



SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

July 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 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

(A) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember

Board Members

(P) Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) Rob Johnson, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Kent Keel, University Place Mayor Pro Tem

(A) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

Katie Flores, Board Administrator, announced that there was not a quorum of the committee present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Revised Agenda

Committee Chair Butler announced that the agenda had been revised to remove Resolution No. R2017-27.

Board Member Participation via Phone

Board Member Backus has asked to participate via phone. A supermajority positive vote of the Boardmembers in attendance is required. Since there was not a quorum present at this time, Committee Chair Butler stated that the action would be taken later in the meeting.

DEPUTY CEO REPORT

Olympia Update

Mike Harbour, Deputy CEO, reported that on June 30, 2017, Governor Inslee signed a two-year budget into law. Included in the legislation is a version of the "Marketplace Fairness Act," which is an effort to synchronize application of sales taxes between online and retailers. Adding this sector to the tax ledger, the Department of Revenue has estimated that additional revenues will flow to governmental recipients of sales tax. Sound Transit is expected to receive some portion of the increased revenue. There is speculation that there will be litigation to sort through before this change is implemented.

An additional item affecting Sound Transit was a proviso that was included in the Operating Budget bill requiring Sound Transit to immediately renegotiate its agreement for the collection of Sales and Rental Car Taxes with the Department of Revenue, and to set the amount the agency pays the Department for administration of those taxes at one percent of the amount collected. Governor Inslee vetoed this section on the basis that it was inappropriate interference by the Legislature on a contract negotiated between a state agency and local government.

Initiative to the Legislature

Mr. Harbour stated that earlier this week, the agency learned of a new initiative to the Legislature. Initiative 947 would affect Sound Transit's collection of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET). The potential reduction of Sound Move and ST3 MVET taxes are estimated to range from \$6.9 to \$8.1 billion, depending on which taxes are repealed and to what extent. This range does not include taxpayer costs for additional borrowing that could be used to offset the revenue loss. Staff is working to analyze the fiscal impacts and will be providing more information to the Board.

To advance to the legislature, the initiative needs at least 259,622 valid voter signatures. The Legislature could adopt the measure into law and send it on to voters for consideration in November 2018. Any reduction of agency revenues on the scale proposed would require discussions with the Sound Transit Board about how to reprogram funding in the voter-approved capital program.

Train Testing

Mr. Harbour announced that train testing from Tacoma to DuPont would be taking place July 15 and 16, 2017. The testing is part of the Point Defiance Bypass project that is nearing completion. Residents living along the train tracks should be prepared for testing of the tracks and signals that will involve trains traveling at 50 mph.

The tracks parallel I-5 and will go into full-time use by Amtrak Cascades and Amtrak long-distance trains this fall, including a stop at the new Tacoma station at Freighthouse Square. The bypass is one of 20 passenger rail improvement projects overseen by WSDOT and paid for with nearly \$800 million in federal funds. Once complete, these projects will add two additional daily Amtrak Cascades roundtrips between Seattle and Portland, cut travel time between the cities by 10 minutes, and improve on-time reliability.

(Board Member Moss arrived at this time.)

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE VIA PHONE

Chair Butler noted that a quorum of the Capital Committee was now in attendance and the committee could take action to allow Board Member Backus to participate via phone.

It was moved by Board Member Earling, seconded by Board Member Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Board Member Backus be allowed to participate in the Capital Committee meeting by telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul W. Locke
Alex Tsimerman, Stand Up America
A.J. Honoré

(Board Member Uptegrove arrived at this time.)

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action

Minutes of the May 11, 2017, Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Board Member Moss, seconded by Board Member Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that the May 11, 2017, Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of the June 8, 2017, Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Board Member Johnson, seconded by Board Member Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that the June 8, 2017, Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2017-101: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a lease agreement between DPSB East 26th Street, LLC as landlord and Sound Transit as tenant for a period of 53 months for office space located at 402 East 26th Street, Suite 3A in Tacoma, WA for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$303,884.

Nancy Bennett, Property Management Manager, presented the staff report. Ms. Bennett explained that the first year's rent would be \$4,072 per month. The rent would increase 3 percent annually. The estimated operating expenses are \$1,324 per month, which will be adjusted annually based on the actual operating costs.

It was moved by Board Member Earling, seconded by Board Member Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-101 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2017-87: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with WSP USA, Inc. (formerly Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.), to provide design services during construction for the International District Station to the South Bellevue segment of the East Link Extension in the amount of \$12,000,000, with a 10% contingency of \$1,200,000 totaling \$13,200,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$69,039,782.

Ron Lewis, Executive Project Director – East Link Extension, and Dirk Bakker, Corridor Design Manager, provided background on the 14-mile project. This action would retain the services of the engineer of record to provide support during construction. The design services during construction (DSDC) work is for the International District Station to South Bellevue segment of the East Link Extension. The DSDC work includes contractor submittal review and civil design coordination with the civil contractor/owner directed changes; coordination with third parties/Agencies Having Jurisdiction and Washington State Department of Transportation; support for safety certification; and startup activities.

Chair Butler asked if staff is comfortable with this requested dollar amount given the complexity of the scope of work. Mr. Lewis replied that this amount should be adequate; however, the residual budget in the line item will remain should unforeseen requirements arise. Unlike previous phases of work, this body of work depends on the number of questions that come up from the contractor and what is encountered in the field.

It was moved by Board Member Moss, seconded by Board Member Johnson, and carried by majority vote that Motion No. M2017-87 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2017-24: (1) Amending the Adopted 2017 Budget to establish the Othello Traction Power Substation Parking Lot project by establishing the baseline budget and 2017 Annual Budget by increasing the project allocation by \$182,362 from \$196,627 to \$378,989, and (2) authorizing the project to pass through Phase Gates 1 through 6 within the agency's Phase Gate Process.

David Huffaker, Deputy Executive Director, Operations and Support Services, and Paul Denison, Director, Light Rail Operations, presented the staff report. With the completion of the Mercy Housing Northwest project, the area around the Othello Traction Power Substation (TPSS) and the adjacent instrument house is no longer easily accessible by the Sound Transit maintenance crews.

This project will construct a parking lot on the north side of the Othello TPSS for maintenance and line trucks to give workers access to the site. Previously, the workers were able to access the site through the alley behind the TPSS. The alley is now a primary access/egress right-of-way for the Mercy Housing Northwest development.

Sound Transit owns the vacant lot between the TPSS and the housing development where this project would be located.

It was moved by Board Member Johnson, seconded by Board Member Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2017-24 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2017-25: Amending the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit project by (a) increasing the adopted 2017 Annual Budget from \$650,000 to \$45,650,000 and (b) increasing the authorized project allocation to date in the amount of \$45,000,000 for a total project allocation to date of \$45,650,000.

Paul Cornish, BRT Project Director, presented the staff report. The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is a voter-approved project in the agency capital plan. The project provides for the establishment of a BRT system from the Lynnwood Transit Center to the Burien Transit Center.

This action will amend the adopted budget to provide funds to acquire two properties for the BRT program. One property is a potential location for a transit center and park-and-ride in Renton; the second property is a potential location for a bus operation and maintenance facility in the Canyon Park area of Bothell. Project development will begin in early 2018 to identify the project to be built for the Board's consideration. Both properties were the representative sites during the development of the BRT projects in the ST3 plan. The two properties are currently for sale and are being actively marketed.

Sound Transit would like to buy the properties to keep them as options when the project goes through the environmental process. The budget amendment is needed to fund the property acquisitions.

Board Member Upthegrove spoke to the importance of this action. ST3 provides different levels of access to different parts of the county. The City of Renton sits in a location that cannot be served by light rail or commuter rail. BRT and the transit center in this area will provide an important part of the city's vision.

It was moved by Board Member Upthegrove, seconded by Board Member Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2017-25 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2017-26: Authorizes the chief executive officer to acquire certain real property interests, contingent on receipt of any necessary federal approvals, 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 potential transit center and park-and-ride and operations and maintenance facility sites for the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Kevin Workman, Director of Real Property, stated that the action would authorize early acquisition of property rights for the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Project. Sound Transit staff has been in contact with the owners and they are aware of this action. Certified letters were sent to the owners on July 11, 2017, notifying them of the upcoming proposed final action by the Board. Legal notices of this proposed Board action will be published in the Renton Reporter newspaper and Seattle Times on July 14, and 21, 2017.

The committee asked staff if there had been any feedback from the notified property owners. Mr. Workman advised that to date the feedback to date has been positive.

It was moved by Board Member Upthegrove, seconded by Board Member Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2017-26 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2017-102: Adopts the permanent station names for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Rod Kempkes, Executive Project Director – Lynnwood Link Extension, and Fred Wilhelm, Senior Project Manager, presented the staff report. This action adopts the permanent names for the four stations included as part of the Lynnwood Link Extension. The proposed permanent station names are Shoreline South/145th, Shoreline North/185th, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood City Center.

The proposed station names meet the naming criteria established by the Board. The naming policy calls for the Board to adopt permanent facility names when the project is baselined. This action is being requested prior to baselining since the project has reached 60 percent design, the public process has been concluded, and the project is ready to incorporate the station names into the design documentation.

Board Member Johnson asked whether there might be confusion with the Shoreline station names being similar. Mr. Wilhelm explained that the leadership at the City of Shoreline requested the name “Shoreline” be included in both the station names. To differentiate between the stations, the street locations were added to the names.

Board Member Johnson mentioned that members of the public are sometimes confused by the two existing stations that use the word ‘University’ and suggested that the Capital Committee look closer at the names of those stations in light of the upcoming “U District Station” that is part of the Northgate Link Extension.

It was moved by Board Member Johnson, seconded by Board Member Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-102 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 10, 2017
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

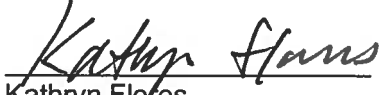
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on August 10, 2017, JE