

SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

December 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.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

(A) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Mayor

(P) John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive

(A) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Ed Murray, Seattle Mayor

(P) Amy Scarton, WSDOT Program Executive

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

Board Coordinator Katie Flores announced that a quorum of the committee was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

None.

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

None.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Constantine invited Ms. Amy Walen to provide comments on the Long-Range Plan. Ms. Walen spoke in support of Amendments M7 and M27 to the Long-Range Plan that were offered by Claudia Balducci. The amendments clarify that future Sound Transit service should serve the Totem Lake Urban Center instead of general North Kirkland. Ms. Walen also noted the City of Kirkland's concerns with heavy rail through the City of Kirkland, and its support for light rail, Bus Rapid Transit and street car service.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action

Minutes of the November 6, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

It was moved by Vice Chair Strickland, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of the November 6, 2014 Executive Committee be approved as presented.

Minutes of the June 5, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of the June 5, 2014 Executive Committee be approved as presented.

Chair Constantine reported that the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for updating the Plan was released November 26, 2014, which satisfies one of the statutory requirements that must be completed before the Board considers a system plan. Today's presentation will review potential amendments to the 2005 Long-Range Plan. Action will not be taken today on the amendments, but the review will advance the Board discussion and inform potential action at the Board meeting in two weeks.

Karen Kitsis, Planning and Development Manager provided a summary of the map and text amendments. A copy of the revised Chair's markup to the Long-Range Plan and a copy of map and text amendments were included in Committee member's packets.

Ms. Kitsis reviewed the proposed amendments by mode; there were eight amendments proposed that would add light rail to the Long-Range Plan, including an option to extend from Ballard to Shoreline Community College, a corridor to West Seattle, extension of the light rail spine to North Everett and to the Tacoma Mall, extension of service to Paine Field, light rail from the University of Washington to Sand Point, Kirkland and Redmond, from downtown Tacoma to Tacoma Community College and from Issaquah to Issaquah Highlands. Boardmember Phillips asked to withdraw amendment number one (light rail service from Downtown Seattle to Magnolia/Ballard to Shoreline Community College) from further consideration.

Five proposed amendments would add high capacity transit of any mode operated by Sound Transit in five potential new corridors: Downtown Seattle along Madison Street, from SR 522 to SR 520 via Totem Lake Urban Center & South Kirkland Park-and-Ride, from Puyallup/Sumner to Orting, from Downtown Tacoma to Parkland, and from Downtown Seattle to Edmonds via Ballard and Shoreline Community College. There is one proposed bus rapid transit (BRT) amendment, in Puyallup along Meridian Avenue, one Regional Express/BRT amendment, from Issaquah Highlands to Overlake via Sammamish, Redmond, and one Regional Express amendment from Woodinville to Bellevue. Boardmember Roberts proposed a ranking system that ranked completion of the spine as the highest priority, followed by service that would provide significant congestion relief or have high ridership where Sound Transit is the logical service provider, additional corridors that should also be considered, and services that are needed but could be provided by other providers.

Potential text amendments could change language in the chair's markup to clarify terminology or update information, or reflect new direction or policy. Twenty-one text amendments have been submitted to date. Amendments that do not reflect new direction or policy could be considered as a group at the Board meeting on December 18, 2014. Boardmembers provided some additional information on text amendments they are proposing.

Next steps include final consideration of the system planning contract and potential adoption of the Long-Range Plan and amendments at the December 18, 2014 Board meeting. The Capital Committee will also consider a task order with WSDOT for the Expert Review Panel that will review the System Planning process.

Chair Constantine asked for the Committee to consider forwarding Resolution No. R2014-31 to the full Board.

Resolution No. R2014-31: Update the agency's Regional Transit Long-Range Plan to guide the long-term development of the regional high-capacity transportation system.

It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Lovick, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2014-31 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2015
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on May 7, 2015, KWF