

## SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes

October 27, 2016

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.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) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

#### Boardmembers

(P) Nancy Backus, City of Auburn Mayor

(A) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, City of Issaquah Mayor

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Mayor

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Rob Johnson, Seattle Councilmember

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Council Chair

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(A) Ed Murray, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Amy Scarton, Alternate for WSDOT Secretary

(A) Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Dave Uptegrove, King County Councilmember

(P) Peter von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember

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

### REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Constantine announced that Vice Chair Strickland, Boardmember McDermott, and Boardmember von Reichbauer had asked to participate in the 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 Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Vice Chair Strickland, Boardmember McDermott, and Boardmember von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.**

#### Budget Public Hearing

Chair Constantine advised that prior to the Board meeting, a public hearing was held to receive comments on the Proposed 2017 Budget. The Proposed 2017 Budget will be presented to the Board for consideration at the December Board meeting.

#### Rail~Volution Report

Chair Constantine asked Vice Chair Roberts for a report on Rail~Volution which was held in San Francisco earlier in the month.

Vice Chair Roberts thanked the Sound Transit staff for their support and involvement with Rail~Volution. He stated that it was an honor to represent the Sound Transit Board at the conference. He was the moderator for a presentation on Community Outreach, which was well attended. He mentioned that he spent time looking into systems which are a little older and inquiring about the maintenance for those systems. Among the information he received at the conference, two items in particular stood out. (1) Maintenance and the state of good repair and system integration are essential, not only for the system itself, but also in maintaining the value of the investments that come with the system. Reliability and livability go hand-in-hand and transit-

oriented development (TOD) investments will not work without a reliable system. Certainty and predictability need to be Sound Transit's brand. This Board has made this a high priority, but you can see the importance of this as you see systems that may be challenged at this point. (2) TOD is a local process. There is not a one-size fits all. Each project has its own unique characteristics dealing with finance, partnerships, and development issues that work with that community.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### Expert Review Panel Letter

Mr. Rogoff stated that Sound Transit received the final ST3 Expert Review Panel (ERP) letter, which signals the completion of the technical work required for ST3. The ERP held five meetings and worked with staff for 18 months. The panel concluded that "Sound Transit has included in the ST3 plan all the elements required by state law for a high-capacity system plan. The elements include the level and type of transportation services, route alignment and station locations, performance characteristics, and social, economic, and environmental impacts."

The Panel hired its own consultant to provide an additional check on Sound Transit cost estimates. The consultant found that the methodologies used to develop ST3 capital and operations and maintenance costs are sound and consistent with industry best practices. The letter stated, "Sound Transit has met the requirement to define the roles of local, regional, and state agencies at this stage of planning."

### 2016 Transit Integration Report

Last week the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) published the 2016 Transit Integration Report. All local transit agencies were involved in the report, as well as PSRC, Seattle Department of Transportation, WSDOT, Pierce County Ferry System, and Washington State Ferries.

The report discusses the on-going work and coordination between transit agencies, ferries, and WSDOT in the region. WSDOT will use the report to satisfy their annual requirement to report on regional transit integration to both the House and Senate Transportation Committees.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alex Tsimerman, Stand Up America  
I.J. Eustaquio  
Paul W. Locke  
Will Knedlik

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### Lynnwood Link Extension

Rod Kempkes, Executive Project Director, provided an update on the Lynnwood Link Extension project. The project is 8.5 miles from Northgate to Lynnwood with approximately half of the track at-grade and half elevated. There are four stations along the alignment: two in Shoreline, one in Mountlake Terrace, and one in Lynnwood. Parking will be added at three of the stations: 500-stall garages at each of the Shoreline stations and a 1,500-stall garage at the Lynnwood station. The estimated project cost is \$2.2 billion including vehicles and the project share of the Operations and Maintenance Facility: East.

The Lynnwood Link Extension project is six-months into Final Design. Procurements are completed for design consultants, construction management, and GC/CM contractors; procurement remains to be completed for Systems GC/CM and Systems construction management. The project is expected to reach 60 percent design in early 2017. In third quarter 2017, the project will be baselined and staff will submit the FFGA (full funding grant agreement) application to the Federal Transit Administration.

In November 2016 there will be three open houses held in Lynnwood, Shoreline, and Mountlake Terrace to offer an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on station designs, station names, public art, and other station-related projects.

The Board approved 40 property acquisitions in November 2015. To date, six properties have been closed on, four relocations have been completed, and appraisals and offers are nearly completed for the balance of the properties.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the September 22, 2016, Board Meeting.

Voucher Certification for September 2016.

Motion No. M2016-100: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Shimmick/Parsons JV to construct the South Bellevue contract E320 within the East Link Extension in the amount of \$321,098,000, with a 12% contingency of \$38,532,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$359,630,000.

Motion No. M2016-106: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with Seattle City Light for relocation of its Transmission Line Utilities from City of Seattle right-of-way to WSDOT right-of-way as part of the Northgate Link Extension.

Resolution No. R2016-24: Authorizing 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.

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

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Chair Constantine noted that the last item on the agenda is a motion directing Sound Transit staff to develop recommendations to honor the late Senator Scott White by considering his name in the station naming process for the Northgate Link Extension stations.

Chair Constantine asked Boardmembers for their concurrence to consider a substitute Motion No. M2016-107 to honor both Senator White and former CEO Joni Earl. Boardmembers have been considering ways to honor former Sound Transit CEO Joni Earl, and because these are closely related considerations, he felt it was important to include both of these naming opportunities considered at the same time.

Substitute Motion No. M2016-107: Establishing a process to consider inclusion of the name Scott White in the naming convention associated with the U District or Roosevelt stations, and directing staff to return in six months with recommendations for Board consideration.

Ron Endlich, North Link Deputy Project Director, stated that the action would establish a process for considering the use of Scott White's name in the naming convention associated with the University District and Roosevelt stations. Based on the substitute motion, Joni Earl's name would also be considered in the naming convention associated with an appropriate station or facility.

Scott White was a Washington State Senator who represented the 46th Legislative District. Senator White was a strong supporter of transportation in the Central Puget Sound areas as well as an advocate for Sound Transit. Legislation he sponsored and supported has been important to achieving Sound Transit's mission. The motion responds to a provision from revenue authority legislation passed by the State, which requires Sound Transit to undertake a process to consider use of his name as part of the naming convention at either of these two stations. Staff will identify naming opportunities consistent with the Board's adopted facility naming policy and will work with stakeholders as appropriate to develop options for Board consideration. Results will be presented to the Board no later than April 27, 2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Johnson, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Substitute Motion No. M2016-107 be approved as presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 29, 2016  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

  
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Paul Roberts  
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on November 29, 2016 JE