



**SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**March 8, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:41 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

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(A) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Mike McGinn, Seattle Mayor

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Marilyn Strickland, Tacoma Mayor

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember

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

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

None.

**CEO REPORT**

University Link: Tunnel Boring Machines

The two tunnel boring machines mining south from the UW campus to the Capitol Hill station are making steady progress. The lead machine is approximately 450 feet from the Capitol Hill station and is expected to hole through between March 19 and 21.

American Public Transportation Association Gold

Last week, the agency's participation in the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Sustainability Commitment was upgraded from the Silver level to Gold. The APTA's Sustainability Commitment recognizes transit agencies for their efforts on sustainability, environmental preservation, waste reduction, being socially responsible and maintaining economic viability. Sustainability is an important at Sound Transit. By taking cars off the road, air pollution is decreased, natural habitats are protected and a healthy environment is maintained. Achieving Gold status indicates that the agency is becoming more efficient in natural resource management, including energy, air pollutants, greenhouse gas emissions and water.

Tukwila Sounder Station Open House

On March 13, 2012 Sound Transit and City of Tukwila staff will hold an open house at the Tukwila Sounder Station about replacing the existing temporary station with a permanent Tukwila Sounder Station. Attendees will be able to view plans for the permanent Tukwila Sounder Station and comment on Sound Transit's Design Review and Unclassified Use Permit applications to the City of Tukwila.

### Good News

Yesterday, while working at a Sound Transit supply yard on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, a laborer from Local 440 witnessed an attempted abduction of a woman. According to the report, assailants were trying to drag a woman into a vehicle. The laborer, from Local 440, called 911 while the abduction was in progress. Police were in the area and rescued the woman.

### Access and Demand Study

The Executive Committee received a summary of the 18-month Access and Demand study of our existing Sounder stations. A full report will be given at an upcoming board meeting.

### TIGER IV Grant Applications

Sound Transit will be submitting applications for two projects for TIGER IV grant funding.

## **REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

### North Link Update

Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director, Don Davis, Deputy Executive Director Project and Construction Management, and Ron Endlich, Project Support Services Manager, gave the presentation.

North Link is a 4.3-mile light rail extension with underground stations in the University District (Brooklyn) and Roosevelt neighborhood, and an elevated station at Northgate. Service is scheduled to begin in 2021.

A value engineering study suggested moving the North Portal from 75<sup>th</sup> Street, to 85<sup>th</sup> Street into a retained cut trackway to NE 95<sup>th</sup> Street. Moving the portal to 95<sup>th</sup> St has several advantages including fewer environmental and community impacts, less real estate acquisition, reduced third party impacts, better operational characteristics and costs that are neutral with potential for lower overall project costs. There is a small wetland before the route transitions to an aerial alignment. The final design process will include and determine the configuration for retaining walls, excavations, guideways, defining third party interfaces, analysis of staging areas, evaluation of public outreach and review of costs and risks.

Remaining Northgate station scope issues include the need for more refined construction staging, parking mitigation during construction and permanent replacement, and property and easement acquisitions.

The North Link Record of Decision states that park-and-ride spaces displaced by the station at Northgate must be replaced within Metro's transit-oriented development or with a separate structure. There are several parking mitigation options: access improvements such as sidewalks, bike improvements, or an I-5 pedestrian bridge; bus service improvements such as additional bus trips on existing routes; temporary parking; and/or building permanent parking facilities. Sound Transit staff will explore options and begin acquiring properties this year the project.

On March 21, 2012, Sound Transit will hold an open house on Northgate station/portal construction and parking replacement options. The Board will consider parking mitigation recommendations and contract packaging when the project baselined at Gate 5.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### Minutes of the February 9, 2012 Capital Committee meeting

**It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Conlin, seconded by Boardmember McGinn, and carried by unanimous vote that the February 9, 2012 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2012-13: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with CH2M HILL Inc., to provide alternatives analysis services for the Tacoma Link Expansion project in the amount of \$998,663 with a 10% contingency of \$99,866 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,098,529

Val Batey, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Boardmember Strickland, seconded by Board Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-13 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2012-14: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Progress Rail Services Corporation to provide ultra-straight rail for the University Link project in the amount of \$259,515, with a 10% contingency of \$25,952 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$285,467

Joe Gildner, Executive Project Director, and Justin Garrod, Senior Systems Engineer, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Conlin, seconded by Boardmember Strickland, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-14 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2012-15: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Motorola Inc., to provide and install radio console equipment for the University Link project in the amount of \$1,117,896, with a 10% contingency of \$111,790, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,229,686

Justin Garrod, Senior Systems Engineer, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-15 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2012-12: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with H-J-H Design Partners (Joint Venture) to provide Phase 1 final design services for the East Link – South Bellevue to Overlake Transit Center Station project for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$4,800,000

Ron Lewis, East Link Executive Project Director, Don Billen, Light Rail Development Manager, and Tony Raben, East Link Deputy Project Manager, presented the staff report.

Public Comment (Comments on file with the Board Administrator)  
Paul W. Locke

**It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-12 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2012-04: (1) Approving the chief executive officer's declaration of surplus real property acquired for the Central Link project and (2) authorizing the chief executive officer to negotiate and execute two Transit Oriented Development joint development feasibility agreements

with Catholic Housing Services / Washington Housing Equity Alliance and Centioli Family LLC, to investigate the feasibility of a potential transit-oriented, affordable housing project

Roger Hansen, Real Estate Director, and Scott Kirkpatrick, TOD Manager, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Strickland, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-04 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Resolution No. R2012-08: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests, pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary, and acquire and dispose of property interests owned by public entities including acquisition by condemnation for the North Link – University of Washington Station to Northgate Project between Roosevelt Station and Northgate Station

Roger Hansen, Real Estate Director, and Scott Kirkpatrick, TOD Manager, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Strickland, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2012-08 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, April 12, 2012  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



Fred Butler  
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Alex Herzog  
Board Coordinator

APPROVED on April 12, 2012, AH