

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
April 10, 2003**

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

(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

(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City 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:

Dave Enslow

Mark Olson

Julia Patterson

Dwight Pelz

Public Comment

Mr. John Niles, Coalition for Effective Transportation Alternatives (CETA), read his comments regarding Link Light Rail safety into the record (copy on file with the Board Administrator).

(Mr. Enslow arrived.)

Ms. Ruth Korkowski commented on public disclosure requests and communications with regard to Link Light Rail in the Martin Luther King Jr., Way area.

(Ms. Patterson arrived.)

Ms. Maggie Fimia, Co-Chair of CETA, read her comments into the record (copy on file with Board Administrator).

Mr. Phillip Grega comments referred to light rail operations when it snows.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims announced that new members have been appointed to the Performance Audit Committee: Patrick Coogan, Jan Gibson, Joseph McGavick, and Shelly Brown. He also thanked Board members Earling and Thomas for their efforts in Olympia during the previous week.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Earl reported on the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored trade mission to Shanghai.

(Mr. Pelz and Mr. Olson arrived.)

She also reported that Board members Ladenburg, Phelps, Gates, and Enslow attended the final weld ceremony for the Tacoma Link Light Rail project.

Ms. Earl updated the Board on three areas of Link Light Rail: First, the demolition and site preparation for the Central Link Maintenance Base site is substantially complete one month ahead of schedule and the total anticipated cost is approximately half a million dollars below budget. Second, the Beacon Hill exploratory test shaft is proceeding and significant construction is underway. And third, an integrated computer signaling system has been developed to improve Link Light Rail safety in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel.

Citizen Oversight Panel

Mr. Arlington Carter, Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel, thanked the Board for being timely and responsive in filling the vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP). He noted that the areas reviewed by the COP since the last report are scope creep, subarea equity monitoring, construction management on the complex Bellevue Direct Access project, the preliminary analyses of the North Link SEIS alternatives, the upcoming Smart Card decision, and the Sound Transit long-term financial model. He further noted that in most areas, Sound Transit's performance and progress was excellent.

He indicated that the COP had concerns with the delays in negotiations with BNSF and the lack of progress in the discussions between Sound Transit and the University of Washington.

Mr. Carter thanked and commended departing members of the COP – Fred Hart, Dave Osaki, Reid Shockey, Steve Goldblatt, Darrell Chapman, and Tom Luthy.

Mr. Sims thanked Mr. Carter for his continued service as Chair of the COP and his work appointing members to the Performance Audit Committee.

Consent Agenda

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

Action Items

Item Not Referred by Committee

Motion No. M2003-40 – Appointing Donald Russell, North King County, and Marcus Courtney, North King County, to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each, beginning April 2003 and expiring April 2007.

It was moved by Mr. Mosher and seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2003-40 be approved as presented.

Item Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2003-37 – Authorizing an additional \$600,000 to be added to the approved contingency amount with Gary Merlino Construction Company for construction of Tacoma Link Light Rail Line Segment, Project C910

Mr. Crawford indicated that the Finance Committee reviewed Motion No. M2003-37 and recommended its approval. He explained that by not utilizing the diamond track, the contingency is being increased, but overall there is a \$300,000 savings.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosher and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2003-37 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Crawford reported that the Committee took action on the following items within its authority: Motion No. M2003-17 – Executing a supplement Task Order 1B to the existing agreement with WSDOT, GCA 1234, Task Order 4, for the completion of the environmental process and associated preliminary engineering work of the I-90 Project; Motion No. M2003-27 – Executing an amendment to the contract with URS for the completion of the environmental documentation phase of the I-90 Project. The Committee postponed action on Motion Nos. M2003-38 and M2003-39, both regarding the Mountlake Terrace cut-off and bypass.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2003
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington


Executive Session

At 1:55 p.m. the Board convened a 30-minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:25 p.m.

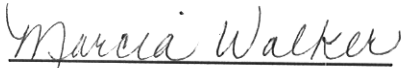
Adjourn

The Board meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator