

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes

October 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 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 Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Boardmembers

(A) 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

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(A) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

(P) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(A) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Larry Phillips, King County 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 Strickland 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 Enslow, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by the unanimous vote of 10 members present that Boardmember Strickland be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joni Earl, CEO, reported that the Rail~Volution Conference took place from October 20 to October 23, 2013 in Seattle. The conference was highly successful and attendance broke all records. The theme was "New Frontiers" and there was a lot of interest in our region's innovative approach to dealing with transportation challenges. Sound Transit was the host but over 200 people from all over the region helped make it successful; people from our cities, counties, and partner agencies; consultants and the private sector.

Governor Inslee and Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff attended the conference and Mayor McGinn, Executive Constantine and Pat McCarthy hosted events. Boardmembers Marilyn Strickland, John Marchione, Lynn Peterson, Claudia Balducci, and Paul Roberts were on panels for various workshops.

Ms. Earl announced that the Long Range Plan scoping period starts tomorrow and will run through November 25th. During scoping, the public, jurisdictions, and other agencies are encouraged to comment on transit priorities and potential changes to the Long Range Plan to be studied in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. A brochure on the process was included in Boardmember packets that provided more details about the update and opportunities for providing comment.

Ms. Earl also announced that the Capital Committee and Operations and Administration Committee began reviewing their portions of the 2014 Budget earlier this month. Because of a very full agenda at the October Capital Committee meeting, the committee did not have time for much discussion. Next month, the committee will have more time to raise issues, ask questions and have a discussion.

Chair McCarthy asked that a half-day workshop be scheduled for fall 2014 to provide more time for review of the proposed budget.

Ms. Earl also noted that in March the Board approved a contract with Wabtec Corporation to design and install a positive train control system on Sounder vehicles and the Tacoma to Lakewood rail segment that we own. Wabtec notified Sound Transit recently that they would like to assign the contract to Xorail. Xorail is owned by Wabtec and Wabtec will guarantee the work. Wabtec feels that assigning the contract will expedite the work and improve communication with Sound Transit.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Excess Property Workshop Follow-up

Chair McCarthy noted that the Board held a workshop on excess property in July in order to reach a common understanding on the current disposition policy and practices and to discuss any potential changes or updates to the policy. At the workshop, the Boardmembers decided to continue discussing the policy at the Board level while working towards an updated policy.

At the workshop, Boardmembers discussed excess property being used for Transit Oriented Development (TOD). The Board adopted an updated TOD policy in December. The excess property policy is connected to the TOD policy, but includes disposition activities that are not related to TOD.

At the workshop there was a lot of agreement on key goals, but there are some outstanding issues. Chair McCarthy asked Sound Transit staff to provide a presentation on areas where there was Board agreement, and areas where additional work needs to be done.

Brooke Belman, DECM Chief of Staff, and Roger Hansen, Director of Real Property, gave the staff presentation. At the workshop, Boardmembers expressed interest in earlier involvement in the disposition process by the Board and local jurisdictions, earlier identification of intended uses for excess property earlier in the project development process, staff being proactive in working with the Board, community and local jurisdictions, returning as much revenue to the system as possible to facilitate future system expansion, and discussing how to address non-transit public benefits resulting from disposition of surplus real property.

The outstanding issues include determining the impact of the policy on agency TOD projects, determining how and when Sound Transit should partner with local jurisdictions and private developers, and identifying policy improvements and any current policy restrictions that interfere with Board goals for surplus property.

Next steps include working to codify policy language and address the outstanding issues. A draft policy will be presented to the Board and brought to stakeholders.

Boardmembers responded that the presentation accurately captures Boardmember direction and asked that the policy development continue to move forward.

Update on the Long-Range Plan and Scoping Process

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director PEPD, Karen Waterman, Planning and Development Manager, and David Beal, Planning and Development Director provided information on schedule and process to update the long-range plan (LRP) and environmental documentation.

The LRP is the Board-adopted vision for what a regional High-Capacity Transit (HCT) system is, and how it should serve the region in the long term. It is financially unconstrained, and provides the source material for developing the next set of capital investments to expand the existing system. Updating this plan is the Board's first decision point next year.

In summer 2013, Sound Transit began HCT corridor studies in preparation for updating the LRP. In fall 2013, Sound Transit began working with the public and jurisdictions to update the Long-Range Plan and complete a Supplemental EIS (SEIS). This work will continue through winter 2014. In 2015 to 2016, staff would develop a System Plan ballot measure for consideration by voters in November 2016 or thereafter as directed by the Sound Transit Board.

From October 25, 2013 through November 25, 2013 Sound Transit will be seeking input on alternatives and the scope of analysis for updating the existing LRP as well as goals and objectives. There will be six public scoping meetings as well as a scoping meeting for other public agencies and jurisdictions. The results of the public scoping process are scheduled to be reported to the Board in December. The Board will then review and provide input on the alternatives to be studied in the SEIS.

Chair McCarthy asked that the Executive Committee concentrate on reviewing the long-range plan since it is a policy document of the Board.

East Link Project Update

Ron Lewis, Executive Project Director East Link, provided an update on the East Link project. He presented the project financial snapshot, schedule overview, key final design activities, outreach, construction management, and issues and challenges.

The project is currently funded through the final design phase, and all the final design contracts have been awarded. There are two civil final design contracts, one final design contract for systems design, and one track bridge final design contract. Right-of-way activities are underway for the project and one construction contract has been advertised. One final design contract has completed 60% design, the other contracts are scheduled to complete 60% design by the end of the year. Once the 60% design is completed and value engineering and constructability reviews are completed the project can be baselined. Project baselining is scheduled for 2014. Progress has been made to retrofit the ventilation systems for the tunnels on I-90.

A two minute video of the track bridge testing was shown. The track bridge concept will be used to cross the I-90 bridge as part of the East Link project. The testing is taking place in Pueblo, Colorado. Another round of community outreach began in September and will continue through the first quarter of 2014.

Mr. Lewis reviewed the construction management approach for East Link. There will be four construction management contracts; one for civil construction in Bellevue, one for the design-build contract for the Overlake Village and Overlake Transit Center area, one for the I-90 corridor, and one for systems construction. These construction management contracts will correspond with future construction packages. Issues and challenges for the project were reviewed including maintaining design progress, addressing issues raised by the independent review team, working with the newly formed Bellevue Citizens Advisory Committee, competitiveness in the construction market, and maintaining affordability.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Jean Amick
Paul W. Locke

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the August 22, 2013 Board Meeting

Minutes of the September 19, 2013 Lynnwood Link Workshop

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

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

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

Voucher Certification for September 15, 2013 through September 30, 2013

Motion No. M2013-71: Authorizing the chief executive officer to enter into an agreement with the King County Radio Communications Services Board to establish Sound Transit as a user of the Regional 800 MHz trunked radio system.

Motion No. M2013-89: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Huitt-Zollars to provide additional design services for Phase 3 work for the South 200th Link Extension in the amount of \$2,078,127, with a 10% contingency of \$207,813, totaling \$2,285,940, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,972,928.

Motion No. M2013-91: Authorizing the chief executive officer to add contract contingency for the contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., to provide final design services for the International District Station to South Bellevue segment of the East Link Extension in the amount of \$ 1,700,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$30,340,879.

Motion No. M2013-92: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$7,430,850 in construction funding for the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Item not referred by Committee

Resolution No. R2013-25: Authorizing the chief executive officer to make declarations of official intent on behalf of Sound Transit, and (2) superseding Resolution No. R2010-18.

Tracy Butler, Treasurer, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-25 be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:52 p.m., Chair McCarthy announced that the Board would convene an executive session for 25 minutes to discuss potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. The executive session is authorized by RCW 42.30.110 subsection (1)(iii).

Chair McCarthy reconvened the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2013
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on January 23, 2014, KWF