

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
October 28, 2010**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 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

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

(P) Jan Drago, King County Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Jake Fey, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor

(P) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(A) 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

Chair Reardon noted that the Board is working from a revised agenda; a report from the Citizen Oversight Panel has been added to the agenda.

Open houses have begun on the proposed program realignment and Service Implementation Plan (SIP). The open houses allow communities to learn how Sound Transit plans to deal with the national recession's impact on agency revenues. A public hearing on the Proposed 2011 Budget, Draft 2011 SIP, and proposed program realignment will be held on November 4, 2010. The Board is scheduled to adopt the 2011 Budget on December 16, 2010.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Celia Kupersmith, Deputy CEO, gave the CEO report since Joni Earl's arrival was delayed.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held last Saturday to begin construction of a multi-level, 462-stall garage and an adjoining 43-space surface lot at the Burien Transit Center. King County Executive Dow Constantine, King County Councilmember Jan Drago, U.S. Congressman Jim McDermott, and Burien Mayor Joan McGilton took part in the event. Sound Transit is providing \$14.7 million for the parking garage, which was included in the voter-approved ST2. The project will also include electric vehicle charging stations.

Yesterday, Ms. Earl participated in the fourth meeting of the Joint Transportation Committee's Public Transportation Advisory Panel, which was established by the legislature to examine the state's role in public transportation. A draft report to the Legislature is expected within the next two weeks and the final report with recommendations will be submitted to the legislature at the end of November. The report will help inform legislators and transportation leaders on some policy issues and lay groundwork to develop the next statewide transportation funding package.

Sound Transit was awarded \$9 million in High Speed Rail grant funding for the Tukwila Station project.

On Monday, Ms. Earl participated in a panel discussion at Washington State University sponsored by the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service. The panel focused on women in public service and included King County Sheriff Sue Rahr, and former head of Seattle's Human Services Department Patricia McInturff.

Last month Mass Transit Magazine named Sound Transit's Chief Security Officer Ken Cummins as a 2010 recipient of Mass Transit's Top 40 Under 40 Award. Ken was recognized for his work in the creation of the Sound Transit Police unit through the King County Sherriff's Office, and creating a best-in-class CCTV security program to respond to passenger and customer needs. He is part of APTA's Infrastructure Security Working Group and recently spoke at the International Tunnel Safety and Security Conference in Germany. Ken has worked at Sound Transit since 2005 and spent one year deployed in Iraq with the National Guard.

Reports to the Board

The Capital Committee and Operations and Administration Committee have been reviewing the proposed 2011 Budget and Transit Improvement Plan. The Operations and Administration Committee has also been reviewing the 2011 Service Implementation Plan.

Boardmember Butler, Chair of the Capital Committee noted that the Capital Committee has nearly completed its review of the \$745 million proposed 2011 capital plan. The plan focuses on construction of key projects including University Link, Tacoma to Lakewood rail track work, design of East Link, extension to S 200th Street, and the North Corridor High Capacity Transit study. The Committee has worked to match the capital plan to the new 25% lower revenue base. The Committee has also reviewed requests for new staff related to implementation of the capital program. He thanked the Committee members for their efforts to date in reviewing the budget. The Committee will be reviewing amendments at its next meeting and will forward the capital budget and amendments to the Executive Committee for consideration at the December 2, 2010 meeting.

Boardmember Enslow, Chair of the Operations and Administration Committee reported that the Committee is close to completing review of the \$187 million proposed 2011 operations budget and \$160 million administrative budget. The committee has received briefings on elements of the plan and had a full budget discussion at the last meeting. The 2011 operations plan will deliver service on all modes despite the agency's revenue shortfall. The Committee has reviewed cost-cutting efforts, proposed changes in service levels based on the CEOs proposed plan realignment, and proposals from King County Metro on service changes. The Committee has also reviewed requests for new staff related to operations and administration. The Committee will be reviewing amendments at its next meeting and will forward the operations and administration budget and amendments to the Executive Committee for consideration at the December 2, 2010 meeting.

Boardmember Butler noted that more Boardmembers are involved in budget review as a result of the new Committee structure. There has been more discussion on the elements included in the budget. Boardmember Enslow also noted that the budget review has been more in depth. Board Chair Reardon noted that this year in particular is a good year for through budget review based on the economic difficulties. He thanked the Committee members for their hard work in reviewing the budget to date.

Board Chair Reardon noted that based on schedule challenges, the Board would consider Resolution No. R2010-21 and Motion No. M2010-94 first before moving to other items on the agenda. Public comment on these items would be taken following discussion on the items.

Action Items

Items not referred by Committee

Resolution No. R2010-21 - Adopting an art policy and superseding Resolution No. 98-1.

Ms. Kupersmith explained that the current policy is specific to the Sound Move program. A status and accomplishments report was given to the Executive Committee on August 5, 2010 and September 16, 2010. At its September 16, 2010 meeting, the Executive Committee asked that the policy be taken to the full Board for discussion. The Executive Committee asked for additional information comparing the Sound Move and proposed ST2 art program, the issue of integrating art, the differences between architecture and art, and a

review of the art budget. Ms. Earl's art budget recommendation was discussed at the September 16, 2010 Executive Committee meeting.

Barbara Luecke, Public Art Program Administrator, reviewed information asked for at the September 16, 2010 Executive Committee meeting. Sound Move includes 20.4 miles of light rail, 11 Link stations, five Tacoma Link stations, ST Express facilities, and Sounder Facilities. The Sound Move program had a lifetime art budget of \$18.1 million, of that amount 10% was set aside for maintenance of the art. The ST2 program includes 36 miles of light rail, 19 new Link light rail stations, and ST Express and Sounder expansions. The benefits of art include humanizing the environment, building community, reducing vandalism and graffiti, and increasing feelings of safety. Ms. Luecke reviewed some of the art included in the Sound Move program. Art serves as gateways and way finding devices. New public spaces are created through art and investments in temporary construction mitigation help preserve the spirit of neighborhoods. The FTA recommends and encourages that .5% to 5% of construction budgets be allocated to art.

Debora Ashland, Architecture & Art Manager, spoke about the differences between art and architecture. Architects and engineers focus on functional requirements of the facilities, including material selection, weather protection and safety and security. Artists can focus more on culture or community aspects of the location, including making spaces memorable and unique. Artists and architects working together can build off each other and really enhance the overall facility. Mr. Ashland included examples of artists and architects working together. Both are invested in the visual impact of the facility, by integrating both it creates an ideal experience for the patrons.

Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director of Design, Engineering and Construction Management noted that the art program will be a small percentage of the overall program. Ten percent of the established art program budget is set aside for maintenance. The remaining budget is divided between materials and fabrication, installation costs, support costs, taxes, design and artist fees, and engineering. 36% is estimated for Link stations, 9% for Sounder, 6.3% for ST Express, 18% for non-station facilities, 18% for non-station features, 2.7% for temporary installations and 10% for maintenance.

ST2 art program funding options from 1% to .25% were reviewed. Art funding at 1% would provide \$675,000 per light rail station and \$350,000 per light rail mile. Art funding at .75% would provide \$500,000 per light rail station and \$250,000 per light rail mile. Under Sound Move the average total art funding was \$675,000 per light rail station and \$450,000 per light rail mile. Mr. Fazel clarified that the percentages are based on construction costs for the ST2 program based on the low end of the cost estimates and excluding tunneling costs. The CEO recommendation presented at the September Executive Committee meeting is .75% of construction costs excluding tunneling. Mr. Fazel also reviewed the budget amounts per subarea based on percentages between 1% and .25%. Overall, 1% would create an overall ST2 art budget of \$35.8 million, and .75% would create an overall art budget of \$26.85 million.

Resolution No. R2010-21 reconfirms the Board's commitment to art and sets the percentage for calculating the lifetime budget for ST2 art. The Resolution does not change the 1% allocation for Sound Move projects.

Boardmember Butler asked if the percentage will be calculated on each facilities' construction budget. Mr. Fazel responded that a lifetime budget for the ST2 art program will be based on system-wide construction costs, not specific facility construction costs. The art program will be evaluated and decisions will be made on how to best allocate art budget within a subarea and within each project. Ms. Earl clarified the art budget is not based on specific facility construction costs because art planning takes place during final design and construction costs may vary throughout the project timeline.

Chair Reardon noted that he would accept public comment on Resolution No. R2010-21 at this time.

Public Comment on Resolution No. R2010-21
(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke
Will Knedlik
Norie Sato
Judy Holder, City of Bellevue Arts Commission Chair
Rebecca Chawgo
Cath Brunner, Public Art Administrator at 4Culture
Mary Langholz, Washington State Arts Alliance

It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Drago, and carried by majority vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2010-21 be approved with an art budget for ST2 projects at 1% of construction costs, excluding the cost of tunneling, with Boardmembers Marchione, Fey, Patterson, Hammond, Butler and Enslow voting in the minority.

Motion No. M2010-94 – Approving full funding for the First Hill Streetcar project per the funding and cooperative agreement between the City of Seattle and Sound Transit in an amount not to exceed \$132,780,000.

Val Batey, Senior Transportation Planner, gave the staff presentation.

Public Comment

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke
Robert Scheuerman

It was moved by Boardmember Drago, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2010-94 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2010-23 – 1) Amending the Adopted 2010 Lifetime Budget for the Homeland Security Enhancements project from \$947,000 to \$1,576,280 and 2) amending the Adopted 2010 Annual Budget for the Homeland Security Enhancements project from \$230,000 to \$859,280.

Nick Marquardt, IT Transit Systems Manager, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Boardmember Hammond, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by the unanimous vote of twelve Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2010-23 be approved as presented.

Citizen Oversight Panel Letter on ST2 Program Realignment

Paul J. Wiesner, Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) Chair, noted that the COP reports to the Board periodically on important topics. The COP reviews Sound Transit's commitment to the public outlined in Sound Move and ST2. The COP issues annual reports and occasional letters on these issues. Mr. Weisner read from a letter the COP sent to the Chair of the Sound Transit Board on October 21, 2010 on the ST2 program realignment.

The COP has been monitoring the agency's ability to deliver the ST2 plan based on the revenue shortfall and agrees that the ST2 plan must be adjusted when facing an estimated 25% reduction in revenues. Based on briefings received from staff on the ST2 program realignment, the COP members appreciate the transparency in laying out an approach to manage the shortfall. The COP feels that the goals and principals of the realignment have been clearly stated and the realignment is based on reasonable and logical priorities and communicates the specific impacts to affected communities. The COP commends the approach and process.

Public Comment

No further public comment.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the August 26, 2010 Board Meeting
Minutes of the September 23, 2010 Board Meeting
Voucher Certification for September 1, 2010 through September 15, 2010
Resolution No. R2010-22

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

Motion No. M2010-93 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Netversant to provide final design, equipment installation, configuration, and testing for security system upgrades and additions at the Federal Way Transit Center and Sounder south line stations in the amount of \$396,710, with a 10% contingency of \$39,671, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$436,381, contingent upon Board approval to amend the Adopted 2010 Budget through Resolution No. R2010-23.

Nick Marquardt, IT Transit Systems Manager, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Vice Chair Thomas, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2010-93 be approved as presented.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2010
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

APPROVED on December 16, 2010.



Aaron Reardon
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator