

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
March 27, 2003**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by Chair Ron Sims in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds City Council President

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember

(P) Mary Gates, Federal Way City Councilmember

(P) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(A) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember

(A) 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 not present at roll call.

The following Board Members arrived after roll call:

David Enslow

Jane Hague

John Ladenburg

Greg Nickels

Kevin Phelps

Public Comment

Ms. Rebecca Slivka gave public comment regarding the I-90 two-way transit project.

(Board Member Phelps arrived at this time.)

Dr. Harkness gave public comment regarding his opposition to building Link Light Rail.

(Board Members Nickels and Enslow arrived at this time.)

Mr. Jim MacIassac gave public comment regarding cost estimates for the north extension of Link Light Rail.

(Board Member Ladenburg arrived at this time.)

Mr. Art McDonald gave public comment regarding the I-90 two-way transit project.

Ms. Edie Gillless, Transportation Choices Coalition, gave public comment regarding the I-90 two-way transit project.

Ms. Barbara Culp gave public comment regarding the I-90 two-way transit project.

Ms. Sidney Elmer, 1,000 Friends of Washington, gave public comment regarding the I-90 two-way transit project.

Mr. Phillip Grega gave public comment on the Smart Card project and the I-90 two-way transit project.

Mr. John Niles, Technical Coordinator for Effective Transportation or CETA, gave public comment on light rail safety.

(Board Member Hague arrived at this time.)

Mr. Ed Brighton gave public comment on light rail safety.

Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit, gave public comment on light rail safety.

Mr. Tim Gould gave public comment on the light rail alignment in Tukwila.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims indicated that a quorum of the Board was now present.

Mr. Sims reported that the Board was working from a revised agenda. Specifically, the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) report was removed and the three Smart Card motions are delayed until the Finance Committee acts on them at its April 17, 2003 meeting. He also noted that an executive session had been added.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Earl introduced Mr. Fred Cooper the new Community Development Fund (CDF) Director.

Ms. Earl reported that the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, following a review by the FTA, approved Sound Transit's plans for protecting habitat of threatened Chinook Salmon, Bull Trout and Bald Eagles along Sounder's Puget Sound shoreline route. The Endangered Species Act approvals are necessary for moving forward with track and signal improvements required to extend Sounder service on Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks. The improvements will significantly increase capacity for both freight and passenger service.

She announced that one of Sound Transit's major milestones of 2003 was reached this week when the new pedestrian bridge at Sounder's Auburn commuter rail station was opened. She also announced that a King County Superior Court judge recently dismissed a State Environmental Protection Act lawsuit filed by Gateway Center, Inc. and related entities against Sound Transit's Federal Way project.

Consent Agenda

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

Action Items

Items Not Referred by Committee

Motion No. M2003-31 – Appointing Karen Miller, Snohomish County; Dick Chapin, East King County; Miriam Helgeland, South King County; and Bill LaBorde, Pierce County, to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each, beginning April 2003 and expiring April 2007.

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Office of Policy and Planning Officer, presented the staff report for Motion No. M2003-31.

It was moved by Mr. Earling, seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2003-31 be approved as presented.

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2003-21 – Executing an interlocal agreement with the City of Everett that (1) establishes Sound Transit as North Everett Transit Center project lead through design and (2) provides for the City of Everett to Reimburse Sound Transit for up to \$353,606 in costs for design services

Mr. Dan Eder, Regional Express Project Manager, presented the staff report for Motion No. M2003-21.

Mr. Sims announced that per Sound Transit's Code of Ethics, in order to ensure the absence of actual or apparent conflict of interest, the Executive Director has disclosed that her spouse is the President of Everett Community College. Ms. Earl excused herself from the room until the Board had taken action on this motion.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2003-21 be approved as presented.

Discussion Items

I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations Project

Ms. Agnes Govern gave an update on the status of the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations Project. She commented that in May 2003 staff will be going to the public, through a series of public meetings, and soliciting input before coming back in the summer of 2003 with a recommendation for a preferred alternative.

Ms. Andrea Tull, Regional Express Project Manager, briefed the Board on the history, status, cost/funding sources and the next steps for the project.

The following alternatives were identified:

R-1: No Build. This is the existing three outer lanes and two center lanes into Seattle in the morning and away from Seattle in the evening.

R-2B: Two-Way Center Roadway. This would convert the center roadway to two-way operation for transit and carpools. It would decrease capacity to one lane in each direction, with a barrier separation.

R-5 Modified: Transit Shoulder. This would add a transit-only shoulder lane eastbound in the morning and westbound in the evening.

R-5 Restripe: Transit Shoulder. This is a low cost alternative which would restripe the lanes to provide a transit-only shoulder lane east and westbound.

R-8A: HOV lanes in outer roadway. This would narrow the lanes to create a fourth lane for transit and carpools, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The center roadway would continue to operate as it does today.

Link Light Rail Safety Program

Mr. Fazel introduced Hamid Qaasim, Quality Assurance Manager. He indicated that Mr. Qaasim was responsible for the development of the Link systems safety program.

Mr. Qaasim announced that Sound Transit's goal is to design, construct and operate a safe, clean, reliable, accessible and cost-effective system. He briefed the Board on safety certifications and how this relates to the Rainier Valley, the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT), the aerial guideway through Tukwila and some portions of Seattle, and the safety education program.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Phelps indicated that at the last Finance Committee meeting the Executive Director addressed the issue of capital underspending and the Committee was briefed on the 2002 tax revenue. He also reported that the Committee took action on the following items within its authority: Motion No. M2003-34, an agreement with Berger Abam Engineers for the McClellan station; Motion No. M2003-35, an agreement for on-call environmental site assessment with Shannon & Wilson; Motion No. M2003-36, authorizing an extension with KJM for conducting project control services for administration.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2003
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room

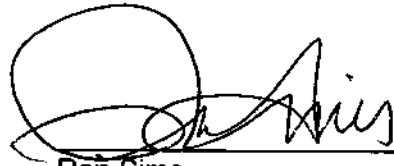
Executive Session

At 3:15 p.m. the Board convened a 20 minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party. At 3:35 p.m., Chair Sims extended the executive session by 10 minutes. At 3:45 p.m. Chair Sims extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:55 p.m.

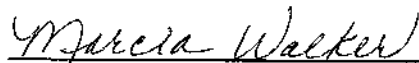
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

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Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia Walker", is written over a horizontal line.

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator