# Sound Transit Executive Committee Minutes

## **December 12, 2002**

## Call to Order

Executive Committee Chair Ron Sims called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

#### **Attendance**

- (P) Ron Sims, Chair
- (P) Dave Earling, Vice Chair
- (P) John Ladenburg, Vice Chair
- (P) Bob Drewel
- (P) Dave Enslow
- (P) John Okamoto for Doug MacDonald

- (P) Chuck Mosher
- (P) Greg Nickels
- (P) Julia Patterson
- (P) Kevin Phelps
- (P) Cynthia Sullivan

### Roll Call

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call.

Bob Drewel Chuck Mosher Greg Nickels Julia Patterson

#### **Public Comment**

None.

## Report of the Chair

None.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, and Mr. Mike Bergman, Project Manager, briefed the committee members on the Approach for 2003 Service Implementation Plan Outreach.

(Ms. Patterson and Mr. Mosher arrived at this time.)

Following discussion and requests for additional information, it was decided that staff would bring this discussion back to the January 9, 2003, Executive Committee meeting.

Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, and Ms. Andrea Tull, Project Manager, updated the committee on the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride project.

(Mr. Drewel arrived at this time.)

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Mr. Sims asked staff to bring back to the Executive Committee a motion asking for direction on the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride project.

#### Action Items

Items within the Executive Committee's Authority

Minutes of September 5, 2002; October 3, 2002; and November 7, 2002, Executive Committee meetings

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of the September 5, 2002; October 3, 2002; and November 7, 2002, Executive Committee meetings be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2002-122 – Establishing policies to define and regulate the uses that are permitted and those that are prohibited at Sound Transit's parking facilities and superseding Motion No. M2001-119 (Sounder Commuter Rail Interim Surface Parking Policy)

Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Special Assistant for Policy Development, briefed the Executive Committee on Motion No. M2002-122.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Mosher that Motion No. M2002-122 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Mr. Enslow offered an amendment to Motion No. M2002-122 to restate Policy 4 to read: "Sound Transit will implement a flexible policy regarding allowing persons to use its parking facilities to form public or private vanpools or carpools. Sound Transit will allow carpool parking at some of its parking facilities, but may prohibit it at facilities where capacity is limited."

It was moved by Mr. Enslow, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that the amendment to restate Policy 4 to read, "Sound Transit will implement a flexible policy regarding allowing persons to use its parking facilities to form public or private vanpools or carpools. Sound Transit will allow carpool parking at some of its parking facilities, but may prohibit it at facilities where capacity is limited." to Motion No. M2002-122 be approved as presented.

Mr. Phelps offered an amendment to Motion No. M2002-122 to delete Policy 9 which read: "There is currently no charge to transit customers for parking at Sound Transit parking facilities." until the Finance Committee could review this policy in more depth.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that the amendment to delete Policy 9 in Motion No. M2002-122 be approved as presented.

The motion to forward Motion No. M2002-122, as amended, to the Board with a do pass recommendation was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Resolution No. R2002-21 – Selecting the corridor improvements, station facilities, train storage facility, and park-and-ride improvements to be built for the Lakewood-to-Tacoma Commuter Rail and SR-512 Park-and-Ride Expansion project

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It was moved by Mr. Mosher, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that Resolution No. R2002-21 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

#### **Discussion Items**

Mr. Sims announced that the ST Express Overhead Options and Contracting Approach would be held over to the next meeting.

Washington State Department of Transportation Proposed Changes for Eastside HOV Lane Hours of Operation

Mr. Charlie Howard, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), presented the WSDOT staff recommendations to the Washington State Transportation Commission concerning possible changes to the current HOV lane hours of operation (copy on file).

(Mr. Nickels arrived at this time.)

Mr. Howard stated that the staff recommendations are (1) keep I-5 HOV lanes as HOV lanes; (2) open HOV lanes on the Eastside freeways from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.; (3) retain HOV restriction on weekend days on all freeways; and (4) pursue an HOT (high occupancy toll) managed lane strategy on I-405 and SR 167 to improve freeway throughput.

Ms. Sullivan stated that it will be useful to evaluate the affect on the Sound Transit bus system and HOV riders if the freeway becomes stopped due to an accident.

Mr. Crawford mentioned his concern with Sound Transit projects being built that depend on the HOV lane.

## Other Business

None.

#### Next Meeting

Mr. Sims stated that the next meeting date would be announced at a later time.

## <u>Adjourn</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Ron Sims

**Executive Committee Chair** 

ATTEST:

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