

SOUND TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
June 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Paul Roberts, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Vice Chair

(P) John Marchione, Redmond Mayor

Boardmembers

(A) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Kent Keel, University Place Mayor Pro Tem

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Council
Member

Councilmember

Paige Armstrong, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the committee was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

None.

CEO REPORT

Peter Rogoff, CEO, provided the report.

Mercer Island Agreement

A tentative agreement has been made between Sound Transit and the City of Mercer Island and Mr. Rogoff reviewed the agreement objectives. The proposed agreement will be brought to the June 22, 2017 Board meeting for consideration by the Board.

Upcoming Lease Actions

Mr. Rogoff announced that at the June 2017 meeting of the full Board several lease actions will be brought for action without being forwarded by the Operations committee. These types of actions would normally be discussed by the Operations and Administration committee prior to action by the full Board, however, these particular lease agreements are still in negotiations and have a tight timeline for turn-around. The leases being considered are office space in the 705 Union Station Building on the 4th, 5th, and 6th floors, which will provide office space for co-locating project teams, as part of the System Expansion Implementation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Kunzler

Paul W. Locke

Marguerite Richard

BUSINESS ITEMS

Committee Chair Paul Roberts announced that business items would be completed before the reports to the committee for consideration of maintaining a quorum.

Items for Committee Final Action

Motion No. M2017-78: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a three-year contract with two one-year options with Setracon, Inc. to provide threat and vulnerability assessment services in the amount of \$352,800, with a 10% contingency of \$35,280, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$388,080.

Branden Porter, Facilities Security Program Manager, and Ken Cummings, Director of Public Safety, provided the staff report. Mr. Porter explained that this contract authorization will cover threat and vulnerability assessment services, and will supplement existing staff work in this area. This contract will be a part of the Sound Transit System Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan, in compliance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requirements.

The scope includes collection and analysis of local crime data for the jurisdiction that Sound Transit serves, and is performed in consideration of local threat intelligence agencies as well. This work assists in allocating resources to specific facilities and creating the operational security plan. Setracon, Inc., was selected from a field of eleven responses to a Request for Proposals (RFP), and was found to be the best value for the agency.

It was moved by Boardmember Moss, seconded by Boardmember Keel, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-78 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2017-79: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a three-year contract with two one-year options with Parsons Brinckerhoff to provide on-call security certification services for capital projects as part of the Security Certification Program in the amount of \$484,531 with a 10% contingency of \$48,453 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$532,984.

Branden Porter, Facilities Security Program Manager, and Ken Cummings, Director of Public Safety, provided the staff report. The requested action would ensure that Sound Transit's capital projects comply with security certification requirements. The contractor would identify threats and security vulnerabilities during the design phase of capital projects so they can be brought to the lowest practical level before construction. The contractor will provide a list of security risks which will then be mitigated or listed as acceptable risks before design finalization. Parsons Brinckerhoff was selected as the best value contractor from a list of six responses to the issued RFP.

It was moved by Boardmember Keel, seconded by Vice Chair Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-79 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2017-80: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with CDW Government LLC to provide technology software, hardware, peripherals, and related maintenance services in the amount of \$664,022, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,414,022.

Jason Weiss, Chief Information Officer, provided the staff report. The requested action extends a piggyback contract from a state issued contract that allows the agency to save money on technology software, hardware, peripherals, and related maintenance services.

It was moved by Boardmember Keel, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-80 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2017-66: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a two-year federalized blanket contract with Right! Systems, Inc. to purchase CISCO network equipment, software, and related hardware for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,303,000.

Jason Weiss, Chief Information Officer, provided the staff report. This proposed contract is a piggyback contract on a King County contract with Right! Systems, Inc.

It was moved by Board Vice Chair Marchione, seconded by Boardmember Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-66 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2017-81: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Bearing Distributors Inc. to provide light rail vehicle bearings for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$225,999.

George McGinn, Link Maintenance Manager, and Paul Denison, Director of Light Rail Operations, provided the staff report. The contract seeking approval would provide new bearings for all light rail vehicles in the Sound Transit fleet. The cars in service have been in service since 2007 and is due for mid-life center truck axle overhaul. The replacement of bearings is projected to take approximately two years to complete on the current fleet of 62 light rail vehicles.

Board member Keel asked if the cost difference between the proposals was based on a different level of quality for the bearings. Mr. McGinn replied that the bearings are the same quality level and the lower than expected cost came from competition in the market.

It was moved by Boardmember Moss, seconded by Vice Chair Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-81 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2017-82: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Long Painting Company to provide painting services for Kent Station and Garage Stair Towers in the amount of \$205,318, with a 10% contingency of \$20,532, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$225,850, contingent upon resolution of any protest received.

Bruce Polnicky, Director of Facilities and Asset Control, and Mike Rayburn, Director of Project Facilities, provided the staff report. The requested action would authorize the repainting of the Kent Station and Garage Stair Towers, as well as spot repair painting in other areas of the facility. The facility has not been re-painted since opening. The contractor selected was chosen as the best value from a selection of three responsive bidders.

It was moved by Boardmember Moss, seconded by Boardmember Keel, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-82 be approved as presented.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Ridership and Operations Report

Mike Perry, Deputy Executive Director of Transportation and Maintenance, provided the report. Sound Transit ridership increased by 107,000, or 2.9 percent, compared to April 2016. System-wide average weekday boardings increased by 7.8 percent during the month. April 2017 had one less weekday than the prior year.

ST Express ridership decreased by 61,000, or 3.9 percent, while average weekday boardings remained consistent with the prior year. Ridership on routes operating through the I-90 and SR-520 corridors experienced the most growth compared to the same period last year. One less weekday this April compared to last year contributed to the decrease in ridership on ST Express.

Sounder ridership decreased by 10,000, or 2.9 percent, compared to April 2016, but average weekday boardings on Sounder were up 4.3 percent compared to same period last year. The increase in average weekday ridership is partially attributed to the mid-day trains added in September 2016. The mid-morning train is averaging 120 boardings while the mid-afternoon train is averaging over 375 boardings.

Tacoma Link ridership increased by 2,000, or 1.9 percent, during the month. Similarly, average weekday boardings were up 4.2 percent, while average Saturday and average Sunday ridership was up 11.9 percent and 8.6 percent, respectively. Link ridership increased by 176,000, or 10.5 percent, and average weekday boardings were up 17.3 percent compared to the same period last year. This is the first complete month we are able to compare year-over-year growth since the University Link extension opening on March 19, 2016. The continued increase in monthly ridership and average weekday boardings is due to the opening of both University and Angle Lake Link extensions in 2016.

Landslide Mitigation Update

Martin Young, Director of Sounder Operations, provided the staff report. In 2013, after one of the worst seasons for landslide occurrences on record, WSDOT spearheaded the Landslide Mitigation Work Group, in coordination with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), Amtrak, Sound Transit, and other state and local agencies.

The Landslide Mitigation Group Developed an action plan strategy with several milestones, most of which have been completed. Projects included installing catchment walls, a slope stabilization project, and an upslope drainage project. The projects were completed by BNSF, and were funded by a Federal Grant of 16.1 million dollars that was passed through WSDOT. The sites are now maintained by BNSF. There have been no blocking slides in the locations where improvements have been made. Most of the blocking slides that still occur are in the unimproved areas close to Seattle or Everett.

The Landslide Mitigation Work Group continues to be convened by WSDOT, who have allocated 33 million dollars in grant funding for slide prevention and repair projects in the Cascades corridor through 2030. This corridor extends from the Columbia River to the Canadian Border. Several additional mitigation projects are currently in planning through collaboration between WSDOT, the City of Mukilteo, and BNSF Railway. Public information meetings are being held to help educate property owners about landslide risk and how to minimize the risk related to their properties.

Committee Chair Paul Roberts commented that this data shows a change in the stability of the previously problematic areas, and asked if this information could be provided to other public officials throughout the jurisdictions that are most affected by the service interruptions to the Sounder North Line. Mr. Rogoff replied that a regional briefing could be scheduled to make sure the information is available to anyone who might be interested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 6, 2017
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



Paul Roberts
Operations and Administration Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Katie Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on July 6, 2017 PIA.