

**Sound Transit
Executive Committee Summary Minutes**

July 2, 1999

Call to Order

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

Attendance

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

There was no quorum present at Call to Order.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Miller reported that the Committee would work from a revised agenda. The item concerning the applicability of transportation concurrency requirements to Sound Transit (ST) projects was deferred to a future meeting.

Executive Director Report

Mr. White reported that in Resolution No. R99-2, which established fare policy and pricing related to ST public transportation services, the Board authorized him to establish discounted fares. He indicated that staff would participate in negotiation with employers with Flexpass programs. Additionally, ST will participate in the current contract being negotiated by King County for the U-Pass Program.

Mr. White mentioned that all Board members received had just received information providing a "snapshot" on cost elements of the Link light rail project. In that packet of information, staff tried to describe all the options to bring the project in on budget. He stated that Paul Bay, Director of Light Rail, and his staff had done a good job of finding potential savings.

Mr. White indicated that staff is in the process of restructuring the decision-making process for the light rail alignment so that Board members have adequate time to review the information leading up to a decision in November.

Finally, Mr. White reported that the proponents of the initiative that would roll back the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) have secured enough signatures for the initiative to appear on the ballot. Staff has initiated a formal review of how the initiative would affect Sound Transit. At this point, it appears that the initiative would not affect ST's voter-approved MVET, but the depreciation schedule is more complicated. Mr. White indicated that ST would work with the other transportation agencies on this. Staff will consult the Board to determine whether the Board wants to take a formal position.

Public Comment

Mr. Paul W. Locke spoke regarding agenda item 6A, Tacoma Link fare policy and collection of fares. He indicated that ST should reduce operating costs and increase ridership to collect the maximum amount of money from the users of the system.

Minutes of June 4, 1999 Executive Committee meeting

Because there was no quorum, the minutes were held over to the next meeting.

Discussion Items

Tacoma Link Fare Policy and Collection of Fares

Mr. Paul Bay, Director of Link Light Rail, presented a discussion paper to the Committee (copy on file). He indicated that staff is proposing a ride-free zone in Tacoma until the Tacoma Link is joined to the Central Link or until conditions merit the imposition of fares. He indicated that this would be consistent with the fare policy approved by the Board and is within the Executive Director's authority.

Mr. Sutherland asked for a more detailed cost breakdown on page 2 of the discussion paper, in the column titled "cost of collection."

Update on Overlake Transit Center and Park and Ride

Mr. Mike Normand, Community Connections Program Manager, presented a discussion paper to the Committee (copy on file). He indicated that public comment surrounding this project has been supportive, but that there are some concerns: 1) that the park and ride may worsen traffic congestion in the immediate vicinity of the site; 2) that the walking distances might be too far; and 3) that a red-tailed hawk nesting site has been discovered. Mr. Normand indicated that the tree would be taken down after the nesting season.

Mr. Drewel asked for more information on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and its relation to Sound Transit projects.

Mr. White responded that almost every part of the project is affected by ESA in some way. He indicated that staff would report back to the Committee on this issue.

Next Meeting

Friday, July 16, 1999 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., at the Sound Transit 4th Floor Conference Room.

Adjourn

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Recorded by Amy Ebersole,
Board Coordinator

Paul E. Miller
Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator