

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
September 11, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 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

(A) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(P) *Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember*

(P) *Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember*

(A) *Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember*

(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President*

(A) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember*

(P) *Dow Constantine, King County Council Vice Chair*

(P) *Deanna Dawson, Edmonds Councilmember*

(P) *David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor*

(A) *Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary*

(A) *John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive*

(P) *John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor*

(A) *Julia Patterson, King County Council Chair*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair*

(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

(A) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*

(A) *Pete von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember*

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was not present at roll call but that additional Boardmembers were expected shortly.

Report of the Chair

Chair Nickels announced that the normal audio system in the Boardroom was not operating and a temporary system was being used for today's meeting.

Chair Nickels asked for a moment of silence for commemoration of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Chair Nickels announced that Boardmember Anderson requested to attend today's meeting by teleconference. He explained the Board operating rules allow members to attend meetings by teleconference as long as the member can hear and be heard. 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 Boardmember Thomas, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Boardmember Anderson be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

Chair Nickels announced that he was delegating his authority to Joni Earl to serve on the Snohomish County Special Needs Transportation Coalition (SNOTRAC).

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Joni Earl gave an overview presentation of the Proposed 2009 Budget. She outlined major 2008 activities and activities that the agency will be undertaking in 2009 and went over the major areas of the 2009 budget. She also announced that the Board will hold a budget workshop and are looking at possible dates in October.

Boardmember Enslow asked about Sound Transit's sales tax projections; Ms. Earl responded that the Board will be reviewing those projections at the Audit and Reporting subcommittee meeting on September 18, 2008, she also noted that lower sales tax projections were used when preparing the Proposed 2009 Budget and ST2 planning.

Ms. Earl also announced two facility openings, the South Everett Freeway Station opening on September 13, 2008 and the Lakewood Station opening on September 20, 2008.

Public Comment

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

John Niles

ST2

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Policy, Planning and Public Affairs and Greg Walker, Chief Policy & Planning Officer, presented the updated Cost-Benefit Analysis and the Sustainability Assessment of ST2 Plan.

Mr. Ilgenfritz gave an overview of the Cost-Benefit Analysis report. He announced that the Transportation Policy Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) met earlier today and received a presentation on the updated report. The PSRC Executive Board will make a final analysis and determine whether the ST2 Plan is in compliance with the PSRC 2030 plan; that decision will take place before the next meeting of the Sound Transit Board.

Mr. Ilgenfritz reported on the findings of the sustainability report. The report looked at the performance of the plan, the benefits to the public, and how changes in travel as a result of the ST2 Plan would affect the environment. The ST2 Plan will cause a one percent reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and a corresponding reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030. Mr. Ilgenfritz noted that this is the only transportation plan under consideration in the region that reduces greenhouse gases. The report also describes measures local jurisdictions could undertake to increase transit effectiveness; through those measures he noted that a 5-30% additional reduction in greenhouse gases could be possible.

Board Administrator Marcia Walker noted that a quorum of the Board is now in attendance.

Action Items

Items not referred by Committee

Minutes of the July 10, 2008 Board Meeting

It was moved by Vice Chair Thomas, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that the Minutes of the July 10, 2008 Board meeting be approved as presented.

Resolution No. M2008-12 – Confirming the previously delegated authority of the chief executive officer to amend a legal description contained in Resolution No. R2006-13 Exhibit A for the Everett Station Layover Track Extension for Trains 3 and 4, and confirming and ratifying the actions of the chief executive officer with regard to the amended legal description as of the effective date of Resolution No. R2006-13.

Roger Hansen, Real Property Manager, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Vice Chair Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2008-12 be approved as presented.

Items referred by the Finance Committee

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.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Vice Chair Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2008-85 be approved as presented.

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.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Vice Chair Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2008-86 be approved as presented.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

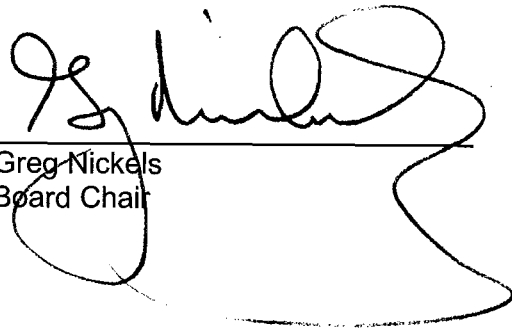
Thursday, September 25, 2008
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


Greg Nickels
Board Chair