

## **SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Summary Minutes**

**July 12, 2012**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 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) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

#### Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County

(P) Mike McGinn, Seattle Mayor

Councilmember

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

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Committee Chair Butler announced the *South Link TOD Opportunities* report would be rescheduled for a later meeting.

### **CEO REPORT**

#### Outreach

The September 2012 service change may affect many Sound Transit and King County Metro Transit riders. With the elimination of the Ride Free Area (RFA), passengers will pay regular fares at all times when they enter a bus in downtown Seattle. In preparation for the elimination of the RFA, outreach teams from Metro and Sound Transit are working together. The teams will be at 14 lunchtime concerts in downtown Seattle the week of July 16-20, 2012.

#### Federal Transportation Reauthorization

Congress has reauthorized federal transportation programs through September 2014. The reauthorization bill maintains transportation funding at current levels. The Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program is preserved, and the federal grant secured for University Link should be stable. The bill also allows a new category in the New Starts program for existing projects. Older rail systems that need to be rebuilt or that add capacity are now permitted to compete for New Start funds.

### **REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

#### University Link Update

Joe Gildner, Executive Project Director, and Tracy Reed, Deputy Project Director, presented an update on University Link construction.

University Link is a 3.15-mile extension of Central Link and includes twin bored tunnels. University Link is scheduled to be open for service in 2016. It is approximately 53% complete overall with 169 days of float in the schedule. Tunneling from the Pine Street Stub Tunnel to the Capitol Hill Station and from the Capitol Hill Station to the University of Washington Station is going well and is on schedule. Construction on the University of Washington Station will begin later this month. There are several risks to the project involving excavation of the cross passages between twin-bore tunnels, civil and system contract interfaces, long lead items, and systems final design, installation, testing and rail activation.

Construction noise levels are currently below maximum levels established by the Federal Transit Administration. Predicted noise during service operations will be quieter than current construction noise levels.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Minutes of the June 14, 2012 Capital Committee meeting

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that the June 14, 2012 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2012-46: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a task order under the Agreement for Design Coordination and Review of Sound Transit Link Light Rail Projects within Washington State Department of Transportation Right of Way for conceptual engineering review services for the Lynnwood Link Extension project in the amount of \$256,600, with a 10% contingency of \$25,660, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$282,260

Mike Williams, Light Rail Project Development Director, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-46 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2012-47: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Watershed Environmental Solutions, LLC, to provide a wetland mitigation construction project at McKinley Park in Tacoma in the amount of \$1,079,630, with a 10% contingency of \$107,963, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,187,593

Dick Sage, Director, Construction Management, and Tom Dean, Deputy Construction Manager, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-47 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2012-48: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with LTK Engineering Services, LLC to provide systems engineering final design services for East Link for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$17,707,707

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

**It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Board Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-48 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2012-49: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Jacobs Associates to provide additional final design services, additional bid support, and design services during construction for the Northgate Link Extension in the amount of \$21,842,165, with a 10% contingency of \$2,184,217 totaling \$24,026,382, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$85,558,106

Don Davis, Deputy Executive Director of Project and Construction Management, Salah Al-Tamimi, Corridor Design Manager, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Phillips and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-49 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Resolution No. R2012-18: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests, including acquisition by condemnation to the extent permitted by law, and pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for the Northgate Link Extension located along Interstate 5 near NE 94th Street and Northgate in the City of Seattle

Roger Hansen, Real Property Director, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2012-18 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 9, 2012  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.



Fred Butler  
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Alex Herzog  
Board Coordinator

APPROVED on October 11, 2012, AH