

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**August 13, 2009**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:39 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

Boardmembers

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(A) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(A) Dow Constantine, King County Council Chair

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(A) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(A) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) Kurt Triplett, King County Executive

(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 Claudia Thomas chaired the meeting in Chair Nickel's absence.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

- Post cards regarding noise complaints will be sent to affected communities along the Central Link light rail line in Tukwila and the Rainier Valley. The post cards provide Sound Transit contact information and describe potential mitigation measures.
- The June 2009 Ridership Report shows that the year-to-date ridership is up 4.3% system-wide compared to June 2008. Average weekday boardings are down 1.7% even though total boardings have increased. The largest drop in ridership is on Sounder, with an 11.6% average weekday ridership drop.
- The D to M Street connection project has passed 75% design and the cost estimate will be completed in August 2009. Once the cost estimate is completed, a presentation on the project will be given to the Board. In recent weeks there has been public concern with the earthen berm design feature, with some community members requesting post and beam construction. Sound Transit has been working with the City of Tacoma for three years on the project's design, and in January 2009, the Tacoma City Council recommended using post and beam construction only where it is appropriate. On July 27, 2009, Sound Transit held an informational meeting with the City of Tacoma, Pierce County and community members to discuss the project. On August 11, 2009, the Tacoma City Council reaffirmed support of the project. There is a \$22 million shortfall. Sound Transit is applying for grants to address the shortfall. Sound Transit is considering incorporating the B Street Gulch greenbelt and wildlife corridor into the project's design to address concerns of a possible disruption of a wildlife corridor.
- Secretary Paula Hammond, Senate Transportation Committee Chair Mary Margaret Haugen, House Transportation Committee Chair Judy Clibborn, and CEO Joni Earl recently reviewed the draft report on the valuation methodologies for the conversion of the I-90 center lanes to light rail with the consultants who prepared the report. Chairs Haugen and Clibborn sent a letter to Secretary Hammond and Ms. Earl supporting the work outlined in the report with one exception; the Chairs requested that Sound Transit and WSDOT each give an appraisal of the I-90 center lanes.

- On July 30, 2009, a dedication ceremony for the SR 522 HOV Enhancements Project in Kenmore was held. Boardmember Fred Butler spoke at the event, highlighting the work of former Boardmember Jack Crawford, who passed away last year. Mr. Crawford's wife, Char, attended the dedication.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

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

### **Action Items**

#### Items referred by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2009-65 - 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

**It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2009-65 be approved as presented.**

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

**It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-67 be approved as presented.**

### **Executive Session**

None.

### **Other Business**

(Boardmember Julie Anderson arrived)

CEO Joni Earl reported that Link ridership has been approximately 12,000 daily boardings in the first 24 days of operation.

Ms. Earl discussed a recent news article about the operations of Link light rail; specifically fares, Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs), and ORCA cards. Ms. Earl explained that it takes 24 hours to credit customers' accounts when they add funds online. There was one instance of a three-day delay during an update of the software. Sound Transit is working with the vendor to prevent the problem from occurring again. Funds added to ORCA cards at TVMs are available immediately.

ORCA cards are still in the 180-day acceptance phase. Feedback during the acceptance period is important. TVMs are experiencing 95% uptime.

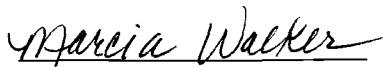
**Next Meeting**

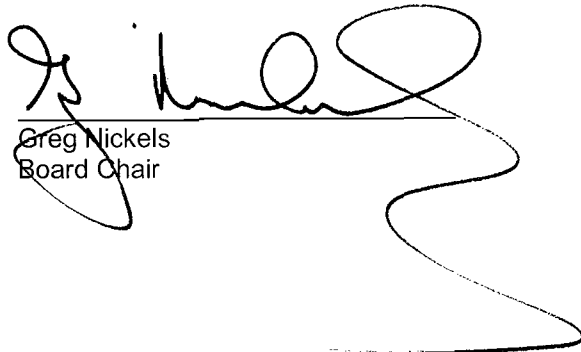
Thursday August 27, 2009  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
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Greg Nickels  
Board Chair