

Motion No. M2008-29 - Establishing a Transit Operations Task Force of the Board with membership appointed by the Board Chair

Chair Nickels called upon Ms. Earl to speak to the motion, which was forwarded by the Executive Committee to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Ms. Earl responded to questions from Boardmember Butler regarding the scope of work that the task force would be performing.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-29 be approved as presented.**

Chair Nickels thanked the following boardmembers for volunteering to serve on the task force:

Dow Constantine (chair)  
Fred Butler  
Deanna Dawson  
Dave Enslow  
John Marchione  
Julia Patterson

#### **Item referred by the Finance Committee**

Motion No. M2008-30 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with KBA Inc. to provide construction management services for the Southcenter Boulevard Improvements construction contract for the Central Link Initial Segment Project, and for the Airport Station construction contract for the Airport Link Project, in the amount of \$5,492,404 with a 10% contingency of \$549,241, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$6,041,645, which includes costs reimbursable to Sound Transit from third parties for betterments

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-30 be approved as presented.**

### **Executive Session**

None.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Next Meeting**

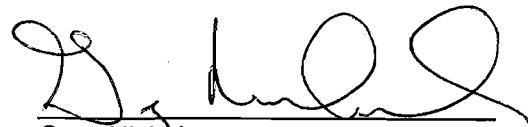
Thursday, March 27, 2008  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
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Greg Nickels  
Board Chair