

**SOUND TRANSIT FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**August 21, 2008**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Vice Chair Fred Butler in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chair

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(A) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Pete von Reichbauer, King Co. Councilmember

Jason Suzaka, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the committee was present at roll call.

**Report of the Chair**

None.

**Chief Financial Officer's Report**

None.

**Items within Finance Committee Authority for Final Action**

Minutes of August 7, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting

**It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the August 7, 2008 minutes be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2008-84 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with SCI Infrastructure, LLC for construction of the Airport Link traction power substation site work in the amount of \$799,500, with a 5% contingency of \$39,975, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$839,475

Airport Link Project Director Ron Lewis presented the staff report. He announced an error in the fourth key feature of the staff report; he stated that staff has not yet received all of the necessary permits for the C431 Traction Power Substation Site Preparation Contract.

Mr. Lewis answered questions from Boardmember Enslow regarding the bid amount compared to the engineer's estimate and the budget. He explained that this contract was

originally intended to be part of a larger contract; however, in response to suggestions from the contracting business community, it was decided that advertising this work as a stand alone contract would garner more interest from small and midsize contractors.

Mr. Lewis confirmed that staff does not anticipate that the lack of all the required permits will have an effect on the project schedule. Staff is finalizing the details on the outstanding permits and expects them to be resolved shortly.

#### Public Comment

None.

**It was moved by Boardmember Enslow, seconded by Boardmember Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-84 be approved as presented.**

#### **Items for Recommendation to the Board**

Motion No. M2008-61 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a three-year contract with two one-year options with Veolia Transportation, Inc. to operate and maintain Sound Transit express bus service between Everett and Bellevue for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,400,000

Vice Chair Butler reminded committee members that this action was referred back to the Finance Committee by the Board at its August 14, 2008 regular meeting. At that meeting, Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl provided additional information on this motion. In light of this new information, she recommended that the Board refer this motion back to the Finance Committee in order for the committee to reconsider its do-pass recommendation.

A memo from Ms. Earl was provided to committee members summarizing this new information (on file with Board Administration).

Vice Chair Butler reminded committee members that the Transit Operations Task Force will be reviewing the agency's business practices and then provide recommendations to the full Board.

**It was moved by Boardmember Enslow, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present to rescind the motion passed by the Finance Committee on July 17, 2008, which forwarded Motion No. M2008-61 to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2008-85 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contingency for the contract with Mass Electric Construction Co. for construction of the traction electrification system for the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment and Airport Link in the amount of \$3,091,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$48,688,386

Link Deputy Executive Director Joe Gildner presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Boardmember Enslow, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-85 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2008-86 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Seattle to conduct a parking inventory and to install signage around Link light rail stations to mitigate parking impacts in the amount of \$216,000, with a 10% contingency of \$21,600, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$237,600

Link Project Development Manager Michael Williams presented the staff report.

Boardmember Conlin stated that there is a technical error in the agreement: it should be corrected to say that community outreach work will be conducted in 2008, not 2009.

Mr. Williams answered questions from Vice Chair Butler and Boardmember Enslow regarding the budget, and how the City of Seattle will be paid for its work. The City of Seattle will post signs around light rail stations, based upon feedback from the local community; Sound Transit would then pay the City according to the agreement. The amount paid to the City of Seattle would only be increased if the scope of work as agreed to by both parties is expanded.

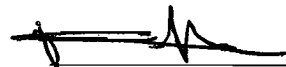
**It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-86 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, September 4, 2008, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle WA.

**Adjourn**

There was no other business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



Fred Butler  
Finance Committee Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Jason Suzaka  
Board Coordinator