

**Sound Transit
Special Executive Committee
Meeting Highlights**

June 25, 1998

Call to Order

1:30 p.m. by Board Vice-Chair Paul Miller.

Attendance

(A) Bob Drewel, Chair	(P) Greg Nickels
(P) Paul Miller, Vice Chair	(A) Paul Schell
(A) Dave Earling	(A) Ron Sims
(P) Mary Gates	(P) Cynthia Sullivan
(A) Jane Hague	(P) Doug Sutherland
(P) Richard McIver	

Report of the Chair

Mr. Miller reported that a Sound Transit Board meeting had been scheduled for this time, however, due to the number of Board members out of town and unavailable to attend, that meeting was cancelled and today's special Executive Committee meeting was scheduled in its place.

Per operating procedures with regard to emergencies and special circumstances, the Committee will act in lieu of the Board on four actions for which delay would incur increased costs. The Committee will take action on Resolutions No. R98-32 and R98-34 and Motions No. M98-48 and M98-49. These actions will go to the Board for ratification at the July 9, 1998 meeting.

Mr. Miller further stated that the discussion on policy issue of operations of Regional Express would be held over until the July 9, 1998 Sound Transit Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report

None.

Public Comment

None.

Resolution No. R98-32 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for the preparation of the design files for the Downtown Bellevue HOV Direct Access Project for an amount not to exceed \$3,191,913 and to execute a supplement to the agreement in the amount of \$5,350,000 for right-of-way acquisition for NE 2nd Street extension subsequent to the Board of Directors' approval of a cost sharing agreement with the City of Bellevue

Contact: Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director at 206-684-1673

Ms. Govern outlined the Background and Comments for Resolution No. R98-32 (copy on file). She also referred to a letter from Mr. Peter Hurley, Chair, Policy Committee, Washington Coalition for Transportation Alternatives (copy on file).

She stated that, in terms of the Mr. Hurley's letter, his first concern is the commitment made in Sound Move for a study of alternatives to the HOV access ramps. Staff believes there were two commitments made in Sound Move: 1) for the Committee to look at whether there were cost effective alternatives to the HOV access ramps that would achieve equivalent transit speed and reliability benefits; and 2) bring the HOV access ramps on schedule and on budget. In order to fulfill both of those commitments, staff believes we must move forward in a parallel path.

The commitment made in Sound Move was prior to building any HOV access ramps. Board members Russell and McKenna are both sitting on a committee that will be taking an overall look at HOV access ramps. The committee will meet for the first time July 8, 1998, with completion of its work expected by November, 1998. Staff anticipates that approximately \$1.5 million may have been spent on this project when the committee has finished its work.

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Earling and carried by a unanimous vote of all committee members present that Resolution No. R98-32 be adopted as presented, subject to ratification by the Board.

Resolution No. R98-34 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Gillig Corporation for the purchase of up to seventy 40' buses with the opportunity to purchase an additional twenty 40' buses, provided that the initial purchase of seventy buses does not exceed \$25 million, including taxes and \$1.5 million for spare parts.

Contact: Veronica Parker, Program Manager, Regional Bus at 206-689-3533

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that Resolution No. R98-34 be adopted as presented.

Mr. Nickels outlined the Background and Comments for Resolution No. R98-34 (copy on file). He also requested that, before the Executive Director sign the contract, staff report back to the committee outlining the large price increase over the option Gillig had given to Metro in 1995.

Adoption of Resolution No. R98-34 was carried by a unanimous vote of all committee members present, subject to ratification by the Board.

Motion No. M98-48 – Identifying the most promising route alternatives to be studied in the Tacoma Link Light Rail Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and in conceptual design for 1998

Contact: Sue Comis, LRT Project Manager-Tacoma Segment at 206-689-4942

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Sullivan that Resolution No. R98-48 be adopted as presented.

Ms. Comis outlined the Background and Comments for Resolution No. R98-48 (copy on file). She also announced the grand opening of the Tacoma Sound Transit community field office to be held in late July.

Adoption of Motion No. M98-48 was carried by a unanimous vote of all committee members present, subject to ratification by the Board.

Motion No. M98-49 – Providing for a previously designated “for study only” option to be included in the Central Link LRT Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and during conceptual design in 1998 as a promising route alternative

Contact: Paul Bay, LRT Director at 206-689-4761

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Sullivan and carried by a unanimous vote of all committee members present that Motion No. M98-49 be adopted as presented, subject to ratification of the Board.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting

Friday, July 17, 1998, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Sound Transit Conference Room, 1100 2nd Avenue, Fourth Floor, Seattle, WA.

As there was no other business, Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Recorded by Bernie Wagar
Board Administrative Assistant