

## Sound Transit

### Board Meeting Summary Minutes November 12, 1998

#### Call to Order

Board Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. The meeting was held in the meeting room at REI, 222 Yale Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.

#### Roll Call

##### Chair

(P) Paul Miller, City of Tacoma Councilmember

##### Vice Chairs

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

##### Board Members

(P) Ann Davis, City of Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember

(A) Sid Morrison, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Dave Russell, City of Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Paul Schell, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

(A) Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

(P) Jim White, City of Kent Mayor

Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, indicated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

#### Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

Mr. Philip Grega

Ms. Donna Ambrose, Executive Director, Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association

Ms. Rosemary Ives, City of Redmond Mayor

Ms. Roberta Lewindowski, City of Redmond Planning Director

Ms. Barbara Solberg, City of Woodinville Councilmember

Ms. Judy Nyger, Bothell Transportation Partnership Staff Consultant

Ms. Debbie Treen, City of Bothell Mayor

Ms. Nancy McCormick

Mr. Paul W. Locke

(Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.)

### **Report of the Chair**

None.

### **Executive Director Report**

None.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

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**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

### **Committee Reports and Action Items**

#### **Executive Committee**

#### **Report of November 6, 1998 Meeting**

Mr. Miller stated that the Executive Committee was recommending Board approval of the resolution adopting the Regional Express Bus System Plan and Resolution No. R98-50 dealing with real property acquisitions.

Mr. Miller stated that he attended a meeting of the Save Our Valley committee. In response to concerns raised by the Save Our Valley members, the Executive Committee has directed staff to study the costs and benefits of a tunnel light rail alignment through Southeast Seattle. The results of that study should be available in January.

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

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. McKenna that Resolution No. R98-46 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Miller expressed his concern that Sound Transit keep on schedule in order to move onto Phase II. He stressed the importance of moving forward with the agreed upon routes. He reiterated that the Board will continue to discuss the concerns expressed by the community.

Ms. Agnes Govern, Director of Regional Express, stated that the system plan before the Board was representative of many months of work with the public, local jurisdiction staffs and elected officials, employers, and transit agencies. She mentioned that with the adoption of the system plan, Phase I of the Regional Express bus service will begin in September 1999, while *Sound Move* called for Phase I service to begin in 2000.

Ms. Govern mentioned that the third step in the planning process includes going back out to the community with the transit agencies in the area and doing detailed route planning to address the concerns expressed today and those sent in letters.

Mr. McKenna requested that the Board delay action on this item for two weeks. He stated that he was aware of the need to give the transit agencies adequate time to develop plans for connecting service, but he felt the community raised some important points.

Mr. Miller advised that there will not be another Board meeting until Thursday, December 10, 1998.

**It was moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Russell that Resolution No. R98-46 be tabled until the December 10, 1998 Board meeting.**

Mr. Miller explained that the motion to defer action until a time certain is not debatable.

**Mr. McKenna and Mr. Russell withdrew their motion and second to table Resolution No. R98-46 until the December 10, 1998 Board meeting.**

Mr. Hansen suggested the Board approve areas where there is no debate and come back to the questionable areas.

Mr. Miller brought the Board members' attention to two possible amendments to the resolution (copy on file).

Mr. Miller advised that the two proposed amendments acknowledge that the plan is flexible and will be adjusted prior to the final implementation by the Executive Committee. This is consistent with the framework of the adopted system plan allowing movement of resources within subareas to meet community needs. He stated that the second amendment addresses services on SR-522 corridor and those routes serving Redmond.

**It was moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Nickels that Resolution No. R98-46 be approved.**

**It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Drewel and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the first Possible Amendment (distributed at the meeting, copy on file), be approved, incorporating the following language: "Final implementation plans will be based on input from established subarea organizations, the public, local jurisdiction staff and elected officials, and transit agency staff."**

**It was moved by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Possible Amendment Two (distributed at the meeting, copy on file) be approved as presented.**

**The motion to approve Possible Amendment Two was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

Mr. McKenna proposed one additional amendment, as Amendment Three, which he distributed.

**It was moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Ms. Sullivan that Possible Amendment Three, concerning Route H, be approved as distributed (copy on file).**

Mr. McKenna explained that this amendment was prompted by a decision by staff to delay Route H and move up Route J. He asked staff to come back with an analysis of Routes H and J so the Board will have that information when making a decision on final routes and stops at the end of the first quarter 1999.

Ms. Gates asked to further amend the language to include information on other routes serving the same area.

**Mr. McKenna and Ms. Sullivan agreed to a friendly amendment, inserting the words "other routes that serve the same origin/destination" after the phrase, "...reviewing ridership forecasts, ..."**

**The motion to approve Possible Amendment Three, as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

**The main motion to approve Resolution No. R98-46, as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

Possible Executive Session to Discuss Real Property Acquisition for South Commuter Rail Stations

An executive session was not convened at this time.

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 Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Gates and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R98-50 be approved as presented.**

Finance Committee

Report of November 5, 1998 Meeting

Resolution No. R98-49 - Adopting an annual budget for the period January 1 to December 31, 1999

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Mr. Drewel that Resolution No. R98-49 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels discussed the annual budget for fiscal year 1999 and addressed the 14 amendments before the Board (copy on file).

Mr. Nickels stated that the budget is based on approximately \$514 million in revenues, including a potential bond sale. The proposed budget allocates \$24 million in operating and a capital budget of \$419 million. The \$419 million is broken down to 64% Sounder or \$269 million, \$76 million for Regional Express, and \$49 million for Link light rail. The resolution provides that the final budget will be amended to be consistent with the system implementation plan that was just adopted.

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R98-49, as amended by the Finance Committee, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

Resolution No. R98-47 - Authorizing sales tax and motor vehicle excise tax bonds of the Authority to be issued in series to finance a portion of the Authority's regional transit system plan

Resolution No. R98-48 - Authorizing the issuance and sale of sales tax and motor vehicle excise tax bonds, series 1999, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$400,000,000 to pay a portion of the cost of the Authority's regional transit system plan; fixing the date, form, and terms of the bonds; and authorizing the sale of the bonds.

Mr. Nickels stated that the Finance Committee has been discussing the issuing of the agency's first bonds. He advised the Board that with the current low interest rates, bonds issued would lock in considerable savings for Sound Transit compared to the adopted financing plan. The passage of these two resolutions, which are being recommended to the Board, would authorize the issuance of up to \$400 million in sales tax and MVET bonds.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Russell and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R98-47 be approved as presented.**

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Drewel and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R98-48 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R98-45 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a final Engineering Agreement with BNSF for final engineering services on the Seattle-Tacoma line, with a total contract cost not to exceed \$5,746,000, and to create a contingency account in the amount of \$1,149,200 to cover unexpected costs in connection with the final engineering work.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that Resolution No. R98-45 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Nickels stated that this action had been authorized by the Finance Committee.

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R98-45 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.**

Mr. Nickels concluded his report by advising the Board that three additional actions were taken by the Finance Committee: the amendment of the contract with Craig Kinser and Company for Real Estate services in connection with the acquisition of Union Station; the approval of contract increases for three temporary employment services and authorization for the Executive Director to execute contracts for on-call temporary employment services with ten additional firms; and approval of contracts for Seattle/Tacoma commuter rail station final design for Auburn, Kent, Tukwila, Puyallup, and Sumner stations.

**Other Business**

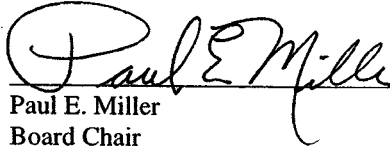
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**Next Meeting**

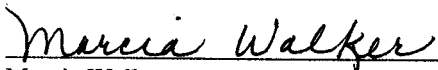
Thursday, December 10, 1998 - 2 to 5 p.m.  
Highline Community College  
2400 S. 240th, Building 7  
Des Moines, Washington

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

  
Paul E. Miller  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

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