

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
May 28, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Vice Chair Claudia Thomas, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(A) *Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor*

Vice Chairs

(P) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(P) *Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember*

(P) *Julie Anderson, Tacoma Deputy Mayor*

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

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

(P) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President*

(A) *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) *Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor*

(P) *Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive*

(P) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

(A) *Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember*

(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

(P) *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

Vice Chair Thomas noted that agenda items 8.D. and 8.F. require a supermajority vote and the Board would consider them when 12 boardmembers were in attendance.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

- Boardmember Roberts and Marine attended a celebration Tuesday morning at Everett Station for the opening of additional parking and amenities at the station. The new lot on the east side of the station adds 440 new parking spaces; a new pedestrian bridge connects the new parking lot to the Sounder platform and bus area. The project also includes a plaza area, bus layover space, landscaping and public art.
- Service Delivery Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2009 shows ridership continues to grow. Ridership for commuter rail and Tacoma Link light rail was up 8% over the first quarter of last year. Systemwide, average weekday boardings are up 10% over the first quarter of 2008. Sounder special event ridership was down this year compared to last year because the Seahawks did not have a playoff game in the first quarter of 2009. Ridership is down compared to the last two quarters of 2008, but is higher than the first quarter 2008.
- A monthly Ridership Summary report will be produced in the future to provide more frequent information on ridership trends.

Sound Transit Sustainability Progress Report

Perry Weinberg, Legal Counsel and Environmental Compliance Project Manager updated the Board on the Sound Transit Sustainability Initiative. The initiative set 54 targets as goals for 2007 and 2008; 85% of these targets were met. The targets fell into seven categories and included tracking fuel and energy consumption, reducing Sounder train idling, utilizing mid-day bus storage, reducing pesticide use for landscaping, removing

bottled water containers at Sound Transit offices, and salvaging building materials at the future site of the Capitol Hill station. A formal sustainability study was conducted to identify, evaluate, and recommend sustainable planning, design, and construction strategies for University Link. Sound Transit hosted the APTA Sustainability and Public Transportation Workshop and joined the Seattle Climate Partnership. Thirty targets have been set for 2009 to continue the Agency's efforts. Sound Transit staff is also involved with the Governor's Climate Action Team and are monitoring new regulatory developments along with participating in stakeholder and networking groups.

Customer Service Survey Report

Marcus Clark, Customer Service and Information Manager and Ian Stewart from EMC Research presented results of the December 2008 customer service survey of Sound Transit riders. Mr. Stewart noted that Sound Transit's current overall grade is 'B'. He reported that the majority of riders feel safe when using the system, and of the people who have been assisted by a station agent, 67% rate their experience as excellent. The majority of riders who parked their cars at Park and Rides also felt their cars were very or somewhat safe. 61% of riders have used the Sound Transit website; the vast majority of people used the website to find schedule information.

Public Comment

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for April 1, 2009 through April 15, 2009
Voucher Certification for April 16, 2009 through April 30, 2009
Minutes of the April 9, 2009 Meeting
Minutes of the April 23, 2009 Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Burleigh, 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 referred by Finance Committee without recommendation

Resolution No. R2009-10 – Selecting a preferred implementation schedule for Sound Transit 2-funded bus service improvements, amending the 2009 Service Implementation Plan, and authorizing the chief executive officer to implement specific bus service changes.

Vice Chair Thomas explained that Resolution No. R2009-10 was forwarded to the Board by the Finance Committee without recommendation and asked Mike Bergman, Program Manager for the staff presentation. Mr. Bergman explained that the schedule to implement ST2 bus service was not included in the Service Implementation Plan adopted by the Board in December 2008 because it had been developed before the November election. With voter approval of ST2 in November, the Board can now make ST2 service implementation decisions. The options include Alternative 1—phasing in service as programmed in ST2, or Alternative 2—selecting an extended implementation that creates a one-time savings of \$10 million. Mr. Bergman noted that both alternatives implement the 100,000 hours in the ST2 plan by the end of 2011.

Resolution No. R2009-10 was moved by Vice Chair Reardon and seconded by Boardmember Roberts with Alternative 1 selected as the implementation schedule.

Vice Chair Reardon remarked that cost savings realized by selecting Alternative 2 would delay an important increase in service. He requested the Finance Committee review the ST2 plan and future revenue forecasts for potential changes to the overall plan.

Boardmember Conlin suggested the Board approve near-term service implementation at this time and review later service changes after the Finance Committee comprehensive review. Ms. Earl noted Board direction is

needed for the September 2009 and February 2010 service changes now, but future service could be reviewed during the annual Service Implementation Plan process.

It was moved by Boardmember Conlin and seconded by Vice Chair Reardon that Resolution No. R2009-10 be amended by adding, "recognizing that the Board will revisit this before making final decisions on service implementation for September 2010 and beyond" to the end of the last sentence in the resolution.

It was carried by the majority vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2009-10 be amended with Boardmember McCarthy voting in the minority.

It was carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2009-10 be approved as amended.

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Vice Chair Thomas announced that the Board would consider the items that require a supermajority vote,

Resolution No. R2009-11 – Revising the Adopted 2009 Budget for the East Link capital project as follows: the lifetime budget is revised to \$32,472,914 and the 2009 annual budget is revised to \$13,000,000 to provide funding to prepare the final EIS, conduct preliminary engineering, and develop term sheets confirming project scopes and establishing permit approval processes for the East Link project.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Burleigh that Resolution No. R2009-11 be approved as presented.

Vice Chair Thomas asked Ms. Walker to conduct a roll call vote.

<u>Ayes</u>		<u>Nays</u>
Julie Anderson	Dave Enslow	Julia Patterson
Mary-Alyce Burleigh	Paula Hammond	Aaron Reardon
Fred Butler	Joe Marine	Paul Roberts
Richard Conlin	Pat McCarthy	Claudia Thomas

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2009-11 carried by unanimous vote of twelve members present.

Resolution No. R2009-09 – Amending the Board-Adopted Lifetime Budget and the 2009 Adopted Budget to transfer \$137,000 from the Small Works Project and \$128,000 from the North King County unused financial capacity to the Service Delivery capital budget to fund offices for the Sound Transit police.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Burleigh that Resolution No. R2009-09 be approved as presented.

Vice Chair Thomas asked Ms. Walker to conduct a roll call vote.

<u>Ayes</u>		<u>Nays</u>
Julie Anderson	Dave Enslow	Julia Patterson
Mary-Alyce Burleigh	Paula Hammond	Aaron Reardon
Fred Butler	Joe Marine	Paul Roberts
Richard Conlin	Pat McCarthy	Claudia Thomas

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2009-09 carried by unanimous vote of twelve members present.

Motion No. M2009-43 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contingency for an existing negotiated sole source contract with Mowat Construction Company for construction of the SeaTac/Airport Station in the amount of \$1,500,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$75,526,000.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-43 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-39 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to amend the existing sole source contract with Motorola under the existing Western States Contracting Alliance Agreement to furnish mobile and portable radios for the University Link project in the amount of \$314,984 with a contingency of \$30,000, totaling \$344,984, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$2,815,987.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-39 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-44 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to exercise a contract option with CH2M Hill to amend the East Corridor High Capacity Transit planning contract to provide engineering, environmental, and public outreach services in the amount of \$31,082,942, with a 4% contingency of \$1,389,972 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$49,972,055.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-44 be approved as presented.


Next Meeting

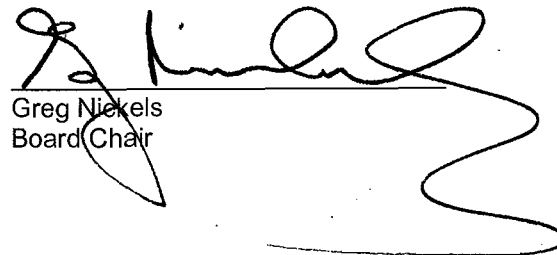
Thursday, June 11, 2009
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


Greg Nickels
Board Chair