

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

November 10, 2016

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) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

Boardmembers

(P) Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor

(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) Rob Johnson, Seattle Councilmember

(P) John Marchione, Redmond Mayor

(P) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

Jane Emerson, Board Coordinator, announced that there was a quorum of the committee present at the roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Butler advised that the committee will be operating from a revised agenda. Motion No. M2016-12 was removed from the agenda and Motion No. M2016-116 related to the Redmond Link Extension project was added to the agenda as item 7.F.

Chair Butler then congratulated Pat McCarthy on her election as the Washington State Auditor.

CEO REPORT

Update on Election Results

Peter Rogoff, Chief Executive Officer, announced that there would be a press conference at 4 p.m. to mark the passage of Sound Transit 3 by the voters. He also thanked the Board on behalf of the Sound Transit staff for their leadership in the creation and passage of the package.

Open Houses for the Lynnwood Link Station Designs

Sound Transit will host three public meetings next week to present the latest designs for three of the Lynnwood Link light rail extension stations. The open houses will offer an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on station designs, station names, public art, and other station-related projects.

The open houses will be held at the Lynnwood Convention Center on November 15, Shoreline City Hall on the 16, and at the Nile Shrine Country Club in Mountlake Terrace on the 17. Each open house will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. and will focus on the station design in that area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman, Stand Up America
Paul W. Locke

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Federal Way Link Extension: Final Environmental Impact Statement Publication

Cathal Ridge, Light Rail Development Manager, provided the staff report. The Federal Way Link Extension Project is broken down into phases, including an environmental impact review period, right-of-way acquisition, procurement, design, and construction. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been completed and will be published next week on November 18, 2016. The public comment period on the document will last until December 19, 2016. Construction is projected to begin in 2019 and operations are expected to begin to the Federal Way Transit Center in 2024.

Last year the Board identified a preferred alignment for the project construction. This alignment includes stations in the Kent/Des Moines area, at the 272nd Star Lake Park-and-Ride and in the vicinity of the Federal Way Transit Center. It was a directive of the Board last year to optimize the location of the stations for potential Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and Sound Transit has been engaging in extensive stakeholder workshops throughout the design phase.

The station concept for the Kent/Des Moines station locates the station on the east side of Highway 99, with a strong pedestrian connection to Highline College through a new street being created called 236th. The location is optimized to allow for future TOD near the station on the land that will be surplus after construction. In the 272nd station area the focus is on access, so the concept has optimized bus to rail transfers and bike and pedestrian access for the station. The concept for the Federal Way Transit Center area station has been optimized to allow easy transfer from the station to the Federal Way Transit Center and again to allow for TOD once the construction has been finished.

The Final EIS includes two new alternatives: a new alternative for development at the 272nd area station and a new alternative for the 317th location. Both of these new alternatives are elevated structures and are alternatives to the previously planned trench alignment. Term sheets are being developed with the cities that will be involved with construction of the projects.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action

Minutes of the October 13, 2016, Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Johnson, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that the October 13, 2016, Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion M2016-113: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Permit and Project Review Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$1,361,929, with a 10% contingency of \$136,193, for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$1,498,122.

Michelle Ginder, Light Rail Development Manager, and Rod Kempkes, Executive Project Director for the Lynnwood Light Rail Project, provided the staff report. This agreement includes project review and permitting work for the City of Lynnwood Light Rail Project. The project includes an elevated Light Rail station, parking garage, and about one mile of elevated guideway within the City of Lynnwood. Under this agreement, the City of Lynnwood will provide ongoing staff and consultant resources for design review throughout the design phase. The agreement also covers city staff time associated with development and issuance of city land-use permits and development agreements. Both of these agreements help Sound Transit avoid potential delays in the design review phase. Construction permits are not included in this agreement and will be provided under a potential future agreement.

It was moved by Boardmember Enslow, seconded Boardmember Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-113 be approved as presented.

(Boardmember Claudia Balducci arrived at this time.)

Motion No. M2016-114: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a three-year contract with twelve one-year options to extend with Acoustics Strategies, Inc. (dba ATS Consulting) to provide a Track Condition and Wayside Noise Diagnostic System and Database for the Noise and Vibration Program in the amount of \$709,000.

Moises Gutierrez, Deputy Executive Director, Design and Engineering, and Shankar Rajaram, Senior Noise and Vibration Engineer, provided the staff report. This contract covers the procurement of a noise diagnostic system with a custom database, which will help to guide Sound Transit's noise management program. The included \$709,000 covers three years of the project, which is divided into two phases. Phase one will build the diagnostic system and database and will take approximately six months. Phase two will continue for two and a half years and will involve data collection, management, and processing. After the three years, there will be an option to renew the data collection and management annually for twelve years.

It was moved by Boardmember Johnson, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-114 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2016-115: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Hoffman Construction Company to construct the Roosevelt Station Finishes within the Northgate Link Extension in the amount of \$152,291,184 with a 5% contingency of \$7,614,559 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$159,905,743.

Don Davis, Executive Project Director, provided the staff report. Tunneling for the Northgate Link Extension was completed on September 1, 2016. The first station contract for the project was awarded September 2, 2016. This action is for the Roosevelt Station. The contractor in consideration is Hoffman Construction Company, the duration of the project is approximately four and a half years, and the amount is approximately \$152 million and requests a 5 percent contingency. The Roosevelt station is an underground station between NE 65th and NE 67th streets, on 12th Avenue NE. This contract includes completion of the station's concrete structures, the two entrances, and emergency systems. The contract is about \$30 million dollars over the projected budget for this project phase and the deficit will be accounted for by underruns in other areas of the project.

In August, Hoffman Construction Company solicited bids for 18 subcontracts. The bids came in over budget with several of the subcontracts not receiving any bids. The competitive bid atmosphere, additions to the scope and materials, and increases in equipment pricing because of special needs

led to the higher contract amount. There are two subcontracts remaining to be procured on this contract and they will be awarded within the next year.

Boardmember Johnson asked about the potential for dual construction of nearby Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) while the station construction is underway. Mr. Davis replied that Hoffman Construction Company has been made aware of the desire for dual development and has worked in the neighborhood in the past.

Chair Butler asked about the original engineer's estimate, and how it compares to the final price to be paid for this work. Don Davis replied that the engineer's estimate was based on 90% design, and was \$50 million under the final quoted price. Davis also noted that the sub-contractor bids increased the budget deficit in large part due to escalator and elevator work, which is in incredibly high demand in the Seattle region right now with a rapidly increasing price point. Sound Transit will use information and pricing from this project to adjust the budgets for future stations.

It was moved by Boardmember Johnson, seconded by Boardmember Marchione and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-115 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2016-116: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Parametrix, Inc. to provide professional services for preliminary engineering and environmental review for the Downtown Redmond Link Extension Project in the amount of \$13,287,633, with a 10% contingency of \$1,328,763, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$14,616,396.

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director Planning Environmental and Planning Development, Paul Cornish, Light Rail Development Manager, and Leonard McGhee, Project Manager, provided the staff report.

The project is a 3.7-mile light rail extension, from the terminus of the East Link project to Downtown Redmond, at Redmond Town Center. Due to work that has occurred in the area since the approved EIS, the project staff will be refining the alignment. The City of Redmond is also in the middle of a transit integration plan, which is giving project staff a head start in the planning and design. The bid for this contract was in April of 2016, and Parametrix was found to be the most qualified. They also exceeded both their small business goals and their disadvantages enterprise business goal.

Boardmember Johnson asked which phase gate this project is in, and which gate this funding will cover the project through. Leonard McGhee replied that this funding will complete the remainder of phase 3, and will cover the project into 2018. Boardmember Marchione commented that the City of Redmond is strongly supportive of this project, and that the cooperation between the city and Sound Transit will be helpful in meeting the 2024 revenue service deadline.

It was moved by Boardmember Marchione seconded by Boardmember Balducci and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. M2016-116 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2016-117: Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contract contingency with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. to provide design/build project management services for the South 200th Link Extension in the amount of \$500,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$16,599,915.

Joe Gildner, Executive Project Director, provided the staff report. Gildner explained that this contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff has been ongoing since 2012. The action will provide additional contingency to complete technical and administrative support work that is necessary to complete

and closeout construction contracts for South 200th Link Extension. Remaining work is expected to be complete by the first quarter of 2017.

Chair Butler asked if anything was missed in the initial planning that could be done differently for future projects. Gildner replied that this contract was the first design build contract and that many lessons were learned throughout the permitting process that will assist in future work. Boardmember Johnson commented that although the contingency increase is needed, the overall project budget is several million dollars under budget.

It was moved by Boardmember Johnson seconded by Boardmember Marchione and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. M2016-117 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2016-26: (1) Authorizing the Puyallup Station Access Improvement project to advance through Gate 4 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process and (2) establishing a total authorized project allocation to date of \$11,009,000 and establishing a fiscal year 2016 Annual Budget of \$1,898,100.

Ken Lee, Senior Project Manager, provided the staff report. The Puyallup Station Access Improvement project includes a five level parking garage, pedestrian bridge, and ADA and bike accessibility improvements. The action seeks authorization to advance through Gate 4 and increases the budget for agency administration, final design, third party, vehicles, and right-of-way. The largest line item in the budget is for right-of-way, due to construction easements and permitting for the pedestrian bridge.

Boardmember Johnson asked why there has been such a large increase in administrative costs. Don Billen, Director of Capital Project Development, responded that because this action is a phase gate action taking the project from Preliminary Engineering to Final Design, the increase in budget will provide for administrative costs during the Final Design phase.

Boardmember McCarthy asked if there is a better way for staff reports to show the full budget allocated to a project and how the process is moving along. Boardmember McCarthy also commented that local elected officials in Puyallup are looking forward to finding ways to move the project forward efficiently and quickly. CEO Peter Rogoff commented that it is his goal to bring a new budget glossary to the Board in December to help with transparency and clarity when moving projects through the phase gate process. Boardmember McCarthy commented that the Sounder South Sound service is appreciated by the local community and she is looking forward to the station improvements.

It was moved by Boardmember Backus seconded by Boardmember McCarthy and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2016-26 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2016-27: 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.

Kevin Workman, Director of Real Property, provided the staff report. Mr. Workman explained that the properties being acquired are in the vicinity of the 145th street station. The owners have been notified via certified mail, and notices of the acquisition will be put out in the Seattle Times and the Everett Herald.

Boardmember Johnson asked how many of these properties are residential properties owned by the resident. Workman replied that the properties are residential, but he is unsure how many are occupied by the owner and how many are occupied by leasing tenants.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling seconded by Boardmember Backus and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2016-27 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 8, 2016
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on December 8, 2016, JE