

**Sound Transit  
Finance Committee  
Meeting Highlights**

**June 4, 1998**

**Call to Order**

12:07 by Committee Chair Greg Nickels.

**Attendance**

(P) Greg Nickels, Chair	(P) Paul Miller
(P) Mary Gates	(A) Sid Morrison
(P) Ed Hansen	(P) Cynthia Sullivan
(A) Rob McKenna	

**Report of the Chair**

None

**Finance Director Report**

Ms. Hendrickson stated that staff would have budget-to-actual reports through the end of April for the next meeting, on June 18, 1998.

She also reported that staff would keep the Committee informed on the progress of the financial management systems consulting team and the project management system consulting team. They are both on board. A number of the teams have been co-located with staff and they are working on the first steps in their scope of work to provide staff with an assessment of the term needs. She stated that the goal is to establish an integrated financial management and project management system for Sound Transit.

Ms. Hendrickson also stated that Mr. Goldblatt would provide a review of recent activities with the Citizens' Oversight Panel (COP) for the next Finance Committee Meeting.

**Action Items**

**Resolution No. R98-26 – Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Tacoma regarding joint efforts of the City of Tacoma and Sound transit (ST) during the development of the Link Light Rail project**

Contact: Mr. Bill Houppermans, LRT Civil Engineering Manager at 689-7431

Mr. Houppermans stated that this action would approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Tacoma to provide station area planning activities. It follows similar agreements with other cities along the Central Light Rail (CLR) line. The \$800,000 cost of this agreement is consistent with the funding for the Tacoma Light Rail line.

**There was not a quorum at this time, however, upon review by Chief Legal Counsel, Desmond Brown, Finance Committee members Miller, Gates and Nickels recommended Board approval of this item.**

**Resolution No. R98-25 – Authorizing the execution of a contract with Bombardier Transit Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$74,183,525 for the provision of eighteen (18) cab cars and twenty (20) coaches for the Tacoma-to-Seattle commuter rail segment with an option to purchase an additional twenty (20) coaches upon completion of any necessary environmental clearance, and authorizing the Executive Director to create a contingency of 2% to cover work order changes that may occur during construction of the vehicles**

Contact: Mr. Paul Price, Director Commuter Rail at 689-4760

Mr. Price stated that this is a major step forward in the implementation of the Seattle-to-Tacoma commuter rail service, the Sounder project. He went on to report on the Background and Comments for Resolution No. R98-25 (copy on file).

Committee members expressed concern that there was only one bid for the rail cars. Mr. Price outlined the bid process. He stated that the firm Raul Bravo and Associates was selected to refine the process.

RVB contacted the four known manufacturers of the equipment to discuss what needed to be done to create opportunities for them to bid. Changes were made based on those discussions and the specification was broadened extensively.

Mr. Miller stated that there were inconsistencies in the title of the resolution that could cause some confusion. He asked for a clarification of the numbers to include the contingencies and sales tax before the resolution goes to the full Board. He also asked to have staff clearly detail the options in the contract and specify how they are exercised.

Mr. Price went on to report that the FTA has approved the bid process and would have to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact, which is expected on June 10, and a letter of no prejudice, which is also expected on June 10. These actions would precede Board action.

**It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Sullivan that the amended version of Resolution No. R98-25, which would include the changes called for by Mr. Miller, be recommended to the full Board for approval.**

Mr. Miller asked staff to comment on the flexibility to change some of the seating in the rail cars in case the demand for laptop connections or work tables increases.

Mr. Gary Holman, of Bombardier, stated that additional amenities would be easier and less expensive to add if they are known about early in the process.

**The motion to recommend approval of the revised copy of Resolution No. R98-25 to the Board was carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Nickels stated that Resolution No. R98-26 is consistent with the actions taken on interlocal agreements with other component jurisdictions.

**It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R98-26 be moved to the full Board for approval.**

**Motion No. M98-42 – amending Contract No. RTA/CR 28-97 with Booz-Allen & Hamilton Ltd. For work to further the development of the Regional Fare Coordination System, in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty-one thousand six hundred fourteen dollars (\$151,614)**

Contact: Barbara Gilliland, Systems Integration Program Manager at 684-1630

Ms. Gilliland outlined the Background and Comments for Motion No. M98-42 (copy on file) and stated that this proposal is to approve a change order to that contract in the amount not to exceed \$151,614. This increases the total contract amount to \$277,937. The contract cost was originally under \$200,000 and it had not come before the Finance Committee because it was within the Executive Director's authority for approval. With this change order it is above that limit. She also stated that this change order represents different and new work being done and not just a cost increase. The work will be done in cooperation with other transit agencies.

Ms. Gilliland outlined the timetable and stated that by the end of this year Sound Transit would have specifications developed for fare integration; they would be on the street for proposals. The proposals would be reviewed through the first three months of 1999. At that time staff will have a reevaluation to come back to transit agency boards to decide whether to move forward with implementing Smartcard technology within the region.

**It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Hansen and carried by the unanimous vote of all Committee members present that Motion No. M98-42 be approved as presented.**

**Executive Session - Long-term Headquarters**

The Committee recessed into executive session at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, June 18, 1998 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the King County Courthouse 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chambers, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA.

Recorded by Bernie Wagar,  
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