

## SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

### Summary Minutes

August 10, 2017

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 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) 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

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

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

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Committee Chair Butler announced that the agenda was revised to remove Motion No. M2017-106.

##### Board Member Participation via Phone

Chair Butler stated that Board Member Backus has 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 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.**

#### DEPUTY CEO REPORT

##### Service Issues

Peter Rogoff, CEO, reported that on August 8, 2017, Link light rail experienced a six-hour loss of power to the southern portion of the light rail system. This outage required the use of a bus bridge between Othello and Angle Lake stations. Service resumed at approximately 4:30 p.m. after staff completed work to allow use of the Tukwila substation as a tie switch rather than as a power source, enabling power to be fed from other substations.

Staff will continue to diagnose the specific cause of a major electrical substation failure at Tukwila International Boulevard Station. Diagnostic challenges are compounded by the fact that the Tukwila failure caused major damage to the breaker and control system, destroying wiring and all equipment with memory that might have provided information about the events leading up to the failure. Mr. Rogoff will keep the Board updated on efforts to diagnose and address these challenges.

Board Member Johnson asked how the recent outage might inform the need for redundant systems as light rail is expanded. Mr. Rogoff responded that the current operating posture uses Tukwila as a tie switch, which is an exhibit of redundancy. Early on, the Board decided to reduce the cost by having fewer substations, and as a result, Link light rail runs on a different voltage than most light rail systems. The system provides the opportunity to push power further into the system to continue to move vehicles from farther away. As Sound Transit continues to build out light rail, redundancy will be built into all of the systems.

#### Potential Teamsters Strike

Mr. Rogoff provided an update on the Teamsters threatened strike at several local concrete companies' plants. Those companies include Cal Portland, Salmon Bay, Stoneway, and Cadman and provide concrete to many Sound Transit projects.

At this point, negotiations among the parties are continuing and the Union has elected to continue making concrete deliveries while these negotiations are taking place. The members have missed only two days of work and were voting on proposed contracts on both those days; consequently, their actions cannot be considered a "work stoppage" or a "strike" as those terms are used in Sound Transit's Project Labor Agreement. Impacts to projects have been nominal. Sound Transit personnel will continue to monitor the situation and prepare to mitigate impacts in the event a strike occurs.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul W. Locke

#### REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

None

#### BUSINESS ITEMS

##### Items for Committee Final Action

##### Minutes of the July 13, 2017, Capital Committee Meeting

**It was moved by Board Member Moss, seconded by Board Member Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that the July 13, 2017, Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2017-107: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute (1) a City Services Agreement with the City of Kent for expedited design, design review, permitting and construction services for the Federal Way Link Extension and (2) Task Order 1, for the design-build Request for Proposal preparation phase, in the amount of \$288,000, and a 10% contingency of \$28,800, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$316,800.

(Board Member Upthegrove arrived at this time.)

Dan Abernathy, Executive Project Director – Federal Way Link Extension, presented the staff report. This action establishes an overall agreement with the City of Kent for expedited city services for the Federal Way Link Extension through the start of revenue service. In addition to expediting design, design review, and permitting, it establishes Sound Transit's land use permit. The City of Kent has two of the stations within its city limits.

Following the Request for Proposal phase, staff will return to the Board to seek approval of additional task orders related to the design-build procurement, permitting, and construction services to be provided by the City.

Committee Vice Chair Balducci asked if there is money changing hands with the City of Kent. Mr. Abernathy replied that this is for City staff time to help develop their permitting process for the project. The City will submit an invoice describing the scope of work and the hours/dollars they have billed for that time. This phase will cost about \$288,000.

**It was moved by Board Member Upthegrove, seconded by Board Member Keel, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2017-107 be approved as presented.**

#### Items for Recommendation to the Board

Resolution No. R2017-27: 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, stated that the action would authorize acquiring 11 properties needed for the Lynnwood Link Extension. The owners were notified via certified mail on August 8, 2017, and notices of the acquisition will be in the Seattle Times and the Everett Herald on August 11, 2017, and August 18, 2017.

Board Member Keel requested staff to give the Board spot checks on how the negotiations are proceeding toward an agreement with the owners. Mr. Workman stated that a process is being created to inform the Board through a report of any properties that move into the condemnation phase.

**It was moved by Board Member Johnson, seconded by Board Member Keel, and carried by majority vote that Resolution No. R2017-27 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.**

Resolution No. R2017-29: 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 Souder Maintenance Base Project.

Kevin Workman, Director of Real Property, stated that the action would authorize acquiring one property needed for the Souder Maintenance Base project. The owners were notified via certified mail on August 8, 2017, and notices of the acquisition will be in the Tacoma News Tribune on August 11, 2017, and August 18, 2017.

**It was moved by Board Member Moss, seconded by Board Member Keel, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2017-29 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.**

Resolution No. R2017-30: 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 Federal Way Link Extension.

Kevin Workman, Director of Real Property, stated that the action would authorize acquiring 49 properties needed for the Federal Way Link Extension. The owners were notified via certified mail on August 8, 2017, and notices of the acquisition will be in the Seattle Times and the Tacoma News Tribune on August 11, 2017, and August 18, 2017.

It was moved by Board Member Moss, seconded by Board Member Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2017-30 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, September 14, 2017  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

  
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Fred Butler  
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on September 14, 2017, JE