

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

October 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Committee Chair Fred Butler, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

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

Vice Chair

(A) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

Boardmembers

(P) *Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember*

(A) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President*

(P) *Jake Fey, Tacoma Councilmember*

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

(P) *Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember*

(A) *Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember*

Alex Herzog, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the Committee was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Butler announced that public comment on the East Link would be taken after the presentation staff. Public comment on agenda item 6.B would be taken when the committee considered the item.

CEO REPORT

ST Mobile web site

Beginning in mid-October, smart phone and web-enabled cell phone users will have access to a simplified version of the Sound Transit website. Riders can use the new mobile site to plan trips on Sound Transit, Community Transit, Metro, Pierce Transit and all operating partners including Washington Ferries. Users will be able to find nearby stops and stations, locate Sound Transit parking facilities and look up Sounder, Link and ST Express schedules. Additional mobile improvements including real time information and maps will be implemented in the future.

South 200th Street Link Extension

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been issued for a Design/Build team to complete final design and construct the South 200th Street Link extension project, which formally begins the procurement process. The Board's Ethics Policy encourages Boardmembers to decline meetings or other communications with potential proposers once an RFQ has been issued. The policy also applies to staff. The Contracts Division should handle all communication about the RFQ process.

Meeting with Congressional Delegation

CEO Joni Earl was in Washington D.C. last week and spoke with the Puget Sound area's congressional delegation and Ray LaHood, US Department of Transportation Secretary about Sound Transit's TIGER grant request. The request will be submitted at the end of the month. Conversations were positive.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

East Link Update

Don Billen, Link Light Rail Project Manager, and James Irish, Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs & Sustainability, presented the East Link Update.

Sound Transit has been working with the City of Bellevue on the memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding construction of East Link through downtown Bellevue. The MOU will address design modifications on 112th Avenue. A study requested by the City of Bellevue was conducted to evaluate potential modifications on 112th Avenue and the City and Sound Transit agreed that the preferred option will be included in the MOU.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON EAST LINK

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Sue Baugh
Bill Thurston
Betina Finley
Daniel Warwick

Proposed 2012 Capital Budget and Transit Improvement Plan Overview

Brian McCartan, Chief Financial Officer, Ric Ilgenfritz, Director of Planning, Environment and Project Development, Ahmad Fazel, Director of Design, Engineering and Construction Management and Pete Rogness, Budget Director, provided an overview of the Proposed 2012 Budget, the Proposed 2012 Capital Budget and capital staffing.

In 2012, there will be \$732 million in additional investments. There are Lifetime Budget changes to Sounder, Regional Express and Link projects. Sounder South, the Lakewood Layover and positive train control have requested budget increases, while completed Sounder-related projects have saved \$7.6 million in costs. Budgets for Regional Express not increased, and there has been \$7.4 million in cost savings. The 2012 Proposed Budget requests a new Link project, with \$13 million for noise abatement. The Airport Link and Initial Segment budgets are realizing savings.

30.5 new positions are included in agency administration budget due to the growing capital program. The Committee will conclude its review of the budget and make recommendation to the Executive Committee and its meeting in November.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes of the September 08, 2011 Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Fey, seconded by Boardmember Marine, and carried by unanimous vote that the September 8, 2011 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2011-72: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a North Link Supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle to reimburse the City for project-related services in support of North Link – UW station to Northgate project final design work in the amount of \$818,805 with a 10% contingency of \$81,880, for a total supplement amount not to exceed \$900,685

Ron Endlich, Capital Projects Rail Program Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2011-72 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2011-14: (1) Waiving competitive bidding requirements due to special facilities and market conditions, and (2) authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a task order under the King County Operating Agreement to install a steel bracing system for new noise walls along the Initial Segment project guideway in the City of Tukwila in the amount of \$498,600, with a 10% contingency of \$49,900, for a total authorized task order amount not to exceed \$548,500

Jim Edwards, Deputy Executive Director for Design and Engineering, and Barry Alavi, Capital Projects Rail Program Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Marine, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2011-14 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:36 p.m., Chair Butler announced that the Committee would convene an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss a course of action where public discussion may result in adverse legal or financial consequences to the agency and to discuss potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party. The executive session is authorized by RCW 42.30.110 subsection (1)(c) and (i).

At 4:19 p.m., the executive session was extended by 15 minutes. Vice Chair Butler reconvened the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 2011
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

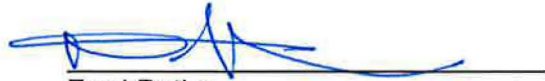
ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

ATTEST:



Alex Herzog
Board Coordinator



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

APPROVED on November 10, 2011, AH