



SOUND TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

December 6, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Paul Roberts, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Vice Chair

(P) John Marchione, Redmond Mayor

Boardmembers

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor

(A) Marilyn Strickland, Tacoma Mayor

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

Katie Flores, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the committee was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Roberts welcomed Deputy CEO Mike Harbour and thanked the Committee for its work over the last year.

DEPUTY CEO REPORT

Mr. Harbour announced that Sound Transit was able to open 53 new commuter parking spaces near the Edmonds Station. In November, the Board approved a lease agreement to expand the lot to a total of 103 spaces in mid-2013. The long term lease for the full 103 spaces will be signed after the Board approves additional funding for the lease as part of the 2013 Budget.

Public meetings will be held on the Tacoma Link alternatives analysis to expand the 1.6-mile Tacoma Link system. An open house took place December 5, 2012 and a series of drop-in sessions will take place to review options for expanding Tacoma Link and receive citizen feedback. The potential expansion was approved by voters in 2008 as part of the ST2 ballot measure. The alternatives analysis underway now will help narrow and define options and develop cost estimates for potential corridors. It also supports work with partners to develop a funding plan.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Ridership and Operations Report

Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations, provided an update on October ridership and system performance. Ridership exceeded 100,000 average weekday boardings in October. Sounder North ridership is up 30% over October 2012 ridership. There have been some issues with complaints on ST Express as a result of impacts to on-time performance due to the end of the ride free zone. The metric for on-time performance was not met, but headways were maintained. The Tacoma Link preventable accident metric was not met because of an earlier accident. ST Express preventable accidents are up and information on the increase will be provided. Ms. Todd also reported that copper wire replacement is 70% complete; work is expected to be complete in January 2013. Mudslides have impacted Sounder North recently. Sound Transit is also meeting all the goals for farebox recovery percentages. Metrics for security and fare evasion will be added to the system performance report in 2013.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes of the September 6, 2012 Operations and Administration Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Moss, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that the minutes of the September 6, 2012 Operations and Administration Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Minutes of the October 4, 2012 Operations and Administration Committee Meeting

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Marchione, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that the minutes of the October 4, 2012 Operations and Administration Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2012-86: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Jet Cleaning and Maintenance to provide pressure washing services at Sound Transit facilities in the amount of \$267,623, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$466,816.

John Weston, Facilities Maintenance Manager, and Bill Glaeser, Facilities Project Manager, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-86 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2012-87: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a one year contract with four one-year options with Total Landscape Corporation to provide system-wide landscape maintenance services for Union Station and Sound Transit facilities not maintained through agreements with partner transit agencies, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$940,665.

John Weston, Facilities Maintenance Manager, and Bill Glaeser, Facilities Project Manager, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-87 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2012-26: Adopting the 2013 Service Implementation Plan, authorizing the chief executive officer to implement recommended service changes in 2013 and approving the use of preliminary 2014-2018 service changes for planning and forecasting purposes.

Mike Bergman, Service Planning Manager, gave the staff presentation. Mr. Bergman reviewed changes that have been made to the Draft SIP since it was presented to the Board in November. Adjustments will be made to the Draft 2013 service proposal in Everett to retain some trips through downtown Everett. The level of service in downtown Everett will determine the number of peak period trips Sound Transit is able to add to address overcrowded buses travelling South to Seattle.

The Draft SIP proposes deleting mid-day service on Sound Transit Route 566 because they are not high performing trips. The Draft SIP also proposes a new express Route 567 to connect Kent Station with Bellevue and Overlake. Half of the existing Route 566 riders could use the non-stop Route 567 as an alternative that would reduce crowding on Route 566. Savings from ending the mid-day routes would address bus overloads on buses on I-90, SR 520 and I-5 South corridors. Sound Transit received comments that expressed concern about deleting mid-day service and the proposal is also opposed by the City of Renton. The City of Kent supported the proposal.

Resolution No. R2012-26 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Committee Vice Chair Marchione.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Committee Vice Chair Marchione to amend Resolution No. R2012-26 by replacing language describing ST Express Route 566 in the Draft 2013 Service Implementation Plan as follows:

- 6. Route 566 (Auburn-Overlake via Renton):** Reduce peak-period, peak-direction service from every 8 to 15 minutes to every 15 to 30 minutes. ~~Delete midday service between about 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.~~

southbound, and between about 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. northbound. Reduce midday service from every 30 minutes to every 60 minutes between about 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. southbound, and between about 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. northbound. Operate service between Auburn Station and Renton Transit Center during these time periods.

Committee Chair Roberts invited Doug Jacobson, Deputy Public Works Administrator for the City of Renton to speak on the Draft SIP. Mr. Jacobson spoke in favor of the amendment offered by Boardmember Butler and in favor of improving bus service to the City of Renton.

The motion to amend Resolution No. R2012-26 was approved by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Marchione and seconded by Boardmember Butler to amend Resolution No. R2012-26 by removing sections one and two of the ST Express Bus service changes so that more review can take place on service connections between downtown Everett and Everett Station and the impact of changes to ST Express Routes 510, 511, 512 and 513. Additional information will be provided in time for the December 20, 2012 Board meeting so that decisions on service changes can take place at the meeting.

ST Express Bus

- 1. ~~Route 510 (Everett-Seattle), Route 511 (Ash Way-Seattle), Route 513 (Everett-Seattle via Eastmont):~~ Delete the segment of Route 510 between downtown Everett and Everett Station, except before 6:00 A.M. on weekdays. Delete all reverse-peak, midday, night and Saturday service on Routes 510 and 511. Implement ten additional peak-period, peak-directional trips on Routes 510, 511 and/or 513, with the exact deployment of new trips by route and time based on ridership monitoring and service observations conducted during the first half of 2013.**
- 2. ~~Route 512 (Everett-Seattle via Lynnwood):~~ Implement Route 512 service during midday, night and Saturday time periods, and in the reverse-peak direction during peak periods on weekdays. Extend northbound trips from Everett Station to downtown Everett after 10:30 P.M. on weekdays. Operate Route 512 every 15 minutes during the midday, every 15 minutes in the reverse-peak direction on weekdays, every 15 to 20 minutes on Saturdays, and every 30 minutes at night and on Sundays.**

Committee Chair Roberts spoke in favor of looking at options to retain some service in downtown Everett.

The motion to amend Resolution No. R2012-26 was approved by unanimous vote.

The motion to forward Resolution No. R2012-26, as amended, to the Board with a do-pass recommendation was carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday January 3, 2013
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Paul Roberts
Operations and Administration Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Katie Flores

Board Coordinator

APPROVED on February 7, 2013, KWF