

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes
September 25, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chair Dow Constantine, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

Boardmembers

(A) 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

(A) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Council Vice Chair

(A) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(A) Ed Murray, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) 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 Councilmember

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

2013 Sound Transit Fare Report

Mike Harbour, Acting CEO, reviewed the 2013 Fare Report. The report provides detailed breakdowns of fare revenues received in 2013 and projected fare revenues through 2015. Total fare revenues received by Sound Transit in 2013 were \$57 million, including \$32.6 million for ST Express, \$9.5 million for Sounder, and \$14.8 million for Central Link. Mr. Harbour reviewed the farebox recovery rates for ST Express, Sounder, and Link services.

Public Hearings on the Transit Development Plan and possible Fare Changes

Sound Transit will host two public hearings next month. The first hearing is regarding Sound Transit's Transit Development Plan for 2014 through 2019 and the 2013 Annual Report. The hearing will be held on October 2, 2014 in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom. A public hearing will also be held in October regarding proposed fare changes to institute a low-income adult fare that would align with King County Metro's program to ensure consistent fares for low-income riders. A public comment period is underway for this topic and will continue through October 23, 2014.

South 200th Link Extension Update

Sound Transit hosted a media event on September 24, 2014 for the South 200th Link Extension to commemorate the start of station and garage construction. Boardmember Upthegrove emceed the event and Chair Constantine spoke as well. Many local and regional dignitaries attended to celebrate this important project milestone.

Introduction to the Proposed 2015 Budget

Mr. Harbour provided an introduction and overview of Sound Transit's Proposed 2015 Budget. The proposed budget totals approximately \$1.2 billion, of which approximately \$813 million continues to expand the regional system, approximately \$228 million goes toward operating services for Sound Transit riders, and approximately \$169 million contributes to agency operations and paying for debt service. The Proposed 2015 Budget is approximately eight-percent larger than the 2014 Budget and is within Sound Transit's Financial Plan projections.

The agency's forecasted revenue is approximately \$932 million, mostly from voter-approved sales tax. The difference between approximately \$1.2 billion in projected costs and \$932 million in projected revenue will be paid for by drawing down existing positive cash balances and possibly issuing additional bonds.

He reviewed the timeline and process for the Board to review and adopt the 2015 Budget, and covered Sound Transit's strategic objectives that informed the creation of the proposed budget to guide the agency in meeting its mission and vision. He presented an overview of key capital projects for 2015 and reviewed the staffing plan in the proposed budget, which includes the addition of 27 Full-Time Equivalent staff members to help meet growing agency construction and operations needs.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Transit Integration and Coordination

Chair Constantine provided an introduction to this topic, touching on the need for and benefits of integration and coordination between transit agencies.

Mr. Harbour provided the presentation, and began with an overview of Motion No. M2014-44 that was approved by the Board in June 2014 and directed Sound Transit to engage with transit partners in a regional integration effort. The Board also directed staff to transmit a Transit Integration Report to the Board. The written report was released on September 10, 2014 and was included in Boardmember meeting packets.

Although Sound Transit has successfully worked with regional partners in the past, including King County Metro, Pierce Transit and Snohomish Transit, this new effort builds upon existing partnerships. Factors such as light rail service expansion, financial pressures upon transit agencies from the recent recession, growing transit ridership and regional population growth, make this an opportune time to further integrate with transit partners. The term "efficiency dividend" is used throughout the report and is meant to capture the success of integration efforts in improving service without increasing costs to transit customers.

Mr. Harbour discussed the short-term and long-term opportunities for integration with regional partners, and opportunities to make the customer experience more seamless between agencies. He also discussed plans for next steps, including regular updates to the Board, and an annual Transit Summit and annual release of the Transit Integration Report, both of which will be done in partnership with the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Summary of Comments on the Long-Range Plan Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Geoff Patrick, Media Relations and Public Information Manager, and Karen Waterman, Planning and Development Manager, provided the presentation.

Mr. Patrick explained that the public comment period for the Long-Range Plan Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement took place from mid-June to July 28, 2014. Sound Transit incorporated various outreach methods throughout the Sound Transit District, including hosting public meetings, administering an online survey, mailing postcards and sending emails with information about how to provide input, online and print advertising, and an interagency coordination group involving jurisdictions throughout the region. Overall, the comments received expressed support for continued expansion of mass transit and a desire for more light rail extensions.

Ms. Waterman provided an overview of the results of the online survey by sub-areas, and discussed the public feedback results in relationship to corridors throughout the Sound Transit District. She went over the next steps and timeline for updating the Long-Range Plan. The schedule includes a second Board workshop on October 30, 2014, a completed Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement in November 2014, and possible adoption of an updated Long-Range Plan by the Board in December 2014.

Northgate Link Extension Update

Don Davis, Executive Project Director for North Link, and Ron Endlich, North Link Deputy Project Director, provided the presentation.

Mr. Davis described the alignment of the Northgate Link Extension, project financial information and the project schedule. The project will extend light rail 4.3 miles from the UW Station to the Northgate Station in Seattle, and is scheduled to begin service in 2021. He provided an overview and photos of the work recently taking place at each of the three project station locations and the Maple Leaf Portal.

Mr. Endlich provided information about parking mitigation efforts at the Northgate Station and plans for a parking garage serving the station and replacement parking near the Northgate Mall.

Mr. Davis discussed the top risks facing the Northgate Link Extension project.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Chair Constantine announced that the Board would consider Resolution No. R2014-22 out of order from the agenda because this action requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board. No member of the public signed up to provide comment on this item prior to its consideration by the Board.

Resolution No. R2014-22: Amending the Adopted 2014 Budget for the Overlake Village Bridge Project to (a) increase the Project Lifetime Budget by \$3,288,000 and; (b) increasing the 2014 Annual Budget by \$590,847 for Overlake Village improvements being funded by an agreement with the City of Redmond.

Resolution No. R2014-22 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Vice Chair Strickland.

Boardmember Butler, as Chair of the Capital Committee, provided a summary of this item.

Chair Constantine called for a roll call vote.

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Fred Butler	Pat McCarthy	Paul Roberts
Dave Earling	Joe McDermott	Marilyn Strickland
Dave Enslow	Mike O'Brien	Dave Upthegrove
John Lovick	Larry Phillips	Dow Constantine

It was carried by the unanimous vote of 12 Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2014-22 be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Alex Zimmerman, Stand-UP America

CONSENT AGENDA

Voucher Certification for August 2014
May 22, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution No. R2014-23: Authorizes the chief executive officer to acquire or lease certain real property interests including acquisition by condemnation, and to reimburse eligible relocation and re-establishment expenses incurred by affected owners and tenants as necessary for the East Link Extension

Resolution No. R2014-24: Authorizes the chief executive officer to acquire or lease certain real property interests, including acquisition by condemnation, and to reimburse eligible relocation and reestablishment expenses incurred by affected owners and tenants as necessary for the Sounder Yard Expansion Project

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

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED

Motion No. M2014-66: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a three-year labor agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 46 covering Senior Facilities Specialists and Facilities Specialists in the Operations Department.

It was moved by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-66 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2014-67: (1) Authorizing travel and approving payment of expenses for Boardmember Paul Roberts to attend the 2014 Regional Leadership Conference in Cle Elum, Washington from October 15, through October 17, 2014; and (2) ratifying travel and payment of expenses for Boardmember Paul Roberts to attend Rail~Volution from September 21, through September 24, 2014 in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.

Vice Chair Roberts discussed the Rail~Volution event that he attended in September and its relationship to Sound Transit and regional transit.

It was moved by Boardmember McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-67 be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2014
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.


Paul Roberts
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on October 23, 2014, JAT

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