

**Sound Transit Board Meeting  
Summary Minutes  
May 9, 2002**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Vice Chair John Ladenburg 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

(A) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember

(P) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) 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

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Ron Sims

David Enslow

Jane Hague

Doug MacDonald

**Public Comment**

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

**Mr. Michael Richmond, Rainier Valley Technical Advisory Committee (RVTAC)**, spoke in favor of Motion No. M2002-46, an agreement with the City of Seattle to establish, oversee, and fund a community development fund.

(Ms. Hague and Mr. Sims arrived at this time.)

**Ms. Desmond Machuca, SeaTac Transportation Partnership (STP)**, urged the Board to adopt Resolution No. R2002-07 as amended by the Executive Committee at their May 2, 2002, meeting.

(Mr. Enslow arrived at this time.)

**Mr. Steven Myers** works at the airport and mentioned that the SeaTac Mall has said transit users could use some of their parking spaces for a one-time fee of \$10 that would be reimbursed with a gift certificate.

**Mr. Karen Heesacher** spoke in support of not cutting any of the Route 574 trips. She said ridership continues to increase.

**Mr. Richard Borkowsky, People for Modern Transit**, praised the Sound Transit staff for the increased communication efforts.

**Mr. Phillip Grega**, commented on the importance of a freeway stop serving the University District at I-5 and NE 45th Street.

### **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Sims stated that the Board was working from a revised agenda, specifically adding Motion Nos. M2002-66 and M2002-67 to the action items.

Mr. Sims stated that Mr. Ladenburg and Mr. Hansen had requested the Board hold two of their upcoming meetings in their communities. The meeting in Tacoma will include a tour of the Tacoma Link maintenance facility, and the meeting in Everett will include a tour of the Everett Station. Mr. Sims advised that the Board Administrator would notify Board members of the dates and locations.

### **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Earl reported that on Tuesday, May 14, 2002, there would be a dedication of the Overlake Transit Center and Park-and-Ride Lot at NE 40th at 10:30 a.m.

She advised the Board that Sound Transit received the amended Record of Decision for the initial segment on May 8, 2002, from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). She said this was a major milestone toward receiving the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) of \$500 million.

(Mr. MacDonald arrived at this time.)

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Action Items**

Motion No. M2002-66 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute the “Funding and Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Lakewood and Sound Transit for the Development of a Regional Rail and Bus Station and Community Connector Budget” which transfers \$1.7 million of local revenue funds to the City to be utilized for the City’s CBD Connector Project upon completion of the City’s environmental review process and the Federal Transit Administration’s review of the Agreement

**It was moved by Mr. Ladenburg, seconded by Ms. Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-66 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-67 – Authorizing the Board Chair to appoint three Board members to serve as liaisons to the three-county Planning Committee developing a Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) Plan, and directing the Executive Director to participate in and support that planning process, in order to facilitate a Board decision by July 25, 2002, on whether to release some or all of its HCT tax authority to the RTID for the purpose of presenting a ballot measure to the region's voters

**It was moved by Mr. Mosher and seconded by Mr. MacDonald that Motion No. M2002-67 be approved as presented.**

Ms. Earl briefed the Board on Motion No. M2002-67. She stated that at the May 2, 2002, Executive Committee meeting, Mr. Drewel asked staff prepare the motion for the Board's consideration. This motion would authorize Sound Transit to participate at the staff level and in planning exercises with the three counties, the cities, and the Department of Transportation (DOT). She added that because there was not a clear mechanism in the legislation for Sound Transit and the RTID to share information, Mr. Sims had proposed one member from each county serve as liaisons. Ms. Earl emphasized that the action before the Board would only authorize participation in the planning phase.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2002-67 was carried by the majority vote of all Board members present. (Mr. Phelps voted in the minority.)**

#### Items Referred by Executive Committee

Motion No. M2002-22 – Seeking policy direction for reimbursement to Sound Transit by partner agencies under specific circumstances

**It was moved by Mr. Mosher, seconded by Ms. Patterson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-22 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2002-07 – Adopting the ST Express 2002 Service Implementation Plan and authorizing the Executive Director to implement the Plan. In the case of Route 574, no more than one trip will be eliminated; staff shall do a thorough analysis to determine which trip would have the least impact on ridership.

**It was moved by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Crawford that Resolution No. R2002-07 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Mike Bergman, Project Manager, briefed the Board on Resolution No. R2002-07. He advised that the ST Express routes have a unique combination of service characteristics, which help develop routes for full integration with other transit services.

Ms. Earl informed the Board that with the implementation of the 2002 plan, Sound Transit will reach a major milestone by completing full implementation of Regional Express bus service.

Ms. Earl advised the Board that at the May 2, 2002, Executive Committee meeting, Ms. Patterson offered an amendment adding the sentence, "In the case of Route 574, no more than one trip will be eliminated; staff shall do a thorough analysis to determine which trip elimination would have the least impact on ridership." The offered amendment was approved and incorporated into Resolution No. R2002-07, which was given a do pass recommendation as amended. The Finance Committee did not pass a recommendation on this action item.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2002-07 was carried by a majority vote of 12 in favor and 3 opposed. (Those voting in the minority were Mr. Phelps, Mr. Enslow, and Mr. Hansen.)

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2002-44 – Authorizing an additional \$2,300,000 to be added to the approved contingency amount for Contract No. RTA LR/61-00 with Gary Merlino Construction Company for construction of Tacoma Link Light Rail Line Segment, Project C910 for a new total authorized contingency amount of \$4,592,538

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-44 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-46 – Executing an agreement with the City of Seattle to establish, oversee and fund the City of Seattle’s portion of the Transit-Oriented Community Development Fund for southeast Seattle, and to provide funding support for certain aspects of the Central Link Light Rail project

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-46 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-50 – Executing an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to provide system-wide engineering services for Link Light rail including specific services in the Initial Segment in the amount of \$1,000,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$100,000 for a total amount of \$1,100,000 and specific services in North Link in the amount of \$100,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$10,000 for a total amount of \$110,000, and for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$1,210,000

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the majority vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-50 be approved as presented. (Mr. MacDonald abstained.)**

**Discussion Item**

North Link Light Rail – Eastlake Avenue Route Briefing

Mr. Ron Endlich, Project Manager, North Corridor, briefed the Board on the North Link Light Rail Eastlake Avenue Route (copy on file).

**Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee**

Mr. Sims reported that at the May 2, 2002, Executive Committee meeting, members were briefed on an emerging issue concerning opening high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to single-occupancy vehicles (SOV) in non-peak hours. In addition to the actions referred to the Board, the committee asked staff to meet with the Eastside Transportation Project committee to discuss Motion No. M2002-56, a Risk Sharing Agreement with the City of Bellevue and the Washington State Department of Transportation, and report back at the May 16, 2002, Finance Committee meeting and the May 23, 2002, Board meeting.

**Finance Committee**

Mr. Phelps, Finance Committee Chair, stated that the Committee took action on the following motions that were within its authority: Motion No. M2002-51 – authorizing a contract for \$229,480, and a 10% contingency, to build a double diamond crossing for Tacoma Link; Motion No. M2002-52 – authorizing a contract amendment with URS from May 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003 for construction management services for Tacoma Link; and Motion No. M2002-55 – amending a contract with Karl Haberl to provide continuing on-call consulting services to maintain existing Access databases, troubleshoot and support the JD Edwards database and support the JD Edwards integration to the Agency Project Control Management System

Mr. Phelps advised the Board that following the May 16, 2002, Finance Committee meeting, the quarterly Audit and Reporting Subcommittee will meet.

**Other Business**

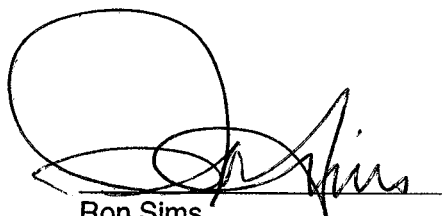
None.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, May 23, 2002  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
401 South Jackson  
Seattle, Washington


**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.



Ron Sims  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator