

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes

February 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:39 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

(A) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

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

(P) Mike O'Brien, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Amy Scarton, WSDOT Assistant Secretary of
Community and Economic Development

(A) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(A) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

(P) Peter von Reichbauer, King County
Councilmember

Ms. Katie Flores, Acting Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Boardmembers' Requests to Participate via Teleconference

Boardmembers John Lovick and Marilyn 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 McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Mary Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that Boardmembers Lovick and Strickland be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Constantine noted that the Tukwila Sounder Station is now fully renovated and in use. The well attended celebration was held after an 18-month renovation which included the addition of parking, permanent platforms and shelters, a pedestrian plaza with public art along with bicycle lockers and a bike cage. The work also includes a new access road to Strander Boulevard/Southwest 27th Street in Renton.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mike Harbour, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, delivered the report.

Legislative Update

Sound Transit expects the Senate to hold a floor vote on the State transportation package on Friday. The revenue portion of the Senate package includes \$11.2 billion in new revenue authority for Sound Transit from a mix of sales and use, MVET and property taxes. The Board is seeking \$15 billion to ensure capacity to meet public demand. House Leaders have been sending a clear public message that a transportation package will not happen quickly due to other revenue priorities. Sound Transit's HB 1180 is currently in the

House Finance Committee where it has been determined to be "Necessary to Implement the Budget" and is therefore exempt from cutoffs. As the session continues, Boardmembers will be notified if additional testimony is needed.

Fourth Quarter Service Delivery Report

Total Sound Transit ridership continued to increase during the fourth quarter. Total boardings were up 7% compared to Q4 2013, and 9% for the year. Year-end system total exceeded the 2014 budget and SIP by nearly 1.9 million boardings. Sounder had the highest ridership growth at 15% in Q4 2014 and 12% for the year, with total ridership of almost 3.4 million.

Central Link hit all performance targets for year to date (YTD) 2014. ST Express experienced an upswing in preventable accidents in 2014 and fell slightly outside the target range at year end. Sounder fell below the target for the percentage of scheduled trips operated due to mudslides in the first, second, and fourth quarters. Tacoma Link fell short of the ridership performance targets for the quarter and YTD 2014.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

(Additional Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Diversity Oversight Committee Report

Peter Guzman, Diversity Oversight Committee Chair, and Mark Martinez, Diversity Oversight Committee Co-Chair, Leslie Jones, Program Officer delivered the report.

The Diversity Oversight Committee was created from a Board Motion in 2006 as a result of community concern about lack of opportunity for women and minorities in workforce and sub-contracting. The Committee has since developed a strategic plan to address how they will monitor employee opportunities and Sound Transit's enforcement obligations under Titles 6 and 7 non-discrimination laws. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) small business programs now provide opportunities in the areas of sub-contracting, architecture and engineering. An annual goal of 12.4% was defined by the Federal Transit Administration which Sound Transit exceeded in 2014 with 19.2%. Total dollars earned by all businesses was \$864 million. The Small business and DBE portion of that was \$126 million, or 15% of the work.

Sound Transit's Project Labor Agreement establishes conditions and terms of employment on construction projects. The Agreement also secures an adequate and reliable supply of skilled workers and supports apprenticeship programs with a 20% project-wide apprenticeship goal. It requires that 21% of the total hours be worked by people of color and 12% be worked by women. Sound Transit has worked extremely hard to create a culture that uses apprentices to maintain a skilled work force. Sound Transit projects 18.3 million labor hours will be spent over the next 10 years to complete projects. These numbers highlight the importance of using an apprenticeship program to create a skilled labor force.

Sound Transit recently submitted a matching grant proposal to the FTA for a job training grant. Sound Transit and its partners raised \$635K in 10 days. The grant's potential funding is \$1.27 million which will be used for recruiting and training underserved populations on construction jobs. Additional Diversity program highlights include and Architectural and Engineering conference attended by more than 200 small and disadvantaged businesses, Job Order Contracting (JOC) which provides smaller contracting opportunities that favor minority and women-owned businesses, Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Workshops, and Pouring the Path Forward. Pouring the Path Forward provided hands on training for properly pouring concrete. Nine small business contractors received certificates of completion from this training. PCL received the Champion of Inclusion Award for their leadership in the Pouring the Path Forward training.

Boardmember Lovick expressed his appreciation of Sound Transit's welcoming culture. He commented that the agency's willingness to use the word diversity and to say it with pride is appreciated.

Boardmember McDermott asked if the goals being set are realistic, particularly in participation by women. Sound Transit responded that the goals are aspirational but Sound Transit's current numbers are three times the national average. Ms. Jones attributed the high participation to opportunities provided for females

in construction trades. These numbers could be further improved by funding more pre-apprenticeship training programs. Along those lines, Sound Transit uses its Rapid Funding Program to put aside \$.05 for pre-apprenticeship grant opportunities for every hour worked by a construction worker.

Boardmember Roberts asked for clarification on whether each project has its own goal. Leslie Jones responded that the total work hour and apprenticeship goals apply to the overall goal for all projects that have a Project Labor Agreement. Goal percentages are lower on tunneling projects due to the complexity of the work. Mr. Jones added that the City of Seattle and the Port of Seattle did an analysis of the workforce and determined that there would be a future shortage of skilled labor. Sound Transit is working to make sure there are enough apprentices in the pipelines to ensure that the needed labor force is available.

Northgate Link Extension Update

Don Davis, Executive Project Director North Link, and Ron Endlich, North Link Deputy Project Director delivered the report.

The Northgate Link expansion is a 4.3 mile expansion from the University of Washington to the Northgate area. The system has 2 underground stations and a transition to an aerial structure for the last mile before finally terminating at the Northgate Station. The system is scheduled to open for revenue service in 2021. By 2030, the system will generate over 60 thousand weekday boardings. The project was baselined in June of 2012. Thus far, 36% of the total budget has been committed. Final design began in October 2010, and will be completed next year. The demolition and utility relocation construction contracts have been completed. Tunneling and station excavation began in September of 2013. Construction is scheduled to complete in January of 2021. Don Davis provided additional detail about each contracts related to this project along with specifics about each portion of this system. Mr. Davis reported that Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) #1, named Brenda, has mined over 7,500 feet to date and is less than two blocks away from breaking through at the Roosevelt Station. No serious issues were encountered. TBM #2, named Pamela, made some progress in December but has only mined 1,600 feet, just 20% of its first reach. Pamela is currently two weeks behind schedule. After review by the construction management team, there is a concern that this will result in a 2-3 month slip in the schedule. Sound Transit is not forecasting a negative impact to the overall schedule and is employing mitigation strategies to improve the schedule. Mr. Davis provided an overview of recent activities and project status at the University District Station and the Roosevelt Station.

Ron Endlich provided an update on some of the property acquisition work being done for the Northgate area. During the height of construction, over 700 of the Northgate Mall's parking stalls will be impacted. Sound Transit has been working with the owners of the mall since 2013 to coordinate construction efforts and minimize impacts to mall operations. Sound Transit has moved forward with a single acquisition process for some parcels that will allow Sound Transit to access to the mall property to proceed with design and construction work. Other tenant relocations are expected to complete in September.

Mr. Endlich provided further detail on the Roosevelt construction site. With the arrival of the tunnel boring machines at the Roosevelt Station, the contractor has implemented nighttime construction activities. At least two years of nighttime construction are needed. Sound Transit is looking for further ways to mitigate noise impacts including new products such as noise reducing curtains and use of portable air conditioners so residents would not need to open windows. Testing has been done with both of these products. Tests show that noise curtains are very effective and reduce noise by 10 decibels, equating to almost a 50% reduction in noise. Based on these results, Sound Transit has offered these noise curtains to 65 Dwell condominium owners and Roosevelt apartment residents that have units facing the construction site. Don Davis completed the report by presenting potential risks and mitigation strategies.

Boardmember Butler asked for additional information about issues with TBM Pamela and how closely this situation is being monitored. Mr. Davis clarified that a standby TBM machine is scheduled to be available in June. The decision to mobilize the backup machine, or continue using Pamela to construct the tunnel will be made at that time.

ST3 System Planning Schedule Overview

David Beal, Planning and Development Director and Karen Kitsis, Planning and Development Manager delivered the report.

David Beal provided a brief update on the process of developing the new system plan to meet the Board's target to adopt a new system plan in June 2016. Core priorities will be used to develop the conceptual system expansion scenarios to be evaluated over the next month or two. He noted that completing the link light rail spine is now listed as priority number one. The priorities are also being applied as Sound Transit develops measures to determine how the various system scenarios could perform against the core priorities. The developed conceptual system scenarios will be presented to the Board in the March meeting.

Karen Kitsis reviewed the schedule of upcoming reports to the Board which will include an April discussion of evaluation measures at a system wide level. Results of those evaluations will be presented in May. Factors regarding land use and socio-economic items and how they can be looked at within system plan development will be presented in June. In July, Sound Transit will be requesting feedback on the draft priority list from the Board, stakeholders, and jurisdictional staff. At this time, Sound Transit will begin a robust customer outreach program. Going into September and October, Sound Transit will be working towards a more constrained list based on evaluation measures to develop a draft system plan. The first meeting of the Interagency Coordination Group met for the first time on February 25, 2015. The group will continue to meet every two months throughout the calendar year and participate in discussions about system plan development. Boardmembers expressed appreciation for the collaborative partner work that the group is doing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Voucher Certification for January 2015

Minutes of the November 20, 2014 Board Meeting

Motion No. M2015-15: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Green Rubino Inc. to provide advertising and media buying services in the amount of \$6,000,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$7,656,000.

Motion No. M2015-19: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Johansen Excavating, Inc. to provide construction services for Station Area Roadways and Surface Parking work within the South 200th Link Extension in the amount of \$8,426,400, with a 10% contingency of \$842,640, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,269,040.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Chair Constantine noted that the Board would consider Motion No. M2015-16 on green paper as the final item on the agenda.

Substitute Motion No. M2015-16: A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority delegating to the Operations Committee the authority to approve contracts to license, install, operate and maintain a cellular host network in all current and future light-rail tunnels and underground stations, and to approve agreements with King County to install, operate and maintain the network in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel.

Brian McCartan, Executive Director of Finance and IT, Jason Weiss, Chief Information Officer, and Eric Beckman, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Construction Services delivered the report.

Sound Transit has been working for the last couple of years to install wireless cellular service to provide seamless cell coverage to riders. Mobilitie Investments III, LLC was selected as the winning bidder of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The Operations Committee considered the Mobilitie Investments III, LLC contract and recommended it for Board approval at today's meeting. However, subsequent to the Operations and Administration Committee Action, it was discovered that there were some additional internal costs for both Sound Transit and King County to inspect and verify that the installation of this new equipment in the existing tunnels.

As a result of these additional costs, today's action would delay contract approval and delegate final authority to the Operations and Administration Committee, once staff has thoroughly addressed and quantified the additional costs. Delegating this final action would expedite the needed approvals in order to begin the installation before University Link begins operating test runs in the existing tunnels.

Boardmember Roberts noted that a detailed discussion would take place at the March 5, 2015 Operations and Administration committee if this action is approved by the Board.

It was moved by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Substitute Motion No M2015-16 on green paper be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2015
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

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

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



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Acting Board Administrator

APPROVED on March 26, 2015, LM