



## Summary Minutes

**Board Meeting**  
**June 27, 2019**

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Chair Somers in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

### Roll call of members

Chair	Vice Chairs
(A) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor	(A) Kent Keel, City of University Place Mayor (A) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Board members	
(A) Nancy Backus, City of Auburn Mayor	(P) Joe McDermott, King County Council Chair
(A) David Baker, City of Kenmore Mayor	(P) Kim Roscoe, City of Fife Mayor
(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember	(P) Patty Rubstello, WSDOT Alternate
(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive	(P) Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
(P) Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive	(P) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember
(P) Jenny Durkan, Seattle Mayor	(P) Peter von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember
(A) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Mayor	(A) Victoria Woodards, City of Tacoma Mayor
(P) Debora Juarez, Seattle Councilmember	

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

### Report of the Chair

#### Electing a Chair Pro Tem

Boardmember Somers stated that the Board Chair and Vice Chairs were not able to attend today's meeting. The Board rules state that in the absence of the chair and vice chairs, a quorum of the Board must select a member to act as Chair Pro Tem. Boardmember Somers stated that Claudia Balducci was willing to serve as Chair Pro Tem, but that she had not yet arrived.

**It was moved by Boardmember Dow Constantine, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that Boardmember Balducci serve as Chair Pro Tem, and Boardmember Somers serve as interim Chair Pro Tem until Boardmember Balducci's arrival at the meeting.**

#### Board members on the phone

Chair Somers stated that Boardmembers Juarez asked to attend the meeting by phone, and he has approved the request. The Board rules allow the meeting chair to approve requests to participate by phone for up to 25 percent of the Board members.

## **CEO Report**

### Light Rail on I-90 Floating Bridge

CEO Peter Rogoff reported that Sound Transit's groundbreaking project to run light rail across the I-90 floating bridge is the subject of an upcoming television documentary called "Impossible Engineering." The one-hour program will air on the Discovery Science channel in early 2020, and on broadcast networks internationally.

### Siemens's LRV delivery

On June 19, 2019 Sound Transit held a joint media event with Siemens to celebrate the delivery of the first of 152 light rail cars being delivered by Siemens. Siemens will be delivering between one and three new cars each month for the next five years as part of a \$642.5 million fleet expansion order. The vehicles will help Sound Transit scale up service to meet the ridership demand between now and 2024.

### External Engagement Events

CEO Rogoff stated that in terms of working with partners, the agency continues to be fully engaged across the region on a wide variety of topics. The Elected Leadership Group for the Tacoma Dome Link Extension met on June 14th to make their recommendations on an end-to-end preferred alternative, as well as other alternatives to study in the environmental impact statement. The ELG considered scoping comments from the public, Tribes, agencies and jurisdictions as well as feedback from the project's Stakeholder Group. At the July System Expansion Committee meeting, the Tacoma Dome Link Extension project team will present the ELG's recommendations. The Board is scheduled to identify a preferred alternative and other alternatives to take into the EIS at the July Board meeting.

Sound Transit also hosted a Developers Forum on the TOD opportunity at the OMF East site in Bellevue, adjacent to the future Spring District/120th Station. This 6.5 acre site has a Master Development Plan that supports a mixed-use development with affordable and market rate housing along with office and retail. This well-attended forum allowed the development community to come together to learn more about the project.

### APTA Conference/ GOLD Award for Security on Commuter and Intercity Rail

Peter stated that he recently returned from the APTA Rail conference held in Toronto, Canada. He served as a panelist at a Movement Matters session along with the heads of TransLink, MetroLink and LA Metro. The focus of the discussion was on how transportation enables city and regional livability and prosperity, how business cases and benefits analysis can support investments in transit, and how a transit-centered approach can enhance city planning. The session was attended by representatives of transit agencies, municipalities and local agencies from the Ontario region.

At the conference, American Public Transportation Association (APTA) announced the winners of the 2019 Rail Safety & Security Excellence Awards. Sound Transit was presented with the GOLD Award for Security on Commuter and Intercity Rail. Adopting the nationally acclaimed Stop the Bleed campaign, Sound Transit has provided its employees and riders with tools to help control blood loss and promoted them through outreach and education. Sound Transit has distributed nearly 300 Stop the Bleed kits throughout its system, including trains and facilities, increasing its preparedness for catastrophic events.

### Pride at Sound Transit

CEO Rogoff thanked Boardmember McDermott for participating in the raising of the pride flag in front of Union Station earlier this month. This year marks two important anniversaries in LGBTQIA+ history: The 50th anniversary of Stonewall and the 45th anniversary of the first gay liberation week here in Seattle, also known as Seattle Pride. The Board was also invited to participate in a number of events being

coordinated by the PRIDE Employee Resource Group which will include a panel of LBBTQIA+ elected and civic leaders. Board members are also invited to walk with Sound Transit in the 45th Annual Pride Parade on June 30, 2019.

### 2018 Sustainability Progress Report

Amy Shatzkin, Deputy Director of Sustainability provided the 2018 Sustainability Progress Report. Sound Transit's annual progress report analyzes the agency's environmental and operational efficiency and reports on sustainability key performance indicators and success stories from across the agency. In response to the Board's desire for more frequent communications, Sustainability staff will also provide a winter report that focuses on progress towards the agency's sustainability plan and related goals and policies.

People, planet and prosperity are overlapping themes that together create the agency's triple bottom line. Sound Transit's efforts to increase transit ridership efficiently is the agency's largest sustainability contribution to Central Puget Sound. Sound Transit was also able to offer transportation services while using fewer resources. Sound Transit provided over 48 million rides in 2018. With few changes to overall service the agency used the same amount of energy as the previous year to carry 3% more riders.

This past year the agency worked with its partners to expended low-income fares. In 2018, the Sound Transit Board adopted simplified fares for ST Express and expanded ORCA LIFT to Snohomish and Pierce counties. Sound Transit staff is working to develop equitably around stations by supporting affordable housing with our Equitable TOD Policy. The office of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Equity and Inclusion launched an Equity steering committee to ensure continuing progress toward an inclusive and equitable agency by setting strategy, providing guidance and ensuring integration of equity principles in throughout Sound Transit.

Sound Transit employs a diverse workforce through capital expansion projects that bring construction employment opportunities to communities across the Puget Sound region. In 2018, the agency's construction projects directly employed nearly 8,000 people working 2.9 million hours earning \$122 million in wages. Sound Transit launched a series of innovative workforce development programs to cultivate skilled construction workers.

As a result of our growing ridership and efficiency, the air quality benefits Sound Transit provides to the region continues to grow annually. For every ton of emissions produced by Sound Transit operations, we avert the emissions of more than 5 times that throughout the region when residents choose transit. This year, the agency displaced more than 375,000 tons of GHG emissions which is 3% more than 2017. Those GHG emissions are equivalent to burning more than 42 million gallons of gasoline, or using electricity to power more than 65,000 homes for a year.

Sound Transit has also worked with the agency's resource conservation manager Jessica Rose to expand the Puget Sound Energy's green direct program to ensure that by 2021, all PSE accounts will run on clean, renewable energy. This alone will reduce our GHG emissions from electricity by 96%. Another initiative to reduce GHG emissions is the agency's NRV Fleet strategy which sets a plan to transition the agency's passenger vehicles for staff to electric technologies.

Sound Transit continues to work with contractors to provide technical support, training and monitoring to help environmental compliance while also delivering environmental mitigation projects. In 2018, the agency maintained a strong compliance record across an increasing portfolio of construction projects.

On the mitigation front, three new mitigation projects were completed for East Link and there are over ten projects in the pipeline to ensure that habitats we have disturbed are restored.

Claudia Balducci arrived at this time and took over chairing the meeting from Boardmember Somers.

## **Public comment**

Alex Tsimerman, Stand Up America

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## **Consent agenda**

Voucher Certification: April 2019

Voucher Certification: May 2019

Motion No. M2019-62: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with King County for the County to pay the cost of the design and construction of two betterments requested by the County to be delivered as part of Downtown Redmond Link Extension, for a total authorized agreement amount of \$7,839,000.

Motion No. M2019-63: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Development Agreement with the City of Redmond for the Downtown Redmond Link Extension for a total authorized agreement amount of \$1,379,675.

Motion No. M2019-65: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Development Agreement with the City of Federal Way for the Federal Way Link Extension.

**It was moved by Boardmember Roscoe, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote that the consent agenda be approved as presented.**

## **Business items**

Motion No. M2019-56: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a second amendment to the lease agreement with SREH 2014 LLC to extend the term for office space on the first, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth floors of 315 5th Avenue South in Seattle, WA, and office space for the Transit Systems GroupTicket Vending Machine support group located at 315 5th Avenue South in Seattle, Wain the same building for an additional period of 45 months expiring on November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$8,647,091 for a new total authorized lease agreement amount not to exceed \$22,315,419.

Boardmember McDermott stated that this action would incorporate all of the leased space at 315 5th Avenue South into one lease for a total of 60,006 rentable square feet of office space. This would also extend the existing lease by a term of 45 months, commencing March 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2023. Boardmember Dammier asked if Sound Transit was looking for lower cost office spaces to drive the administrative expenses down. Peter Rogoff stated that Sound Transit is trying to time the leases to expire at the same time to the extend possible. Sound Transit is also looking into purchasing a space to own or another alternative. Sound Transit will perform a life cycle cost analysis that will look at both alternatives by the time these leases expire.

**It was moved by Boardmember McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Somers, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-56 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2019-57: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute the first amendment to the lease agreement with 705 Union Station LLC to extend the term for an additional one-year period and to add an additional 97,205 square feet of office space located on the seventh, ninth, tenth, and eleventh floors of 705 Union Station in Seattle, WA through November 30, 2027, in the amount of \$24,044,878 for a total authorized lease agreement amount not to exceed \$66,249,313.

Boardmember McDermott stated that this action will authorize an amendment to the existing lease at 705 Union Station for an additional 97,205 square feet of office space and a lease extension for the existing square footage. This amendment will extend the existing lease for the first, fourth, fifth and sixth floors for one additional year, commencing December 1, 2023 and ending November 30, 2024. Sound Transit will be provided substantial tenant improvement allowance. Sound Transit has the option to utilize 50 percent of the tenant improvement allowance as free rent. The lease amendment provides Sound Transit an option to renew for an additional five year term, the option to renew would be a future board action.

**Motion No. M2019-57 was moved by Boardmember McDermott and seconded by Boardmember Somers.**

Boardmember McDermott stated that after the item was considered at committee, a calculation error was found that requires an increase to the total lease agreement amount. Boardmember McDermott offered an amendment to correct the staff report and the motion.

**It was moved by Boardmember McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Somers, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-57 be amended as follows:**

The amount of the lease amendment is increased from \$24,044,878 to \$27,042,020, and the total not to exceed amount for the lease is increased from \$66,249,313 to \$69,246,455. The fiscal information section of the staff report is changed to add "This action does not provide funding for a possible five-year option to extend," remove "which does not include the option to extend for an additional five years," and the budget table is replaced with a corrected table.

**It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-57 be approved as amended.**

**It was moved by Boardmember McDermott, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-57 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2019-58: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with King County to provide Link light rail operations and maintenance services through December 31, 2023, with three additional two-year options to extend, and ratifies extensions to the 2009 revision of the 2003 agreement with King County for Link light rail operations and maintenance services that were signed by the parties.

Boardmember McDermott stated that this action executes an agreement with King County to provide Link light rail operations and maintenance services.

This new agreement has clearer lines of authority, cost containment on overhead, enhanced operating rules, increased partnership communication, performance standards and other language which reflects the lessons learned in a decade of joint rail operations and maintenance. There are a number of key changes which are detailed in the staff report, but include enhanced roles for Sound Transit in employee hiring decisions and performance management, more robust reporting by King County on some metrics, and Sound Transit managing liability claims for the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel following the transfer of ownership.

This action item also includes ratification of the existing Link Light Rail Operations and Maintenance agreement which was signed by both parties in 2003. This item was brought to the Rider Experience and Operations Committee at its meeting on June 6, 2019, and was forwarded to the full Board with a do-pass recommendation.

**It was moved by Boardmember McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Dammeier, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-58 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2019-17: Amending the Adopted 2019 Budget to add \$230,000 to Construction Services, Agency Administration, and the Construction contingency Phases, for the Station Midlife

Refurbishment Program in order to rehabilitate the Tukwila International Boulevard Station bus loop pavement for a 2019 annual project budget of \$1,350,131.

Chair Pro Tem Claudia Balducci stated that a supermajority was necessary to consider Resolution No. R2019-17 and a supermajority was not present at the meeting. She announced that the resolution will be carried over to the next Board of Directors meeting.

Resolution No. R2019-11: Amending Sound Transit's existing legal boundary description to include annexations to the City of Renton and clarifies certain boundary references. Transferring \$204,578 from the Construction phase to the Agency Administration and Construction Services phases of the Adopted 2019 Budget for the Operations and Maintenance Facility Lift project, while maintaining the overall authorized project allocation of \$4,898,160.

Mike Strong, GIS Administrator provided the staff presentation. The 2019 boundary update is small and contains one annexation in Renton, approximately five acres and five residences. There will also be an increase in tax revenue of approximately \$2,000 annually which includes MVET and property tax. The resolution also includes minor clarifications to boundary references in the legal description. These clarifications do not change the RTA boundary but were made at the recommendation of the GIS groups at King County Elections and Assessor. Chair Pro Tem Balducci clarified that this is not an annexation action, but rather an action to recognize that the properties are within Sound Transit's boundary.

**It was moved by Boardmember McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Dammeier, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2019-11 be approved as presented.**

**Reports to the committee** - None.

**Executive session** - None.

### **Other business**

Boardmember Constantine alerted his fellow board members that he will be bringing a measure to the Executive Committee that will improve collaboration with the labor community.

### **Next meeting**

Thursday, July 25, 2019, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Ruth Fisher Boardroom

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

  
John Marchione  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on August 22, 2019, TB.