

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes

May 22, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Vice Chair Roberts, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(A) *Dow Constantine, King County Executive*

Vice Chairs

(A) *Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor*

(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

Boardmembers

(P) *Claudia Balducci, City of Bellevue Mayor*

(P) *Fred Butler, City of Issaquah Mayor*

(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*

(P) *Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive*

(P) *Joe McDermott, King County Council Vice Chair*

(P) *Ed Murray, City of Seattle Mayor*

(P) *Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember*

(A) *Mike O'Brien, Seattle Councilmember*

(A) *Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair*

(P) *Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember*

(A) *Peter von Reichbauer, King County*

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Public Hearing on Disposal of Surplus Real Property

A public hearing on disposal of surplus real property to a public agency was held prior to the Board meeting.

The purpose of the hearing was to advise the public of Sound Transit's intent to sell approximately 56,802 square feet of vacant surplus land to the City of Tacoma.

Boardmember Request to Participate via Teleconference

Boardmember McCarthy asked to participate in the meeting by telephone. 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 Earling, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by majority vote that Boardmember McCarthy be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chair Constantine asked Mike Harbour, Deputy CEO to give the CEO Report in Joni Earl's absence.

Long-Range Plan Supplemental Draft EIS

Mr. Harbour announced that the long-range plan supplemental draft environmental impact statement would be released for public review and comment in mid-June, prior to the date of the June Board meeting. Staff plans to give a full presentation at the June Board meeting.

1st Quarter 2014 System Performance and Ridership Report

Total ridership continues to grow without any changes in service levels. On February 5, 2014, all-time ridership records were exceeded due to the Seahawks Super Bowl victory parade.

ST Express boardings increased 6% over 1st quarter 2013 with 4.1 million boardings. All the major corridors experienced growth and busses are more crowded as a result.

Sounder boardings for the 1st quarter were up 7% from 2013 1st quarter. There were more event trains compared to the 1st quarter 2013 that helped offset the loss of ridership on the north line due to service disruptions by landslides.

Ridership on Tacoma Link continued to decline slightly most likely due to the relocation of a major downtown Tacoma employer to Federal Way during 2013.

Central Link boardings increased 15% compared to the 1st quarter 2013. The average number of weekday boardings was just under 30,300 boardings. Both peak and off-peak ridership experienced healthy growth.

ST Express achieved the performance targets. Sounder missed the target for percentage of scheduled trips and on-time performance. Ninety-one trips were canceled due to mudslides, the second most difficult rainy season in its history. In addition, on-time performance was impacted by construction at the new Sounder station in Tukwila. Central Link achieved all targets except cost per boarding.

Sound Transit Security Program

The Federal Transportation Security Administration selected Sound Transit as one of six rail and mass transit agencies in the nation to receive a "gold standard" for its security program. This recognition is a great honor.

Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations, explained that Sound Transit's Public Safety program is comprised of the security program and the law enforcement program. Sound Transit was awarded a gold level award from the Transportation Security Administration for the effectiveness of the program and quickly meeting the standards and regulations. She introduced Robert McGuire, TSA Regional Security Inspector.

Mr. McGuire recognized two inspectors who were in the audience, Inspector Clark and Inspector Cooper who worked with Sound Transit to conduct the assessment that resulted in the gold standard award. He read a letter on behalf of Transportation Security Administrator John Pistole. In his letter, Administrator Pistole congratulated Sound Transit for achieving a strong security program. Seventeen categories were assessed and the agency attained high scores in all of them. As such, the Transportation Security Administration considers the high caliber of performance as deserving special recognition.

Mr. McGuire presented the award to Ken Cummins, Sound Transit Chief Security Officer, and Rob Mendel, Sound Transit Chief of Police.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

East Link Project Update

Ron Lewis, Executive Project Director for East Link, provided an update on the East Link project.

The lifetime budget approved by the Board is \$798 million. Three final-design contracts have been awarded: two for civil construction; one on the I-90 corridor from Seattle to south Bellevue; the second from south Bellevue to the Overlake Transit Center.

Sound Transit has authorized and executed one systems final design contract for the entire East Link project. There is a separate final-design contract for a track-bridge prototype. Sound Transit has been working with WSDOT to complete the HOV lanes on the outer roadway on the I-90 Bridge, which will allow construction to begin on the center roadway.

The project's Independent Review Team identified 23 issues to address during final design; tunnel ventilation/power sharing, stray current mitigation, and the track attachment testing program. Sound Transit has resolved 11 of the issues, and many are close to resolution.

Sound Transit is looking for opportunities to integrate bus and rail services when East Link begins revenue service and to maximize operation efficiencies and is working with King County Metro to assess bus/rail interface. Public outreach will begin summer 2014 in communities in the corridor.

Sound Transit has been working with Redmond staff and the City Council on a master development plan, which will provide context for permitting the project within the City of Redmond. The Redmond Council is scheduled to discuss permitting, and there has been a public meeting on the master plan development. Sound Transit submitted two permit applications to the City of Bellevue, one for the Bel-Red corridor, and one for shoreline-related permits.

Approximately 270 participants attended public meetings in the last quarter. The agency held more than 24 stakeholder briefings on the advancement of design.

Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facilities Update

Mike Williams, Deputy Executive Director, PEPD, provided an update on the Link Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF).

Sound Transit published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on May 9, 2014. The 45-day comment period will end on June 23, 2014. The OMSF is critical to the expansion of the ST2 system plan as the Link fleet of 62 light rail vehicles will increase to 180 vehicles with East Link, Lynnwood Link, and other extensions.

The Board selected four sites to study in the DEIS, and asked agency staff to work with experts on mitigating impacts, among the teams of experts was Urban Land Institute (ULI). In March 2014, ULI toured the sites, conducted stakeholder interviews, considered data provided by the Cities of Bellevue and Lynnwood, and Sound Transit. There are public hearings planned for June 3, 2014 in Lynnwood and June 5, 2014 in Bellevue. ULI will present its analysis of each potential site to the Board in June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

David Schroedel
Will Knedlik

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the April 24, 2014 Board Meeting

Voucher Certification for April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014

Motion No. M2014-32: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole-source contract with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway for railroad required flagging and inspection services on existing and future Sounder projects consistent with the Board-adopted project budgets

Motion No. M2014-33: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a purchase and sale agreement with the City of Tacoma to replace the purchase and sale agreement authorized under Motion No. M2013-76 to reflect the transfer of six remnant parcels instead of four remnant parcels to the City of Tacoma

Resolution No. R2014-08: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, 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 the East Link Extension

Motion No. M2014-34: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the existing task order agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for final design services for the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations, Stage 3 Project in the amount of \$2,085,000, plus a Sound Transit-

controlled contingency in the amount of \$550,000, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$20,675,000

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items referred by the Capital Committee

Resolution No. R2014-07: (1) Amending the Adopted 2014 Lifetime Budget for the Sounder Yard Expansion project from \$835,000 to \$5,422,000 for costs related to creating program requirements, updating plans and reports for design-build procurement, and for construction management services; and (2) amending the Adopted 2014 Annual Budget from \$0 to \$1,695,000.

Resolution No. R2014-07 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Moss.

Vice Chair Roberts indicated that budget actions require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board and called for a roll call vote.

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Claudia Balducci	John Marchione	Ed Murray
Fred Butler	Pat McCarthy	Larry Phillips
Dave Earling	Joe McDermott	Paul Roberts
Dave Enslow	Mary Moss	Dave Upthegrove
John Lovick		

It was carried by the unanimous vote of 13 Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2014-07 be approved.

Resolution No. R2014-09: (1) Adopting the I-90 Two Way Transit and HOV Stage 3 Baseline schedule and budget by a) establishing the Baseline Cost estimate at \$225,648,485, and b) amending the project lifetime budget from \$64,221,888 to \$225,648,485, and c) amending the adopted 2014 Annual Budget for the project from \$9,210,000 to \$63,397,065, and d) amending the Regional Express Bus Program Reserve project lifetime budget from \$27,125,899 to \$0; and (2) approving Gates 5 and 6 adopting May 31, 2017 as the project completion milestone.

Resolution No. R2014-09 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Moss.

Vice Chair Roberts indicated that this action also requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board and called for a roll call vote.

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Claudia Balducci	John Marchione	Ed Murray
Fred Butler	Pat McCarthy	Larry Phillips
Dave Earling	Joe McDermott	Paul Roberts
Dave Enslow	Mary Moss	Dave Upthegrove
John Lovick		

It was carried by the unanimous vote of 13 Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2014-09 be approved.

Resolution No. R2014-10: (1) Amending the Initial Segment of the light rail system Lifetime Budget from \$2,090,518,000 to \$2,091,768,000, and (2) amending the Initial Segment of the light rail system Adopted 2014 Annual budget from \$287,384 to \$1,537,384.

Resolution No. R2014-10 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Moss.

Vice Chair Roberts indicated that this action also requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board and called for a roll call vote.

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Claudia Balducci	John Marchione	Ed Murray
Fred Butler	Pat McCarthy	Larry Phillips
Dave Earling	Joe McDermott	Paul Roberts
Dave Enslow	Mary Moss	Dave Upthegrove
John Lovick		

It was carried by the unanimous vote of 13 Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2014-10 be approved.

Motion No. M2014-35: Authorizing amendment to the Master Implementation Agreement with University of Washington to establish new vibration and magnetic field level thresholds that Sound Transit will meet during operation of light rail transit under University property, confirming the University's approval of the University Link and Northgate Link Extensions final design, mitigation plan, and monitoring plan, and including compensation to the University of Washington in the amount of \$43,300,000 to relocate or otherwise mitigate anticipated impacts to sensitive research labs and activities.

Motion No. M2014-35 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Balducci.

Vice Chair Roberts recognized University of Washington staff members in attendance, V'ella Warren and Richard Chapman, and applauded the work of University staff in helping this agreement take shape.

Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director, and Tracy Reed, Rail Activation Manager, presented the staff report.

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-35 be approved as presented.

Items not referred by Committee

Motion No. M2014-36: Amending Resolution No. R2013-24 to provide for Tacoma Link service to continue to operate as fare-free for two years from September 2014 until September 2016 and authorizing an agreement with the City of Tacoma or designee for compensation of the net fare revenue of \$29,000 for each of the two years.

A video was played of Boardmember Strickland discussing this item.

Motion No. M2014-36 was moved by Boardmember Moss and seconded by Boardmember Enslow.

Vice Chair Roberts announced that Tacoma's Local Development Council Board of Directors approved a resolution to compensate Sound Transit \$29,000 per year for two years to keep Tacoma Link fare free for those two years.

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-36 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2014-06: Reauthorizing the investment of Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority funds in the Washington State Local Government Investment Pool maintained by the Office of the Washington State Treasurer

Brian McCartan, Executive Director of Finance and Information Technology, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2014-06 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2014-29: Authorizing CEO to execute a one-year contract with a one-year extension with Hansell Tierney, Inc., to provide quality assurance and testing services for regional data service and web platform development work within the Research and Technology Program for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$553,460

De Meyers, Information Technology Manger, and Michael Berman, Research and Technology Program Supervisor, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Moss, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-29 be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 26, 2014
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on September 25, 2014, MW