

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**February 12, 2009**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair Greg Nickels, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) *Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor*

Vice Chairs

(P) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(A) *Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember*

(A) *Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember*

(P) *Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember*

(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President*

(A) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember*

(P) *Dow Constantine, King County Council Vice Chair*

(P) *David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor*

(A) *Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary*

(P) *John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor*

(P) *Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive*

(P) *Julia Patterson, King County Council Chair*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair*

(A) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

(P) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*

(P) *Peter von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember*

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

**Report of the Chair**

Chair Nickels announced that today's meeting would likely be the last for Executive Sims who was recently nominated by President Obama as Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Executive Sims joined the Sound Transit Board in 1997 right after the Sound Move plan was adopted by voters, and when the agency experienced rapid growth. He served as Board Chair from 2002 through 2003. During his time as Board Chair, he supported creation of the Community Development Fund to help affected businesses along the light rail alignment in the Rainier Valley. He also worked on the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Joint Use agreement between Sound Transit and King County. In addition, an agreement was reached to extend light rail to the airport, and ST Express buses began running.

Chair Nickels thanked Executive Sims for his service as Chair of Sound Transit and as a long time member of the Board and presented him with a commemorative plaque.

Executive Sims thanked the Board, Sound Transit staff, and CEO Joni Earl in particular, for all their hard work and service to the public.

Ms. Earl commented that Executive Sims also helped negotiate the agreement between Sound Transit and Burlington Northern Santa Fe for the north Sounder line.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl introduced Ron Tober, Deputy CEO to the Board. She noted that Mr. Tober is starting his second week at Sound Transit.

Ms. Earl also told the Board that the Puget Sound Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America awarded Pacific Rim Resources a Totem Award for Community Relations for a Governmental Entity for

their work on the Central Link Safety Fair. Pacific Rim Resources in turn recognized Sound Transit's and the City's leadership in making that event a success.

She gave a brief update on the economic stimulus package. She noted that agreement between the Senate and House of Representatives is still preliminary. \$8.4 billion has been set aside for public transportation, \$1.5 billion for competitive grants, and \$9.3 billion for rail transportation including intercity rail. \$27.5 billion has been set aside for highway investments. The amount of time allowed for obligating money to a project in order to secure funding is still being debated; the range is between 90 to 120 days. Ms. Earl noted that another list of Sound Transit projects would be sent to the Puget Sound Regional Council.

### **Public Comment**

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Robert Scheuerman

### **Consent Agenda**

Voucher Certification for January 1, 2009 through January 15, 2009  
Minutes of the January 29, 2009 Meeting

**It was moved by Boardmember Burleigh, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the consent agenda be approved as presented.**

### **Action Items**

Item referred by the Executive and Finance Committees

Motion No. M2009-16 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a restated and amended interlocal agreement for the Smart Card project with Community Transit, Everett Transit, Kitsap Transit, King County Metro Transit, Pierce Transit, and Washington State Ferries to update the agreement for the operating phase.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-16 be approved as presented.**

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2009-03 – Correcting the legal description in Resolution No. R2008-02 Exhibit A for the D to M Track and Signal Project and ratifying the actions of the chief executive officer with regard to the amended legal description as of the effective date of Resolution No. R2008-02.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2009-03 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2009-15 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with New Flyer Corporation for the purchase of 13 60-foot New Flyer articulated hybrid buses in the amount of \$11,700,000.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Sims, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-15 be approved as presented.**

### **Executive Session**

None.

**Other Business**

None.

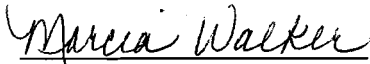
**Next Meeting**

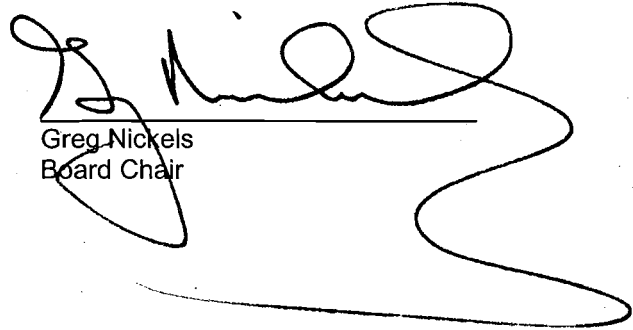
Thursday, February 26, 2009  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
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Board Administrator

  
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Greg Nickels  
Board Chair