

**Sound Transit
Executive Committee Summary Minutes**

September 4, 1998

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Board Chair Paul Miller.

Attendance

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

Report of the Chair

Mr. Miller reported that the Committee would convene an Executive Session (Agenda Item No. 8) to consider acquisition of real estate. Following the Executive Session, Mr. Miller indicated that the Committee would reconvene and consider action on Motion No. M98-69 (Agenda Item No. 9).

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, announced to the Committee that the Sound Transit web page now included photos of Board members, as well as current meeting notices, agendas and meeting materials. She encouraged Board members to use the site (www.soundtransit.org) and to let members of the public know about it as well.

In addition, Ms. Walker reported that each of the three standing Sound Transit committees would begin adoption of minutes. Committees will see minutes approval on their agendas beginning with the second set of September meetings.

Executive Director Report

None.

Public Comment

None.

Lenora Street Commuter Rail Station Site Alternative

Ms. Melissa Flores, Project Assistant for Sounder Commuter Rail, gave a slide presentation detailing why the Lenora Street commuter rail site alternative is an infeasible option for Sound Transit to pursue in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (copies of slides on file). The Lenora Street site issues include the fact that the area cannot accommodate a ten-car train set on a straight track; the conductor cannot see the entire length of the train, which creates an unsafe passenger condition; and it would require the acquisition of expensive waterfront property. Instead, the Waterfront/Broad Street station will be studied in the draft EIS.

Options for Sound Transit's Roles in Economic Development

Mr. Alec Stephens, Diversity Program Manager, and Ms. Kathy Elias, presented the Committee with two questions:

1. How does the Board define Sound Transit's interest in economic development? Which of the following four levels of interest best captures the Board's view?
 - a) Implement Sound Move only, since economic benefits will flow from the investment naturally.
 - b) Implement Sound Move, considering methods to encourage increased local economic benefits.
 - c) Develop some new programs to support specific benefits that will accrue to Sound Transit and to the regional economy.
 - d) Develop an expansive economic initiative to benefit the regional economy as a whole.
2. Based upon the answer to question 1, the next question for Board discussion is which of the many kinds of economic development activities is most appropriate given the selected view of Sound Transit's interests?
 - a) Job creation.
 - b) Training.
 - c) Direct contracting.
 - d) Business technical assistance.

(Copies of issues paper where these questions are posed are on file.)

Committee members directed staff to return with a resolution that indicates that Sound Transit will partner with other entities, focusing on Option B of the first question. In response to the second question, Committee members agreed that all four areas would be appropriate for Sound Transit to engage in.

Motion No. M98-57 - Authorizing staff to work with Pierce Transit on the procurement of compressed natural gas (CNG) buses needed to operate the Regional Express services in the Pierce Transit subarea

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M98-57 be approved as presented.

Convene Executive Session

Mr. Miller announced that the Executive Committee would convene an Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real estate. He indicated that the Committee would reconvene its business meeting at 2:40.

The Executive Session was convened at 2:10 p.m.

Reconvene Business Meeting

The business meeting was reconvened at 2:36 p.m.

Motion No. M98-69 - Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire by negotiated purchase or eminent domain up to 13.8 acres of property for construction of the Longacres commuter rail station in Tukwila

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M98-69 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Friday, September 18, 1998 from 1:30 to 3 at the Sound Transit Conference Room, 1100 Second Ave., 4th Floor, in Seattle, WA.

Adjourn

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Recorded by Amy Ebersole
Board Coordinator

ATTEST:

Paul Miller
Board Chair

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator