

## **SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Summary Minutes**

**November 10, 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

(A) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(A) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Jake Fey, Tacoma Councilmember

(A) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

(P) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

Alex Herzog, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the Committee was not present at roll call.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Butler announced that Boardmember Conlin requested to participate in the meeting by phone. Board Rules and Operating Procedures allow members to attend meetings by teleconference with a 2/3 affirmative vote of those members in attendance. The Committee would take the vote when a quorum arrived.

### **CEO REPORT**

#### Downtown Tacoma Holiday Season Campaign

Sound Transit is partnering with local stakeholder groups to promote the holidays in downtown Tacoma with the *Be Downtown this Holiday Season* campaign. There will be events, shopping, dining and outdoor ice-skating at the Franciscan Polar Plaza.

#### Northgate Station Update

Sound Transit held an open house to present the Northgate station 30% design and new portal site option. Approximately 110 people attended. There were many positive comments on the station design. Attendees showed some interest but no concerns about the portal site option at NE 94th.

### **REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

#### North Corridor EIS Scoping Results

Matt Sheldon, Strategic Planning Manager, presented the North Corridor environment impact statement (EIS) scoping results. The scoping period lasted from September 30 through October 31, 2011. Outreach included three public meetings, a mailing to more than 100,000 households, and the Sound Transit website.

There has been a strong preference for light rail options rather than bus options along I-5. Any I-5 alignment should allow for future roadway improvements. There is limited support for more work on SR 99 alternatives. There are higher business, construction and cost impacts, and lower performance forecasts along SR-99.

#### University Link Update

Joe Gildner, Link Light Rail Deputy Executive Director presented the University Link Update.

Three tunnel boring machines (TBMs) are currently tunneling the University Link route. Two are tunneling from the University of Washington and one is tunneling from the Capital Hill Station to the Pine Street Stub Tunnel (PSST).

About a dozen residents from the Shelby Hamlin neighborhood and the neighborhood near Boyer St. Neighbors in the Shelby/Hamlin area have contacted Sound Transit with concerns about noise or vibration. Based on investigations and noise/vibration monitoring in the Shelby/Hamlin neighborhood the likely source is the supply trains carrying tunnel segments to the tunnel boring machines. Mitigation devices have been installed which have reduced noise levels. The environmental impact statement indicated that tunneling within 100 feet or less from tunnel to surface, as is the case with these areas, may have noise and vibration impacts. Agency staff will meet with neighbors next week to discuss mitigation efforts and concerns.

The two tunnels from the PSST to Capitol Hill require an I-5 underpass. The agency has removed some of the I-5 substructures and footings in the path of the TBM and instrumentation is in place to monitor ground structure movements and settling. Before Thanksgiving, the TBM is expected to reach the PSST. Revenue service is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2016.

Chair Butler noted that a quorum of the committee had arrived and took a vote on Boardmember Conlin's request to participate in the meeting by telephone.

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that Boardmember Conlin be allowed to participate in the Committee meeting by telephone.**

#### **PROPOSED 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET AND TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Chair Butler announced that the Committee would take action to forward the Capital portion of the Proposed 2012 Budget to the Executive Committee. The Committee would also take action on any amendments proposed by Committee members and Sound Transit staff.

#### Budget Questions and Answers

Brian McCartan, Chief Financial Officer, noted that the budget questions raised by Boardmembers at prior committee meetings and the corresponding answers were included in packets.

#### Consideration of the Proposed 2012 Capital Budget

**It was moved by Boardmember Fey and seconded by Boardmember McDermott that the 2012 Capital Budget be forwarded to the Executive Committee with a do-pass recommendation.**

### Proposed Amendments and Changes

Chair Butler explained that amendments proposed Boardmembers and changes identified by staff were combined into one document. Proposed changes related to the Capital Budget would be considered by the Capital Committee and proposed changes related to the Operations and Administration Budgets would be considered by the Operations Committee.

**It was moved by Boardmember McGinn, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote to amend 2012 Capital Budget by:**

Adjusting the cash flow in the ST3 Planning project 1X902 to allow for a partnership with the City of Seattle in a Street Car Planning Study focused on the routes from downtown to the Ballard neighborhood. Sound Transit would contribute \$2M to the partnership. The ST3 Planning project has funds designated for HCT Corridor Planning which would be used for this Study. The amendment accelerates the use of the funds into 2012.

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Amending the Proposed 2012 Budget and other related text and tables to reflect the impact of all Board-approved budget amendments and related resolutions. Amend the budget, if necessary, for depreciation, non-material corrections, and substitutions.

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Amending the annual budget and TIP for certain projects within Link Light Rail, ST Express, Sounder and Other Agency Administration capital programs to shift dollars between years and phases, resulting in a change in proposed budget spending in 2012, and updated subarea cost allocations with no change to total project costs.

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Increasing the LVR Wash Bay Doors project (#762) lifetime budget by \$146,000. This increase will pay for the increase costs of building code changes required for the project. Funding for this increase will come through a corresponding reduction of the Small Works Program.

**It was moved by Boardmember McDermott seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Decreasing the Small Works Program project (#740) lifetime budget by \$146,000 to fund the increased cost of the LVR Wash Bay doors project.

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Procuring Security Radios for security and fare enforcement officers. Establishes the ability of Sound Transit security staff to effectively communicate with each other as well as outside agencies in the event of an emergency or disaster. The total lifetime budget is \$314,000. The annual 2012 budget is also \$314,000.

**It was moved by Boardmember Fey, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Decreasing the Bus Maintenance Facility Project (#261) Annual and Lifetime Budgets by \$314,000 to fund the Security Radio project.

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Creating a new Informational Technology Program Project. Allows for this project to stand alone from the Administrative Capital Project. The creation of this project allows for more transparency in IT projects. This action is being offset by a corresponding reduction in the Administrative Capital Project.

**It was moved by Boardmember Fey, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Decreasing the Proposed Annual 2012 Budget for Administrative Capital project (#001) by \$4,449,000 to allow for the establishment of a separate Information Technology Program project.

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Establishing and creating the Mid-Day Bus Storage project. This project was included in the scope of work for the ST Express Bus Base project but the temporary mid-day storage area currently being utilized will become unavailable at the end of 2014. This necessitates the acceleration of the project to commence in 2012. Funding for this project will be a reduction in the ST2 Express Bus Base Project cost estimate maintained within the agency's long-term financial plan. This amendment will establish a 2012 Annual Budget of \$414,000 and a \$777,000 in the Lifetime budget.

**It was moved by Boardmember Fey, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the 2012 Budget by:**

Increasing the DSTT South Access Security project (#320) by \$50,000 to pay for scope of work initially thought to be denied through the permit process but later allowed to be accomplished. The Proposed budget reflects the reduced cost and scope of work and this amendment reduces the initial project savings of \$250,000 by \$50,000.

**The motion to forward the 2012 Budget, as amended, to the Executive Committee carried by unanimous vote.**

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Minutes of the October 13, 2011 Capital Committee meeting

**It was moved by Boardmember McGinn, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote that the October 13, 2011 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2011-78: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to provide pre-construction phase services for the University Link systems construction in the amount of \$666,455, with a 7.5% contingency of \$50,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$716,455.

Justin Garrod, Senior Systems Engineer presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Boardmember Fey, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2011-78 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2011-79: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Elcon Corporation for installing and testing fiber optic cable for the University Link project in the amount of \$1,545,000, with a 10% contingency of \$154,500, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,699,500.

Justin Garrod, Senior Systems Engineer presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Boardmember McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2011-79 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2011-80: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with PB Americas, Inc. for final design services for the D Street - M Street Track & Signal Improvement project in the amount of \$1,329,371 with a 10% contingency of \$132,937, for a total of \$1,462,308, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$14,708,082.

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.


## **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 8, 2011  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

## **ADJOURN**

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

ATTEST:

  
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Alex Herzog  
Board Coordinator

  
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Fred Butler  
Capital Committee Chair

APPROVED on December 8, 2011, AH