

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
April 11, 2002**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Ron Sims in the Sound Transit Board Room of Union Station, 401 South Jackson, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) David Earling, Edmonds City Council President

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Board Members

(P) Jack Crawford, City of Kenmore Councilmember

(A) 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

(A) Ed Hansen, City of Everett Mayor

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember

(P) Chuck Mosher, City of Bellevue Councilmember

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Council Chair

(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Deputy Mayor

Ms. Jane Emerson, Board Coordinator, indicated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Doug MacDonald

John Ladenburg

Dwight Pelz

Cynthia Sullivan

Public Comment

The following individual presented comments to the Board. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Ms. Jean Burbidge, Mayor of Federal Way, stated her appreciation to the Board for their dedication to improving transportation in the region.

(Ms. Sullivan arrived at this time.)

Ms. Burbidge said that the Federal Way preferred alternative site was recommended by the Executive Advisory Committee (EAC) and the project management team after looking at 40 alternatives. The basis for the preferred alternative being selected included the best location from a traffic and transit operation perspective, and it was large enough for a transit center and a parking structure. She added that the site included a short distance between the transit center and the HOV direct access ramps, reducing trip times.

Ms. Burbidge concluded by saying that there is strong support for the preferred alternative. She commented that revising the site selection process would cause delay and increase costs.

(Mr. MacDonald arrived at this time.)

Mr. Ron Gintz, former Mayor of Federal Way, commented on the Federal Way preferred site alternative. He advised that this major investment will provide an opportunity to develop downtown Federal Way.

Mr. Richard Borkowsky, People for Modern Transit, referenced a letter that was sent to the Board outlining concerns the People for Modern Transit have concerning Motion No. M2002-38 (copy on file).

(Mr. Pelz arrived at this time.)

He stated the People for Modern Transit promotes and supports multiple modes of transit, however, he said they felt the proposed bus rapid transit system needed further study and consideration.

Mr. Jim Hamilton read into record a letter from the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce, signed by Delores Shull, President/CEO, expressing the Chamber's support of the Federal Way preferred site alternative and encouraging the Board to adopt Resolution Nos. R2002-04 and R2002-06 (copy on file).

Al Stipe, member of the Federal Way Economic Committee and the Citizen Oversight Panel, stated his support for the Federal Way preferred site and urged the Board to move forward to avoid cost increases due to delays.

Mr. Dan Casey, managing owner and president of the Gateway Center, stated that he supported a transit center in Federal Way with no parking, but he felt a 1,200 stall park-and-ride would be a detriment to downtown Federal Way.

Mr. Martin Durkin commented on Motion No. M2002-38 and asked whether adopting the motion would eliminate light rail ever reaching Southcenter or going north on I-405.

Mr. Sims asked staff to address Mr. Durkin's concerns during the Motion No. M2002-38 presentation.

Project Review Committee Report

Mr. Charles Royer, Project Review Committee Chair, gave the committee's final report to the Board (copy on file). Mr. Royer summarized by stating the importance of finding solutions to the transportation stalemate facing the region. He said the Project Review Committee remains convinced the work being done by Sound Transit is essential to the region's ability to find workable solutions.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims stated that the Board was working from a revised agenda deleting the Citizen Oversight Panel monthly report and Motion No. M2002-22 (which will be considered by the Executive Committee on May 2, 2002).

Executive Director Report

Ms. Earl asked Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, to brief the Board on the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID).

Mr. Matsuoka brought the Board's attention to a briefing memo (copy on file). He discussed the planning committee and how the legislation affects Sound Transit. He said the legislation passed allows Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties to consider forming a RTID with the stipulation that two or more contiguous counties will eventually form a RTID. It calls for a planning committee to be formed, made up of county councilmembers from each county. It would go through a process of identifying projects to include in the ballot measures, and the types of taxes and levels that would be proposed. If approved, the planning committee would become the RTID board.

Mr. Matsuoka stated that there is a provision for a common ballot measure with Sound Transit which permits the RTID to impose two of the taxes authorized to Regional Transit Authority (RTA): the sales and use tax and the special motor vehicle excise tax (MVET), to the extent they have not already been imposed by Sound Transit and only "with the explicit approval of the regional transit authority..."

Ms. Earl advised that Sound Transit's Finance department and the Legal department would be reviewing and analyzing all the affects of the legislation. She said today's briefing was the first look and additional information would be coming to the Board.

(Mr. Ladenburg arrived at this time.)

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the March 14, 2002, Board Meeting

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

Action Items

Items Referred by Executive Committee

Motion No. M2002-38 – Endorsing the development of a Bus Rapid Transit system (BRT), including BRT supportive high capacity transit investments, as described in the preferred alternative for the I-405 Corridor Program Final Environmental Impact Statement and authorizing the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to implement this endorsement

It was moved by Mr. Earling and seconded by Mr. Mosher that Motion No. M2002-38 be approved as presented.

Mr. Crawford suggested a friendly amendment adding the language "and to direct Sound Transit staff to provide the Board with a feasibility study regarding Sound Transit's purchase and use of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe right of way that runs from Tukwila north to Woodinville" to Motion No. M2002-38.

Ms. Barbara Gilliland, Planning and Development Manager, briefed the Board on Motion No. M2002-38. She addressed Mr. Durkin's question that was raised during public comment by stating that the action before the Board was not a change to Sound Transit's long-range vision. She stated that the motion would allow the Executive Director to sign off on a corridor-level environmental impact statement (EIS), setting the stage for projects Sound Transit will consider as part of Phase II.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2002-38, with the friendly amendment, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Chair Sims noted that Resolution Nos. R2002-04 and R2002-06 required a super-majority vote of the Board, which is 12 members. He stated that 12 members were in attendance.

Resolution No. R2002-06 – Amending the 2002 Budget to cover the \$900,000 project shortfall on the I-5 at 317th Street Project

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2002-06 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2002-04 – Authorization to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase or by condemnation and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction and operation of the Regional Express Federal Way Transit Center and 317th Direct Access Projects

It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2002-04 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2002-41 – Executing the Fourth Supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Seattle (City) reimbursing the City for project related services in support of the Central Link Light Rail project within the City of Seattle. These services shall be provided by the City in the areas of public works, public safety, and business and community assistance and program management, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$2,935,977 (which includes the amount of \$332,842 remaining from the First Supplement budgeted for contingency purposes under this Agreement) for the period from April 2002 through December 2002

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-41 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Mr. Earling, Executive Committee Vice Chair, stated that at the April 4, 2002, meeting the Committee was briefed on two emerging issues – the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride Lot/Transit Station Project and the Bellevue Transit Center.

Mr. Earling asked Mr. MacDonald to address a study being undertaken by WSDOT in response to a letter from the House Transportation Committee and public interest. Mr. MacDonald said that the study is to look at the HOV lanes' hours of operation and whether it would be better for the lanes to operate 24 hours a day, or to have some period of time divided as off-peak to address the public interest and concern.

Finance Committee

Mr. Phelps, Finance Committee Chair, stated that the Committee has requested staff to give an in-depth presentation on the minority/women/disadvantaged business concerns. In addition, the committee acted on Motion No. M2002-15 – establishing a contract for preliminary design and engineering for a park-and-ride lot on the Sammamish plateau; Motion No. M2002-37 – executing a contract with Kristen Betty and Associates to provide construction management services for the Lynnwood Transit Center/Park-and-Ride Lot project; and Motion No. M2002-39 –entering into a contract with Active Construction for construction services for the Kent commuter rail station, Phase II.

Other Business

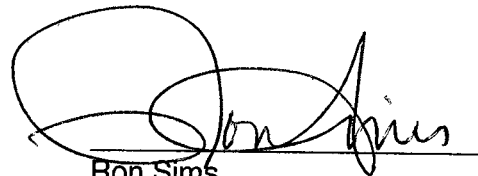
None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2002
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
401 South Jackson
Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator