

SOUND TRANSIT FINANCE COMMITTEE
Summary Minutes
August 6, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chair Aaron Reardon in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

Boardmembers

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Joe Marine, Mukilteo Mayor

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King Co. Councilmember

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

Report of the Chair

None.

Chief Financial Officer's Report

Chief Financial Officer Brian McCartan announced that tax collection through May was 11% below budget, mostly due to low sales tax revenue. Currently, the agency is 7.7% or \$13 million below forecast for 2009. The current forecast from February 2009 showed that the economy would be weak the first half of 2009 followed by a rebound in the second half, slow in 2010 and growth in 2011. Sound Transit's financial analyst Dick Conway will be updating the forecast in August 2009 and will likely show that the recession will end later than previously forecasted.

Items within Finance Committee Authority for Final Action

Minutes of July 2, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Burleigh, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the July 2, 2009 minutes be approved as presented.

(Boardmember Conlin arrived at this time).

Motion No. M2009-64 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Nonstop, Inc., to initiate the purchase of material and fabrication of artwork for the Link Capitol Hill Station in the amount of \$440,000, with a 10% contingency of \$44,000, totaling \$484,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$604,000

Barbara Luecke, Public Art Administrator, presented the staff report. She introduced Michael Wells, past president of the Capitol Hill Chamber and owner of Bailey/Coy Books; who served on the selection panel for artwork at the Capitol Hill Station. Mr. Wells spoke in favor of the artwork selected by the committee and talked about the public forums that were part of the public outreach for the project.

Ms. Luecke responded to Boardmember Enslow's question about why the materials are being procured now; she noted that procuring the materials now will ensure that the decommissioned planes are available and will

save the agency money in the long run. She also explained that the contract amount being asked for will cover installation and includes contingency for construction and installation.

Public Comment

Paul W. Locke (Comments on file with Board Administration)

It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the majority vote of all members present that Motion No. M2009-64 be approved as presented, with Boardmember Enslow voting in the minority.

Motion No. M2009-66 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a one-year contract with four, one-year options with Buenavista Services, Inc. to provide pressure washing services at certain Sound Transit locations for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$416,847

Loren Steel, Project Manager, presented the staff report. Mr. Steel and Don Fitzthum, Contracts Administrator, explained that the power washing services that are included as a minor portion of current janitorial contracts will be reduced and may result in small cost savings.

Vicki Youngs, Deputy Director Property, Facilities, & Equipment, explained that the contract term of one year will allow the agency to evaluate the service and decide if another option, such as bringing the work in-house or contracting with a partner agency, would better serve Sound Transit. Ms. Youngs also noted that Sound Transit is looking at contracts individually and system-wide to find the best value for maintenance services.

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It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marine, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2009-66 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-68 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a task order for the East Link project under the Link design services umbrella agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation. The task order will provide engineering support, plan reviews, and real estate/permit actions related to the development of the East Link preliminary engineering and final environmental impact statement (EIS) preparation in the amount of \$597,657, with a contingency of \$23,500, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$621,157

Don Billen, Program Manager, and Sue Comis, Project Manager, presented the staff report. In response to a question from Boardmember Butler about lessons learned, Ms. Comis noted that the task order with WSDOT for North Link preliminary engineering was used as a model for this agreement. She also confirmed that additional funding for this project is not anticipated unless WSDOT needs to hire consultants for design review work; cost estimates for the project were jointly agreed upon by Sound Transit and WSDOT.

Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2009-68 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-69 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to amend an agreement with Mr. Dan Christofferson to allow him to sell his property to the City of Marysville or to one of the Trustees of the Qwuloolt restoration project

Ellie Ziegler, Sr. Environmental Planner, presented the staff report.

Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2009-69 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-63 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Kirkland for 1) the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Kirkland Transit Center; and 2) reimbursement to the city for design and construction of intersection improvements for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,338,304 and for construction of a temporary transit facility for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$30,000

Mark Johnson, Project Manager, presented the staff report. Boardmember Burleigh noted that the project has been through an extensive public process and the public and council are happy with the design. She also spoke about the improvements that will be made as part of the project. In response to a question from Boardmember Marine, Mr. Johnson and Carol Rhodes, Construction Manager, explained that the money included in the agreement is an estimate, but the City of Kirkland will be reimbursed based on actual costs. Ron Tober, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, clarified the total agreement amount.

Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2009-63 be approved as presented.

(Boardmember Thomas arrived at this time).

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2009-65 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with LTK Engineering Services, LLC to provide additional systems engineering final design work, design services during construction, and light rail vehicle inspection and test support services required for the University Link project in the amount of \$1,579,576, with a contingency of \$158,023, totaling \$1,737,599, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,922,972

Joe Gilder, University Link Project Director, presented the staff report. He confirmed that the intent in the original contract was to award design services during construction at a later time. He also provided more information on the test support services portion of the contract that was added as a result of a request by the University of Washington.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marine, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2009-65 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2009-67 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Railworks Track Systems, Inc. to provide construction services to expand the vehicle storage yard at the Link light rail Operations and Maintenance Facility for North Link and University Link projects in the amount of \$11,150,000, with a contingency of \$1,115,000 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,265,000

Joe Gildner, University Link Project Director, presented the staff report. He explained that the contract amount exceeds the engineers estimate and explained that the estimate was adjusted recently to reflect the current economy, but the anticipated savings were not realized.

Mr. Tober added that staff may request Board approval in the future to increase the contract amount to install switch heaters to allow the system to continue to function in cold weather.

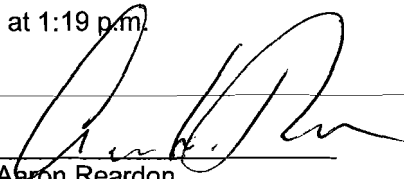
It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2009-67 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 20, 2009, 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 1:19 p.m.



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