

## SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

### Summary Minutes

May 23, 2013

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Chair Pat McCarthy, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

### ROLL CALL

#### Chair

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

#### Vice Chairs

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Council Vice Chair

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

#### Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Council President

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Mayor

(A) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

(P) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

(P) Peter von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair McCarthy announced that Boardmember von Reichbauer asked to participate in today's meeting by phone. The Board Rules and Operating Procedures allow members to attend meetings by teleconference with a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members in attendance.

**It was moved by Boardmember Strickland, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote that von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.**

The Board recognized departing Boardmember Aaron Reardon. Mr. Reardon served on the Sound Transit Board since 2004, and served as Board Chair for 2010 and 2011 and Board Vice Chair for 2012 and 2013. He also served as Finance Committee Chair for 2008 and 2009.

During his nine years on the Board, he was involved in the development of the ST2 plan, including working to improve bus service and find a way to extend light rail to Snohomish County. He also assisted with early discussions on an agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue.

During his time as Board Chair he instituted changes to be more efficient with Boardmembers time so they could be more engaged. Board meetings were moved to once a month and the Capital Committee and Operations and Administration Committee were created to better align with the agency structure.

Mr. Reardon was presented with a commemorative plaque and memento to recognize his years of service.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joni Earl, CEO, reported on Sound Transit's work on parking pilot projects. The agency is currently working with transit partners and local jurisdictions. Staff will return to the Board with more details on the pilot program this summer.

Ms. Earl also noted transit riders are now able to purchase adult ORCA cards at an additional 120 locations around the Puget sound region. Previously these locations offered options to reload ORCA cards, but were not able to offer the cards themselves. In addition, this spring there will be additional locations where riders can purchase youth and reduced fare ORCA cards, including at some events and community locations. King County Metro's "ORCA to Go" program will begin this spring.

Last month marked the fourth anniversary of the ORCA card. The cards are used on nearly 400,000 transit trips each weekday, representing almost 70 percent of all transit trips taken in the Central Puget Sound region.

Ms. Earl commented on impressive increases in ridership in the first quarter 2013. Quarterly service delivery reports in Boardmember packets showed 11% increases in overall daily boardings in the quarter over the first quarter 2012.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### South 200<sup>th</sup> Link Extension Project Update

Miles Haupt, Project Director South Link, gave the project update. The groundbreaking for the S. 200<sup>th</sup> Link Extension took place on April 26, 2013 with 250 people in attendance. The groundbreaking was attended by a number of elected officials including Senator Patty Murray, Board Chair Pat McCarthy and other Boardmembers, Secretary Lynn Peterson, the Mayor of SeaTac, and the SeaTac Airport Executive. Mr. Haupt showed a simulation of a light rail train traveling from SeaTac to Angle Lake. The project has spent 20% of the baseline budget. Contracts have been awarded for the guideway and station construction and a task order has been executed with Puget Sound Energy for advanced utility relocation. Design work is 70% complete and work is underway on a procurement for construction of the parking garage, plaza and retail area. The project is on schedule to meet the service start date of September 2016.

Mr. Haupt reviewed possible configurations for the parking garage, plaza and future TOD on the site. The final design will be determined through the design-bid process for the construction of the parking garage and plaza structure. Sound Transit is working to integrate city values into the project, including maximizing TOD options at the site.

## **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

(Boardmembers Earling, McDermott, Phillips and McGinn arrived at this time)

Chair McCarthy announced that with the departure of Vice Chair Reardon, a new Vice Chair should be elected to serve until the term expires in December 2013. Per Board rules, the successor should be from Snohomish County.

The Board's Rules and Operating Procedures specify that the Washington State Secretary of Transportation chair the meeting for the purposes of the elections. Secretary Lynn Peterson noted the Board Rules and Operating Procedures don't address filling an officer's unexpired term, but they are very specific about electing officers. They call for the Executive Committee to meet in November, develop recommendations for officers whose terms are expiring, and to bring those recommendations to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting in December. Today the board is only electing a Vice Chair from Snohomish County to fill Boardmember Reardon's unexpired term.

Secretary Peterson asked for a vote on the method to conduct the election because the Rules don't specify the election method. In the past, the Board has used "nominations from the floor."

**It was moved by Boardmember Peterson, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the "nominations from the floor" method of nominating be used today.**

Secretary Hammond asked for nominations for Board Vice Chair from Snohomish County. Boardmember Earling nominated Paul Roberts as Board Vice Chair. Boardmember Marchione seconded the nomination of Vice Chair Roberts. There were no further nominations. The nominations were closed by Secretary Peterson.

Secretary Peterson asked for a voice vote on the nomination.

**It was moved by Boardmember Peterson, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote to elect Paul Roberts as Vice Chair, to complete the term expiring December 31, 2013.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Kevin Grossman  
Robert Scheuerman  
Robert Hill  
Christina Walker  
Chris Carnes  
Will Knedlik

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the February 28, 2013 Board Meeting

Minutes of the March 28, 2013 Board Meeting

Voucher Certification for March 1, 2013 through March 15, 2013

Voucher Certification for March 16, 2013 through March 31, 2013

Voucher Certification for April 1, 2013 through April 15, 2013

Motion No. M2013-28: Adopting a deferred compensation plan under IRS Code section 457(f), authorizing a grantor trust with respect to such plan that complies with the requirements of IRS Revenue Procedure 92-64 and associated actions required to establish and manage such plan.

Resolution No. R2013-10: Revising and amending Sound Transit's legal boundary description to correct scrivener's errors and include City annexations for the following cities: Sammamish; Issaquah; Everett; Renton; and Kent.

Resolution No. R2013-11: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests, including acquisition by condemnation and pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for East Link Extension.

**It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by unanimous vote that the consent agenda be approved as presented.**

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Motion No. M2013-31: (1) Selecting the corridor and mode for detailed study in the Tacoma Link light rail expansion environmental review, and (2) approving Gate 2 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

Boardmember Butler noted that the Capital Committee asked staff to prepare a motion that selected E1 as the corridor for study in the Tacoma Link environmental review. However, he asked staff to present the motion to the Board without an option entered so that the full Board could select the corridor.

Val Batey and David Beal gave a staff presentation on the project and environmental work completed to date.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, that Motion No. M2013-31 be approved, with corridor E1 selected as the corridor for detailed study in the Tacoma Link light rail expansion environmental review.**

Boardmembers commented on the E1 corridor and progress on the project, including an extensive public involvement process.

**Motion No. M2013-31 was carried by unanimous vote.**

Motion No. M2013-32: Appointing Mr. Fred G. Auch to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning June 2013 and expiring June 2017.

**It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember Strickland, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-32 be approved as presented.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday June 27, 2013  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**ADJOURN**

**It was moved by Boardmember Moss, seconded by Boardmember Conlin and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.



Pat McCarthy  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on July 25, 2013, KWF