

**Sound Transit Board Meeting  
Summary Minutes  
May 23, 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

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Board Members

(P) Jack Crawford, City of Kenmore Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember

(P) 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

(A) 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:

David Enslow

Jane Hague

Doug MacDonald

Chuck Mosher

Greg Nickels

**Public Comment**

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

**Mr. Richard Borkowsky, People for Modern Transit,** spoke in support of Link Light Rail

(Mr. Pelz, Mr. MacDonald, and Mr. Nickels arrived at this time.)

**Report of the Chair**

Mr. Sims stated that the Board was working from a revised agenda deleting Item 5.E. Resolution No. R2002-08, from the agenda which was mailed out prior to today.

Mr. Sims called on Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, and Mr. Curtis Robinson, King County Metro Manager of Operations, to make a presentation to King County Metro's Operator of the Year, Mr. Johnny Wade.

Resolution No. R2002-09 – Recognizing and commending Johnny M. Wade, Sound Transit ST Express Route 565 bus operator, on the occasion of his being named as King County Metro Operator of the Year for 2001.

Ms. Walker read Resolution No. R2002-09 into the record.

WHEREAS, Johnny M. Wade has demonstrated outstanding and safe driving skills, and  
WHEREAS, Johnny M. Wade has provided exceptional customer service, and WHEREAS,  
Johnny M. Wade is held in very high regard by his peers, and  
WHEREAS, Johnny M. Wade is a skilled and compassionate person who is always looking  
out for his passengers, and  
WHEREAS, Johnny M. Wade exemplifies the qualities of professionalism and quality  
customer service and has chosen to drive the Sound Transit ST Express Route 565.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to recognize and commend Johnny M. Wade, Sound Transit ST Express Route 565 bus operator, on the occasion of his being named King County Metro Operator of the Year for 2001.

**It was moved by Ms. Gates, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2002-09 be approved as presented.**

Board members thanked Mr. Wade for his outstanding service as a King County Metro Operator of a ST Express bus.

Mr. Wade thanked the Board for honoring him.

Mr. Sims stated that the June 27, 2002, Board meeting would be held at the Snohomish PUD in Everett, and the July 25, 2002, Board meeting would be held in Tacoma.

Motion No. M2002-71 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing Board member Dave Earling to travel to the American Public Transit Association (APTA) Light Rail/Commuter Rail Conference in Baltimore from June 8 to June 12, 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. M2002-71 be approved as presented.**

### **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Earl called on Ms. Govern and Mr. Jim Edwards, Regional Express Program Manager, to present a report on the Overlake Transit Center with a focus on lessons learned from this project (copy on file).

(Mr. Enslow arrived at this time.)

Mr. Sims indicated that staff was working on contracting approaches which will be brought to the Finance Committee and the Board in the future.

## Citizen Oversight Panel Report

Mr. Arlington Carter, Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) Chair, presented the COP report. (A copy of the report is on file with the Board Administrator.) He commended staff on their response to concerns raised by the COP, and the Board Chair and Executive Director on their presentation to community leaders.

Mr. Carter advised that the COP held a successful, all-day retreat earlier that month that dealt with (1) reviewing the mission, goals, and objectives; (2) panel member term expiration; and (3) address issues raised by Mr. Drewel and his stakeholder group for more effective and positive contribution.

Mr. Sims thanked Mr. Carter and the COP, and announced that Ms. Patterson and Mr. Mosher had agreed to attend the next COP meeting on June 20, 2002.

## Consent Agenda

Minutes from the April 25, 2002, Board Meeting

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certification for the month of March 2002 in the amount of \$32,557,179.46

**It was moved by Mr. Earling, 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. M2002-69 – Authorizing staff to modify the set of route alternatives previously selected to be included for study in the North Link Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) by: 1) discontinuing further study of the Capitol Hill via Convention Place Station (CPS) route because it is less cost effective relative to system ridership and would have higher construction impacts and risks than comparable routes being evaluated; and 2) modifying a route under study in the University District to provide an additional route connection to the station site at Brooklyn Avenue NE and NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street via the Montlake route while discontinuing further study of another station site at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE primarily north of NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street that is less cost-effective compared to other sites

Mr. Ron Endlich, North Link Project Manager, stated that Motion No. M2002-69 would authorize staff to modify a set of routes under study in the North Link DSEIS by (1) discontinuing further study of the Capitol Hill with CPS route; and (2) modifying the University District (UD) route options.

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-69 be approved as presented.**

## Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2002-49 – Executing a memorandum of agreement with the City of Tukwila for the development of the Tukwila Freeway Route

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-49 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-56 – Executing an agreement among Sound Transit, the City of Bellevue, and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the purposes of (1) allocating financial responsibility for cost overruns in the Bellevue Direct Access Project; and (2) amending the SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Construction Agreement by adopting the allocation of financial responsibility provisions of this agreement

**It was moved by Mr. Pelz, seconded by Ms. Gates, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-56 be approved as presented.**

(Ms. Hague arrived at this time.)

Motion No. M2002-59 – Executing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Community Transit to allow the design and construction of a Community Transit ride store at the Lynnwood Transit Center using \$500,000 of Community Transit pass-through funding and increases the 2002 adopted Lynnwood Transit Center Park-and-Ride Lot budget by \$500,000 to \$33,684,000 to include the Community Transit pass-through funding

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-59 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-62 – Entering into an umbrella agreement with King County and the Washington State Department of Transportation to acquire property interests and allow Sound Transit to construct and operate the Link Light Rail alignment through the E-3 Busway corridor between the southern boundary of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and South Forest Street

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-62 be approved as presented.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Central Link Oversight Committee**

No report.

#### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Phelps, Finance Committee Chair, stated that at the last meeting the Committee did a thorough analysis of the proposed changes to budget policies. Following discussion, it was felt that it was important to review some of the changes with the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) prior to taking action.

The Finance Committee took action on the following motions that were within its authority: Motion No. M2002-68 – authorizing a contract amendment with Nori Sato for lead artist services; Motion No. M2002-61 – authorizing the Executive Director to extend the lease with WTC for field offices in Tacoma; and Motion No. M2002-64 – authorizing the Executive Director to approve a contract amendment with Inca Engineering for the Community Transit ride store.

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee had an audit report subcommittee meeting to look at the 2001 financial federal audits. He stated that Sound Transit had a clean federal audit and there were no reportable conditions or areas of non-compliance.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Sims advised that the Board would convene to an executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.220, paragraph I, to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation. He said the executive session was expected to last for 25 minutes, at which time the Board would reconvene the meeting. The Board would not be taking any further action after the executive session.

Prior to going into the Executive Session, Mr. Mosher asked Chair Sims about a planning for Phase II in order to provide information to the RTID.

Mr. Sims announced that he had appointed Mr. Mosher, Ms. Thomas, and Mr. Earling to the RTID Executive Committee.

The Board was recessed into executive session at 2:17 p.m.

The Board was called back to order at 3:04 p.m.

**Other Business**


None.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, June 13, 2002  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
401 South Jackson  
Seattle, Washington

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Ron Sims  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator