

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**January 15, 2009**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 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

Boardmembers

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Council Chair

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(A) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(A) Peter 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 welcomed the Board to its first meeting in 2009 and noted that today would have been the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. He welcomed new Boardmember Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive and thanked her for choosing to serve on the Sound Transit Board.

Chair Nickels announced that earlier in the day the Board participated in a brief ceremony with Acting Federal Transit Administrator Sherry Little to sign the \$813 million Full Funding Grant Agreement for University Link Light Rail. The grant will help fund the light rail line that will serve stations at Capitol Hill and the University of Washington. He thanked Sound Transit staff for making the University Link the number one ranked project in the country.

He announced that following Board meeting adjournment, the Board would go into a workshop on the East Link project.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl reported on achievement of the agency's 2008 milestones. The annual milestones are intended to be challenging and 72% (28 of 39) 2008 milestones were met. Overall ridership was nearly 16 million.

Sounder milestones include carrying the 10 millionth rider, opening Mukilteo Station, and adding the fourth round trip on the Sounder north line and two round trips on the Sounder south line. Lakewood Station was completed and is being served by bus to connect to Sounder at the Tacoma Dome Station, and the South Tacoma Station broke ground.

Major accomplishments for ST Express Service include opening Mercer Island Park & Ride, Issaquah Transit Center, and South Everett Freeway Station. Thirty-nine ST Express buses were added to the fleet. Partnership projects including the Totem Lake Transit Center, the Redmond Transit Center, and North Everett College Place Station were completed. Sound Transit also partnered with the Federal Transit Administration and State Department of Transportation on the I-90 HOV lanes between Bellevue and Mercer Island and completion of a new direct access ramp as part of the R8A project.

Link completed the second Beacon Hill portal and the Tukwila track and guide work. The Initial segment is 95% complete. The Link vehicles are in final testing. In 2008, University Link contracted for the additional light rail vehicles, and the Federal Transit Administration notified Sound Transit of its intent to award the Full Funding Grant Agreement to provide funding for the project.

Ms. Earl noted that Sound Transit has been focusing on environmental sustainability and is one of only six agencies in the country to earn an ISO 14000 certification for the sustainability program.

In November, the district's voters approved the ST2 plan with a 57% affirmative vote.

Ms. Earl reviewed the 36 milestones set for 2009. The agency hopes to reach 75,000 daily weekday boardings. Link will begin service from downtown Seattle to the Tukwila International Boulevard Station. The Board will be adopting Link, and coordination of Metro buses and Sound Transit buses with Link will begin. Sound Transit is also working on an aggressive schedule to extend light rail to the Airport by the end of the year. She noted that University Link groundbreaking will take place in February, final design will be completed in September, and work on a tunnel contract will start toward the end of the year. The ORCA smartcard will also launch.

Ms. Earl noted that ST2 work is underway; bus service improvements will take place in May and June, and the Board will look at some of the ST2 policy issues at the upcoming retreat. In spring, the Board will work toward identifying a preferred alignment for East Link.

ST Express will break ground on the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station, the Kirkland Transit Center, the Newcastle Transit Improvements Project, and the SR522 HOV Enhancements Project in the City of Bothell. Planning will begin on a new ST Express maintenance base. The SR522 HOV Enhancements Project in the City of Kenmore will open, and 60 new ST Express buses will be ordered.

The ninth and final round trip on the Sounder south line will start and an automatic passenger counting system will be added to the Sounder trains. The South Tacoma Station and Everett Station parking expansion will open this spring. Groundbreakings will take place for the Sounder Track and Signal improvements for M Street to Lakewood and the Edmonds Station. Sounder north environmental restoration work will be completed this year.

All of the art for the Initial Segment Link stations will be completed, as will the talking sign program. Another clean financial audit is expected in 2009. Sound Transit and the City of Seattle plan to sign an agreement for the First Hill Connector Project.

Ms. Earl announced that two more open houses on Link fares and parking will be held in conjunction with the City of Seattle.

Ms. Earl reported that in light of a possible stimulus package, PSRC and Sound Transit are looking at projects that can break ground within 90 days, 180 days, 1 year, or 2 years and are preparing a list of projects that could be accelerated by an infusion of extra money.

#### **Public Comment**

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke

#### **Consent Agenda**

Voucher Certification for October 16, 2008 through October 31, 2008  
Voucher Certification for November 1, 2008 through November 15, 2008  
Voucher Certification for November 16, 2008 through November 30, 2008  
Minutes of the December 11, 2008 Meeting

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

**Action Items**

Item referred by Executive Committee

Motion No. M2009-04 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to support an amendment to the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) at the Joint Administrative Committee, which would include in the scope of the PLA a framework to allow recognition of applicable local, area or national collective bargaining agreements.

Boardmember Anderson asked if this amendment would set a precedent for any future project labor agreement negotiations. Ms. Earl noted that the Board could approach the PLA for ST2 projects in two ways, either amend the existing PLA or negotiate a new one. Ms. Earl confirmed that local or national agreements would not take precedence over any future PLA Sound Transit may negotiate.

It was moved by Vice Chair Thomas, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-04 be approved as presented.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Other Business**

None.


**Next Meeting**


Thursday, January 29, 2009  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

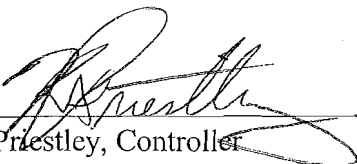
  
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Greg Nickels  
Board Chair

**Regional Transit Authority  
Voucher Certification Approval  
October 31, 2008**

**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 *	73876 - 74190*	12,815,096.62
Treasurer Checks	1248 - 1251	33.50
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	24	14,380,585.25
Voided Checks	2	(4,708.00)
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>\$27,191,007.37</b>

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	5	67,163.20
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$67,163.20</b>

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	8136 - 8150	\$23,266.90
Direct Deposit	907	\$1,606,716.04
Voided Check /EFT		0.00
Payroll Taxes	1	\$178,395.90
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>\$1,808,378.84</b>

\* Accounts Payable checks 73878, 73946 and 74047 were not issued

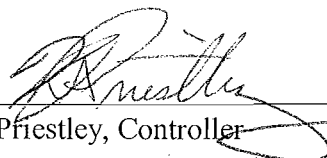
Total certified vouchers from October 16, 2008 through October 31, 2008 are \$29,066,549.41.

**Regional Transit Authority  
Voucher Certification Approval  
November 15, 2008**

**Auditing Officer Certification**

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Auditing Officer:

  
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Kelly Pfriestley, Controller

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Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks *	74191 - 74445*	12,050,034.26
Treasurer Checks		0.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	16	7,773,108.83
Voided Checks	-	0.00
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>\$19,823,143.09</b>

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	3	53,811.72
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$53,811.72</b>

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	8151 - 8157	\$7,014.88
Direct Deposit	454	\$791,873.70
Voided Check /EFT		0.00
Payroll Taxes	1	\$176,415.50
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>\$975,304.08</b>

\* Accounts Payable checks 74191 through 74200 and 74220 were not issued.

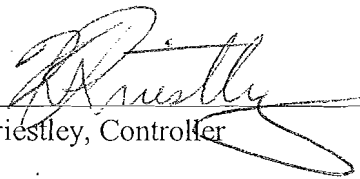
Total certified vouchers from November 1, 2008 through November 15, 2008 are \$20,852,258.89.

**Regional Transit Authority  
Voucher Certification Approval  
November 30, 2008**

**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

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Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks *	74446 - 74668*	7,133,124.26
Treasurer Checks	1252 - 1254	34.25
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	28	25,351,695.97
Voided Checks		0.00
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$32,484,854.48</b>

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	2	45,447.00
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$45,447.00</b>

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	8158 - 8164	\$7,113.13
Direct Deposit	459	\$784,407.72
Voided Check /EFT	1	(525.93)
Payroll Taxes	2	\$341,722.73
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>\$1,132,717.65</b>

\* Accounts Payable checks 74496 and 74561 were not issued.

Total certified vouchers from November 16, 2008 through November 30, 2008 are \$33,663,019.13.