

SOUND TRANSIT

RESOLUTION NO. R2009-20

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), by condemnation litigation, or by administrative settlement; and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, hereinafter referred to as Sound Transit, has been created for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct, and operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority district on November 5, 1996 and November 4, 2008, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, the ST2 plan provides for the expansion of high capacity commuter rail service between Seattle and Tacoma with four additional round trips per day; and

WHEREAS, in order to acquire the properties determined to be necessary for the operation and maintenance of project improvements required under ST2, it is necessary for Sound Transit to acquire by negotiated purchase or to condemn certain rights in the property for public purposes, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit has identified certain real properties as necessary for the construction and permanent location of the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project, and they are reasonably described in Exhibit A of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2009, Sound Transit mailed certified letters to property owners affected by this action and also published newspaper notices in compliance with state law regarding public notification; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit has commissioned or will commission appraisals to determine the fair market value of the properties, and will continue to negotiate in good faith with the owners of the properties authorized to be acquired by negotiated purchase or condemned, with the intent of reaching agreements for the voluntary acquisition of the property for fair market value; and

WHEREAS, the funds necessary to acquire the property by voluntary purchase or to pay just compensation adjudged due after condemnation and the funds necessary to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment costs shall be paid from Sound Transit general funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority as follows:

SECTION 1. The chief executive officer is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are customary and necessary for the acquisition, lease, or disposal of the real property interests described in Exhibit A (said property to be used for the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project) and incorporated herein by reference, and for the payment of eligible relocation and re-establishment costs. In accordance with Sound Transit's adopted Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Policies, Procedures and Guidelines, the acquisition price of the properties shall not exceed the fair market value to be determined through the appraisal process; provided that in the event the total of the acquisition, relocation, and re-establishment costs of the properties for the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project exceeds Sound Transit's approved budget for right-of-way acquisition (plus contingency), then the chief executive officer shall obtain approval from the appropriate committee or the Board, per Resolution No. 78-1, before the acquisition of the property for the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project by purchase or by condemnation and the payment of eligible relocation and re-establishment costs.

SECTION 2. The chief executive officer or her designee is hereby authorized to settle condemnation litigation or enter administrative settlements (a settlement in lieu of initiating condemnation litigation) for the acquisition of the real property interests described in Exhibit A, subject to additional Board authorization for approval of any such settlement. Such settlements shall be made only upon the finding of legal counsel that the settlement is consistent with the law and is reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest. Such settlements shall not exceed established project budgets. For all other settlements proposed, the chief

executive officer shall obtain prior approval of the appropriate committee or the Board, per Resolution No. 78-1.

SECTION 3. The Sound Transit Board deems the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project to be a public use for a public purpose. The Board deems it necessary and in the best interests of the citizens residing within Sound Transit's boundaries to acquire the property identified in Exhibit A as being necessary for the construction, operation, and permanent location of the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project, parties be paid relocation and re-establishment costs associated with displacements from the properties.

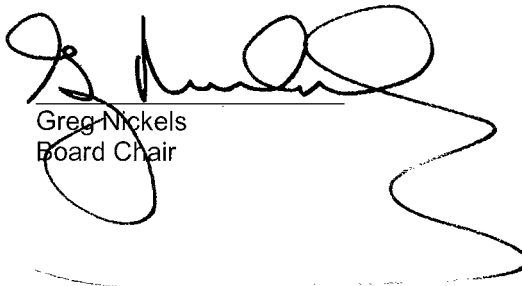
SECTION 4. The Sound Transit Board of Directors finds that the public health, safety, necessity, convenience, and welfare demand and require that the properties described in Exhibit A be acquired, condemned, appropriated, taken and damaged for the construction, operation, and permanent location of the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project.

SECTION 5. In addition to the authority granted the chief executive officer in Section 1, condemnation proceedings are hereby authorized to acquire all, or any portion thereof, of the properties and property rights and/or rights in those of the properties described in Exhibit A, not owned by a public entity, for the purpose of constructing, owning, and operating a permanent location of the Sounder Commuter Rail ST2 Seattle to Tacoma Track & Signal Project. The chief executive officer is also authorized to make minor amendments to the legal descriptions of the properties described in Exhibit A, as may be necessary to correct scrivener's errors and/or to conform the legal description to the precise boundaries of the property required for the Project.

SECTION 6. The funds necessary to acquire the property by purchase or to pay just compensation adjudged due after condemnation shall be paid from Sound Transit general funds.

SECTION 7. Notwithstanding the sections above, if Sound Transit intends to preserve the ability to use federal funds, then Sound Transit shall not condemn or otherwise acquire property interests until it obtains approval from FTA. In addition, if Sound Transit and BNSF reach a negotiated agreement or settlement for the purchase of the property interests in the Seattle-to-Tacoma corridor, such agreement shall be subject to Board approval and will be accompanied by any necessary environmental review and documentation.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 12, 2009.



Greg Nickels
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator