

**Sound Transit Board Meeting  
Summary Minutes  
September 12, 2002**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 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) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor
(A) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive	(P) Mark Olson, City of Everett Councilmember
(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Councilmember	(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember
(P) Mary Gates, City of Federal Way Councilmember	(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember
(P) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember	(P) Kevin Phelps, City of Tacoma Councilmember
(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary	(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Council Chair
(P) Richard McIver, City of Seattle Councilmember	(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Deputy Mayor
(P) Chuck Mosher, City of Bellevue Councilmember	

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Dave Enslow  
Jane Hague  
Doug MacDonald  
Julia Patterson  
Cynthia Sullivan

**Welcome**

Mr. Sims welcomed Mr. Mark Olson, City of Everett Councilmember, as a new member of the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

**Public Comment**

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

**Mr. Philip Grega** commented on ridership and standard elements of design for stations.

(Mr. Enslow and Ms. Sullivan arrived at this time.)

Mr. Warren Yi spoke in support of Motion No. M2002-93 and commented on the third Sounder train.

### Consent Agenda

Minutes from the June 13, 2002; July 11, 2002; and July 25, 2002, Board Meetings

The Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority does hereby approve the voucher certifications for the months of June 2002 in the amount of \$20,532,002.42 and July 2002 in the amount of \$25,978,016.59

Motion No. M2002-90 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to approve the Six-Year Transit Development Plan and 2001 Annual Report for submittal to the Washington State Department of Transportation

Motion No. M2002-101 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting the Sound Transit Technology Plan for funding the development and implementation of advanced transit technologies and authorizing the Executive Director to take necessary steps to implement the Plan

Motion No. M2002-91 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Bayley Construction in the amount of \$9,135,679 with a Sound Transit controlled 10% contingency of \$913,568 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$10,049,247 for construction of the Lynnwood Transit Center/Park-and-Ride Lot

Motion No. M2002-93 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Amtrak for cost reimbursement for the construction of Sounder Commuter Rail elements at the Everett Station (commuter rail platform and station track) within the Burlington Northern Santa Fe right-of-way in the amount of \$660,000 and a 10% contingency of \$66,000 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$726,000

Motion No. M2002-97 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill to incorporate underground utilities into the final design of Martin Luther King Jr. Way South in the amount of \$1,220,000 plus a 3.3% contingency of \$40,000 totaling \$1,260,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,457,572

Motion No. M2002-98 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Hatch Mott MacDonald/Sverdrup Joint Venture to provide additional civil engineering final design services for the Beacon Hill Station in the amount of \$2,571,701 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,016,263

Motion No. M2002-107 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a settlement agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A and to take steps necessary to implement the settlement agreement, including the execution of other necessary documents

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

## Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims indicated his concern that the second meeting in August had to be canceled because the Board could not achieve a quorum. He stated that with Sound Transit moving forward with construction, it is critical that timely action be taken to execute contracts. He advised that there may need to be a different mechanism in order to execute contracts in the absence of a Board meeting, if the Board is unable to achieve a quorum.

## Executive Director Report

### Sound Transit Ridership Report

Ms. Earl stated that the second quarter ridership report for Regional Express and Sounder shows overall system ridership was up almost 10%.

### Sounder Third Train Schedule

Mr. Marty Minkoff, Sounder Director, and Mr. Martin Young, Sounder Operations Manager, updated the Board on Sounder Commuter Rail's third round-trip between Seattle and Tacoma. Mr. Minkoff advised that the planned introduction was scheduled for September 30, 2002. He thanked that the Board, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), and staff for their hard work and diligence.

(Mr. MacDonald arrived at this time.)

### Smart Card Project

Ms. Barbara Gilliland, Planning and Development Manager, and Ms. Candace Carlson, King County Metro Regional Fare Coordination Project Manager, presented an overview of the Smart Card system and policy issues Sound Transit could face while deciding whether to move forward with the procurement. (A copy of the presentation is on file.)

(Ms. Hague and Ms. Patterson arrived at this time.)

Ms. Gilliland briefed the Board on the three alternatives in going forward with the Smart Card technology.

1. Adopt the Smart Card without participation of all the transit partners. Some partner transit agencies have indicated that they may not wish to move forward with the program. In those cases, there are two options: maintain a dual system or make a decision to accept only Smart Card.
2. Ensure all operating partners participate. There could be consideration of Sound Transit making up the cost for implementation and operation.
3. Withdraw from the project and pursue it at a different time.

Ms. Earl stated that after the next stage of procurement, there would be an interlocal agreement that will be reviewed by each agency. Staff will make sure the Board has all the information and knows the implementations of the program.

## 2003 Budget

Ms. Earl presented an overview of the 2003 Budget (copy on file). She mentioned that for the first time, Sound Transit will be operating all three lines of business in 2003 with Tacoma Link beginning operation in September 2003. The 2003 Budget is focused on project delivery, service, and readiness.

### Action Items

Motion No. M2002-108 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority establishing an agency performance rating for 2001

**It was moved by Mr. Enslow, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-108 be approved as presented.**

### Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2002-92 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for the construction of the intersection improvements on 200th Street SW between 46th Avenue South and 48th Avenue South in Lynnwood associated with the Lynnwood Transit Center/Park-and-Ride Lot improvements project in the amount of \$542,600 with a 10% contingency of \$54,300 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$596,900

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Enslow and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-92 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-94 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a three-year Interlocal Agreement with the City of Everett to provide operations and maintenance services at the Everett Station for ST Express in the total amount of \$109,849 with a 10% contingency of \$10,985 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$120,834

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosher and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-94 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-100 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a sole source contract with Talking Signs® Services, Inc. to provide consulting and technical services for Remote Infrared Audible Signs (RIAS) Wayfinding Demonstration Project in the amount of \$135,000, with a 10% contingency amount of \$13,500 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$148,500

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosher and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-100 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-106 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to extend an existing sole source contract with McBee Strategic for federal relations consulting services for an additional three-month period from October 1, 2002, until December 31, 2002, in the amount of \$45,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$135,000

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosher and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-106 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-103 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a sole source contract with Pharos Corporation to provide interim acquisition/relocation services for a period of six months for Regional Express and Commuter Rail capital projects in an amount not to exceed \$250,000

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosher and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-103 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-104 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a sole source contract with URS Corporation to provide interim environmental investigation services for a period of six months for Regional Express and Commuter Rail capital projects in an amount not to exceed \$300,000

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosher and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-104 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2002-105 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a sole source contract with Bruce Allen & Associates to provide interim appraisal services for a period of six months for Regional Express and Commuter Rail capital projects in an amount not to exceed \$250,000

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-105 be approved as presented.**

### **Discussion Item**

#### **Eastgate HOV Direct Access Project**

Mr. Barry Hennelly, Regional Express Project Manager, briefed the Board on the Eastgate HOV Direct Access Project.

He stated that WSDOT, the City of Bellevue, King County Metro, and Sound Transit all agree that the 142nd Place overpass would be the best option for a connection to I-90. He went over the two alternatives that were still being considered, stating that Alternative B was the staff recommendation as it would meet the purpose and need as described in Sound Move and could be built within the existing budget.

Mr. Mosher advised the Board that while he had some concerns that the alternative will become overloaded in the future, he supports the less expensive alternative, in order to meet schedule and budget.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Sims reported that in addition to the action items that came before the Board earlier, a partnering agreement with Associated General Contractors was signed during the Executive Committee meeting and members were given an update on the Mercer Island park-and-ride lot.

Central Link Oversight Committee

Mr. Sims reported for Ms. Sullivan that the Central Link Oversight Committee did not meet during the month of August. He said that the September 19, 2002, meeting would be replaced with a joint meeting of the Community Development Fund Steering Committee, the Seattle City Council Transportation Committee, and the Sound Transit Finance Committee to discuss the Community Development Fund.

Finance Committee

Mr. Crawford reported that at the September 5, 2002, meeting, the Finance Committee took action on the following items within its authority: Motion No. M2002-95 – executing a contract amendment with O'Brien Kreitzberg to provide additional construction management services in support of the construction of the Bellevue Transit Center – Stage 2, and Motion No. M2002-102 – executing a contract with COPACINO for advertising and media buying services for a term of three years.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2002  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
Seattle, WA

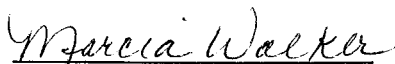
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Ron Sims  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator