

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

August 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Committee Chair Fred Butler, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Mayor

Vice Chair

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Mayor

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(A) John Marchione, Redmond Mayor

(A) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Mike O'Brien, Seattle Councilmember

(A) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Ridership

Chair Butler announced that June was the highest ridership month in Sound Transit's history. There were three million boardings on the combined bus and trains. Through June, boardings increased nearly seven percent compared to the same period a year ago.

ACTING CEO REPORT

None

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

There are no reports to the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Baker, Kenmore Mayor

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action

Minutes of the July 9, 2015, Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Committee Vice Chair McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that the July 9, 2015, Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2015-74: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with EnviroIssues for public involvement consultant services supporting the Sound Transit 3 ballot measure in the amount of \$560,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,360,000.

Geoff Patrick, Media Relations and Public Information Manager, provided the staff report. EnviroIssues has solicited, recorded, and tracked public input for Sound Transit. To date, there have been two major rounds of public involvement for the long-range plan and one for Sound Transit 3 (ST3). The approach has been to focus heavily online and through social media. During the summer outreach, Sound Transit received 25,000 online survey responses and 5,000 written responses.

Mr. Patrick advised that the requested amendment to the contract will allow staff to continue with the high level of effort going forward to the November 2016 ST3 ballot measure.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Committee Vice Chair McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2015-74 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2015-75: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Washington State Department of Transportation Cost Reimbursement Agreement for final design for the platform extension for the Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal Project in the amount of \$1,119,033, with a 10% contingency of \$111,903 totaling \$1,230,936, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$2,613,919.

Mark Johnson, Project Director, provided the staff report. The action would amend the cost reimbursement agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for design services and construction inspection services provided by the City of Tacoma for that portion of the Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal project that will be built using federal funds administered by the Federal Railroad Administration. The platform extension is part of WSDOT's Point Defiance Bypass project. Work under the agreement will be performed under a separate contract with David Evans and Associates who is the designer for the Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal project.

Mr. Johnson noted that the staff report included an inaccurate number for the estimated amount being reimbursed by WSDOT; Chair Butler asked that the amount be corrected to read \$1,230,936 throughout Motion No. M2015-75, and the related action, Motion No. M2015-76.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2015-75 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2015-76: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with David Evans and Associates to provide additional final design services for the Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal Project in the amount of \$919,033, with a 10% contingency of \$91,903, totaling \$1,010,936, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$13,142,732.

Mark Johnson, Project Director, provided the staff report. Mr. Johnson stated that this contract amendment was being presented in relationship to the previous Motion No. M2015-75, to provide final design services for the Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal Project. Funding for the additional design work will be reimbursed through the cost reimbursement agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). Sound Transit will be reimbursed by WSDOT for all allowable costs related to the final design of the platform extension based on actual expenditures.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2015-76 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2015-18: Authorizes the chief executive officer to acquire certain real property interests, including acquisition by condemnation to the extent authorized by law, and to reimburse eligible relocation and reestablishment expenses incurred by affected owners and tenants as necessary for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Kevin Workman, Director of Real Property, provided the staff report. Mr. Workman stated that the action would authorize the acquisition of property currently owned by the Edmonds School District, which is needed for the Lynnwood Link Extension project. The property will be used for construction staging and has been identified as a potential location for a future station. The school district has been in negotiations with a developer to buy the property. Sound Transit would like to move forward to buy the property before it sells to a third party and additional costs are incurred. A letter was sent to the school district on August 11, 2015, with notice of today's meeting and legal notices of the proposed Board action will be published in local newspapers on August 14, 2015.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. M2015-18 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2015-78: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to provide construction services for the Point Defiance Bypass project in the amount of \$53,800,000, with a 15% contingency of \$8,070,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$61,870,000.

Eric Beckman, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Construction Services, and Mark Johnson, Project Director, provided the staff report. The Point Defiance Bypass project will construct track and signal work between Lakewood and Nisqually on the rail corridor owned by Sound Transit. The project is fully funded and will be reimbursed by the Washington State Department of Transportation Rail Office through the Federal Railroad Administration High-Speed Rail Grant. Sound Transit issued an Invitation for Bid and Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a price nearly \$20 million below the engineer's estimate. There is an active protest on the project that is expected to be resolved prior to final action at the August 27, 2015, Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Upthegrove, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2015-78 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation contingent on the resolution of the protest.

Motion No. M2015-79: Authorizes the chief executive officer to increase the contract contingency with Turner Construction Company for the construction of the Capitol Hill Station, within the University Link Extension, in the amount of \$1,500,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$116,592,790.

Joe Gildner, Executive Project Director, provided the staff report. Mr. Gildner reported the contingency request would cover unforeseen issues related to a number of changes that have developed within the construction of the University Link Extension and the restoration of the Capitol Hill site and the Pine Street area. The unanticipated items include code interpretation for some fire/life elements, removal of the demising wall resulted in additional impacts, differing site developments, and utility impacts.

It was moved by Boardmember Upthegrove, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2015-79 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2015
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.


Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on September 10, 2015, JE

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