

SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

August 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m. by Chair Constantine, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Marilyn Strickland, 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

(A) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Boardmember Request to Participate via Teleconference

Boardmember 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 Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Butler and carried by unanimous vote that Boardmember Strickland be allowed to participate in the Executive Meeting by teleconference.

Chair Constantine provided an update on CEO search activities. The next CEO Search Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19 when the consultants will fully brief the Committee. The consultants received a large number of applications and have reached out to all Boardmembers to inquire about additional candidates and have begun conversations with key stakeholders in the Puget Sound Region.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Harbour reported on the American Public Transportation Association Sustainability Conference where Sound Transit's Sustainability Program received the "platinum" level Sustainability Commitment award. The award recognizes transportation industry for work in preserving the environment, reducing waste, and helping to bolster economic vitality in regions they serve. Sound Transit is the second transit agency in the Country to receive this level of recognition.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

ST3 Public Outreach Feedback

Sound Transit completed extensive public outreach on a group of more than fifty projects included on the Draft Priority Project List "DPPL" which could eventually be included in a ST3 System Plan. Public response to Sound Transit's invitation to participate was positive and energetic. Staff will report on work completed over the past month to categorize transit projects and service suggestions received through the public and jurisdictional outreach. At the July Board meeting, Chair Constantine asked staff to group comments and input into two categories: projects that should move forward for more study and projects that should not move forward.

David Beal, Director of Planning & Development explained the work staff has done to date.

Mr. Beal first summarized results from the public outreach effort. The majority of the thousands of public comments and letters received from jurisdictions, stakeholders and other public agencies are or can be addressed within the existing DPPL. Sound Transit identified forty-one new and distinct project suggestions. Staff considered the following while reviewing the additional suggestions: consistency with the Board's core priorities, consistency with the Long-Range Plan, prior Board decisions related to the suggestion, qualification as HCT, and whether the project is necessary to support HCT service. Several items that fit within the existing DPPL could easily advance for additional study.

Sound Transit staff is recommending twenty-six of the forty-one projects for advancement. Items recommended by the Board to advance will be taken to a next phase in which staff will develop more detailed cost estimations and operations planning to complete project templates. Those could then be presented for review by the Board. Projects recommended to advance include a number of parking lots or parking garages at a number of HCT stations, a variety of access improvements, and three additional light rail stations from Ballard to the Seattle downtown corridor. Also included are a multi-modal bridge connecting Ballard to Downtown, BRT on SR 523 and a variety of expanded bus connections between east Pierce county stations, light rail shuttles in Everett and Sounder additions. Mr. Beal reviewed also reviewed a list of projects recommended for further study as next logical steps for ST4.

Mr. Beal summarized the fifteen projects not recommended to advance. These projects fall into one of the following categories: not covered by the Long-Range Plan EIS, inconsistent with Board Policy, does not align with previous decisions made by the Board or general ST practices, slight ridership potential compared with investment required, present significant operational challenges, and projects more suitable for delivery by other agencies or jurisdictions.

Chair Constantine noted that ST3 planning will be an aggressive and purposeful in pushing ahead with regional transit expansion but that some things will not be included in this round. Some things may be addressed through partnerships. Chair Constantine suggesting that staff facilitate conversations and bring stakeholders together that have interest in ST projects and making the regional transportation system better.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action

Minutes of the May 7, 2015 Executive Committee meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that minutes of the May 7, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2015-68- Authorizes travel and approving payment of expenses for Boardmember Paul Roberts to attend Rail-Volution in Dallas, Texas from October 25, 2015 through October 28, 2015 on behalf of Sound Transit.

It was moved by Boardmember Lovick, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2015-68 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M215-69: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an incidental use agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for incidental use of the Totem Lake HOV direct access ramp by toll-paying vehicles to access I-405 Express Toll Lanes.

Andrea Tull, Senior Project Manager presented the staff report.

Ms. Tull reported that this action pertains to the HOV direct access ramp built by Sound Transit in the Totem Lake area urban center in Kirkland. The HOV ramp was built and opened in 2007. FTA contributed \$25 million. Sound Transit requested and received approval from the FTA for incidental use of the ramp in May of 2015 with the stipulation that Sound Transit maintain continuing control of the ramp and the primary use be for transit. The funds assisted DOT in the implementation of access to their Express Toll Lanes on 405. The additional access point at NE 6th, where Sound Transit has access to the Bellevue Transit Center, would be used by transit, HOVs and toll paying single occupant vehicles. DOT will use real-time information and dynamic tolling to provide speed and reliability through their monitoring plan. The monitoring plan is included in the agreement.

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2015-69 be forwarded to the Board with a due-pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 3, 2015
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.



Dow Constantine
Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on April 7, 2016, LM