

**Sound Transit
Executive Committee Summary Minutes**

November 6, 1998

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chair Paul Miller.

Attendance

(P) Paul Miller, Chair	(A) Greg Nickels
(P) Bob Drewel, Vice Chair	(P) Paul Schell
(P) Dave Earling	(A) Ron Sims
(P) Mary Gates	(A) Cynthia Sullivan
(A) 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. 10, to discuss real property acquisitions.

Executive Director Report

Mr. White reported that the voters' approval of Initiative 200 would have no impact on Sound Transit's programs. Sound Transit does not make hiring or contracting decisions based on race or gender. However, as recipients of Federal funds, Sound Transit is required to establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and to submit an Affirmative Action program. Sound Transit has met both of these requirements, and will be able to achieve its work program without practicing preference.

Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Committee:

Mr. Philip Grega

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Ms. Coleen Brown, representing Save Our Valley, requested that Sound Transit consider an all-tunnel light rail alignment in Southeast Seattle.

(Copies of comments are on file with the Board Administrator.)

Mr. McIver urged the Committee to consider the request by Save Our Valley and study a tunnel alignment but without holding up progress on the other alignments.

Mr. Schell indicated he would support a study of a tunnel alignment, but stated that he did not want to delay the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

Mr. Earling agreed, stating that he, too would support a study. He pointed out that Sound Transit must remain mindful of time and budget constraints, as well as subarea equity issues.

Mr. Miller agreed that it makes sense to be as responsive as possible but stay within the constraints Sound Transit is operating within, including the time schedule. He indicated he would support a parallel study without delaying the EIS.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Desmond Brown, Chief Counsel, if direction to undertake the requested study would need to come from the full Board or from the Executive Committee.

Mr. Brown responded that Board action is not required, provided that there are sufficient funds in the 1998 budget for the study.

Mr. Paul Bay, Director of Light Rail, stated that there were sufficient funds for the study.

The consensus of the Executive Committee was that the Executive Director be directed to launch a study of the impacts and benefits of a tunnel alignment in the South Seattle corridor, parallel to the EIS process, the results of which are expected to be out in early January.

Minutes of October 16, 1998 Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of October 16, 1998 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R98-46 - Adopting the Regional Express Bus System Plan

It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Mr. Schell that Resolution No. R98-46 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation by the Committee.

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Regional Express, and Ms. Veronica Parker, Regional Bus Program Manager, provided background information to the Committee. Ms. Parker briefly reviewed the proposed system plan. Ms. Govern briefed the Committee on comments received from other jurisdictions and Sound Transit's responses to those comments, highlighting comments received from the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP). Ms. Govern affirmed that staff is prepared to work with ETP to resolve their concerns.

It was moved by Mr. Earling, seconded by Mr. McIver and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the last sentence of the second paragraph on page 24 of the system plan be amended as follows:

Additional service along the SR 527 corridor ~~may~~ will be considered in the future based on ridership demand and completion of SR 527 expansion through the Mill Creek area.

The motion to forward Resolution No. R98-46, as amended, to the Board with a do pass recommendation by the Committee was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Final Design Services for the Tacoma Light Rail Transit Line

Mr. Bay presented a discussion paper to the Committee (copy on file).

Geotechnical Studies for the Central Corridor of Link Light Rail Exploration Program

Mr. Bay and Mr. Bill Houppermans, Light Rail Manager of Civil Engineering, presented a discussion paper to the Committee (copy on file). The purpose of the discussion was to seek informal approval to procure professional civil (geotechnical) engineering services immediately to conduct and complete all the necessary site explorations, data gathering, and geologic/geotechnical interpretations necessary to support the design of the light rail structures and facilities on the Central Link Corridor. Staff will return in March for authorization to award professional services contracts for geotechnical work.

Executive Committee members approved of the proposal.

Tacoma Link Light Rail Vehicle Procurement

Mr. Leslie Durrant, Link Light Rail Systems Engineering Manager, presented slides and a discussion paper on the procurement of Tacoma light rail vehicles (copy on file).

Convene Executive Session to Discuss Real Property Acquisitions for South Commuter Rail Stations

Mr. Miller announced that the Committee would convene an executive session to discuss acquisitions of real property. He indicated that the executive session was expected to last 15 minutes, or until approximately 2:40. After the executive session, the Committee would reconvene the business meeting and consider taking action.

The Committee adjourned into executive session at 2:23 p.m.

Reconvene Business Meeting

The Committee reconvened its business meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Resolution No. R98-50 - Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase or by condemnation and to pay eligible relocation and reestablishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction and operation of commuter rail stations for the Tacoma to Seattle Commuter Rail project

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R98-50 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation by the Committee.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Friday, November 20, 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 2:33 p.m.

Recorded by Amy Ebersole
Board Coordinator

ATTEST:

Paul Miller
Executive Committee Chair

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator