

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 14, 2013

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

(A) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Mike McGinn, Seattle Mayor

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(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

Artspace Partnership

Sound Transit recently closed a sale for land adjacent to the Mt. Baker Link Station with non-profit developer Artspace to build an \$18 million mixed-use arts facility. A community room and commercial spaces will be located on the street-level parts of the building, and 57 live/work apartments for artists and their families on upper floors.

Artist Workshops

Sound Transit is currently looking for artists to work with *S*Tart, Sound Transit's art program, to create permanent, site-specific artwork at transit facilities over the next three years. *S*Tart and 4Culture are co-hosting workshops with Eastside partner cities to provide detailed information about the artist qualification and selection processes, upcoming projects, and how to apply. Workshops are scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on March 12, 2013 in Redmond, March 20, 2013 in Mercer Island and March 26, 2013 in Bellevue.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Federal Way Transit Extension Update

Cathal Ridge, Light Rail Development Manager, and Michael Williams, Light Rail Project Development Director gave an update on the Federal Way Transit Extension, including the Level I evaluation results of the alternatives analysis.

There are four corridors being studied: Interstate 5, SR-99, and 30th Avenue South and 24th Avenue South in the City of Des Moines. Each alternative was evaluated on several factors, including daily ridership, travel time from the Angle Lake Station to the Federal Way Transit Center, traffic impacts, right-of-way impacts and cost. Bus rapid transit on Interstate 5 and SR-99 were eliminated due to a forecasted increase in travel times in 2035, and limited capacity capabilities. All alternatives in the 24th Avenue South corridor were eliminated. Multiple alternatives in the I-5, 30th Avenue South, and SR-99 corridors will be considered in the Level II alternatives analysis. The Level II alternatives analysis will also include a transit-oriented development analysis.

Tacoma Link Alternatives Analysis Update

Val Batey, Senior Transportation Planner gave an update on the Tacoma Link Alternatives Analysis.

The voter-approved ST2 plan required other public or private entities to match Sound Transit funds in order to expand the existing 1.6-mile Tacoma Link route. The funding strategy for the expansion includes \$50 million from Sound Transit, Federal grants, and public or private partners, for a total of \$150 million.

Sound Transit has been studying various potential alternatives for expanding Tacoma Link since 2004. In 2010 and 2011, six potential corridors for expansion were identified and evaluated, and three were determined the best. Sound Transit conducted technical analysis on all six corridors, and an additional corridor which reflected Sound Transit's adopted Long Range Plan.

Screening results are scheduled to be presented to the Capital Committee at its meeting on April 11, 2013, and the Board may identify the corridor to be studied in further detail in the environmental review process at its April 25, 2013 meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion No. M2013-14: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with LTK Engineering Services, LLC to provide construction management and engineering support services for a Positive Train Control system on the Sounder Tacoma to Lakewood rail segment in the amount of \$2,321,817, with a 10% contingency of \$232,181, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$2,553,998, contingent upon Board approval of Resolution No. R2013-06 amending the Adopted 2013 Budget.

Eric Beckman, Project Director, gave a presentation on Motion No. M2013-14, Resolution No. R2013-06, and Motion No. M2013-15, all of which are related to the Positive Train Control Project.

It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-14 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2013-06: (1) Amending the Adopted 2013 Budget to increase it by \$13,829,279, from \$39,225,000 to \$53,054,279 for the Positive Train Control project on the Sounder Tacoma to Lakewood rail segment, (2) amending the 2013 Annual Budget from \$10,632,313 to \$18,743,000 and (3) approving Gate 4 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-06 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2013-15: Authorizing the chief executive officer execute a contract with Wabtec Corporation to design, install, test, and commission a Positive Train Control system on the Sounder vehicles and on the Sound Transit-owned Tacoma to Lakewood rail segment in the amount of \$34,064,839, with a 10% contingency of \$3,406,484, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$37,471,323.

It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-15 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2013-16: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with CA Carey Corporation to provide construction services for the Sounder Mukilteo Station – South Platform Project in the amount of \$6,405,000, with a 10% contingency of \$640,500, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$7,045,500.

Eric Beckman, Project Director, and Jerry Dahl, Construction Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Board Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-16 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2013-07: (1) Amending the Adopted 2013 Lifetime Budget for the Reservation Junction Track and Signal project from \$1,870,000 to \$6,895,729 to provide funds to the project in order to purchase the rail corridor and (2) amending the Adopted 2013 Annual Budget for the Reservation Junction Track and Signal project from \$654,620 to \$5,354,620.

Eric Beckman, Project Director, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Board Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-07 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING


Thursday, April 11, 2013
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Alex Herzog
Board Coordinator

Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

APPROVED on April 11, 2013, AH