

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
April 24, 2003**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 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) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor
(P) Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive	(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember
(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember	(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember
(P) Mary Gates, Federal Way City Councilmember	(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember
(P) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember	(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember
(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary	(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Council Chair
(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember	(A) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Deputy Mayor
(P) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember	

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Jane Hague	Greg Nickels
Doug MacDonald	Cynthia Sullivan

Public Comment

Mr. Joel Horn, Executive Director of the Elevated Transit Company, spoke in support of the Smart Card System.

Dr. Richard Harkness gave public comment on (1) the safety issues related to the Link Light Rail project, (2) design differences between the south line and the north line, and (3) concerns with including light rail in the RTID.

Mr. Will Knedlik spoke about Sound Transit Board members participation in the Seattle Chamber of Commerce International Study Mission to Shanghai.

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

Report of the Chair

None.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Joni Earl reported that Mayor Nickels and Sound Transit staff toured the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and the E-3 Busway with Congressman Istook, the new Chair of the House Transportation Appropriations Committee. She advised that Region X had formally transmitted the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) request to the Federal Transit Administration headquarters.

Ms. Earl reported that Governor Locke vetoed Qwest's utility relocation bill saving taxpayers over \$50 million toward the Sounder and Link Light Rail projects.

She noted that Judge Zilly dismissed the lawsuit by the Citizens for Mobility against Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The lawsuit made the claim that there had not been sufficient environmental review for the initial light rail segment.

She announced that Sound Transit received the Association of General Contractors award for 2003 for construction excellence for the Bellevue Transit Center.

Ms. Earl reported that the Draft EIS for the I-90 project had been released for public comment. She explained that the public review process would take place from April 26 through June 9, 2003, with three public hearings being held on May 20, 21, and 22, 2003.

Consent Agenda

March 27, 2003, Board Meeting minutes

Voucher certification for the month of February 2003 in the amount of \$37,900,667.44

Voucher certification for the month of March 2003 in the amount of \$22,509,519.69

Motion No. M2003-41 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Fourth Supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Seattle reimbursing the City for project-related services in support of the Central Link Light Rail project within City of Seattle's jurisdiction. These services will be provided by the City of Seattle in the areas of public works, public safety, and program management, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$2,138,937, and a revised total MOA not to exceed \$13,752,684. The effective date of this action will be May 1, 2003

Motion No. M2003-42 – Ratifying the Airspace Lease Agreement between the Washington State Department of Transportation and Sound Transit for the Regional Express South Hill/Puyallup Park and Ride Lot dated August 9, 2000, for a term of twenty years, and to amend the agreement to revise the legal description and the amount of rent accordingly, for a one time payment of \$51,318 for the term of the lease

Motion No. M2003-43 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for a term of 40 years for the purpose of operating and maintaining a series of storm water detention vaults located at the WSDOT-owned Lynnwood Park and Ride Lot, to serve three Regional Express projects: the Lynnwood Transit Center, Lynnwood Park and Ride Lot Enhancements, and the Lynnwood Direct Access Interchange

Resolution No. R2003-04 – Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation, by settling condemnation litigation or entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Central Link Light Rail Project

Resolution No. R2003-05 – Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase or by condemnation and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction, operation, and permanent location of the Regional Express Kirkland Direct Access Project, and to execute all documents necessary to convey those interests to the Washington State Department of Transportation consistent with the 1997 Memorandum of Agreement between Sound Transit and the Washington State Department of Transportation

It was moved by Mr. Ladenburg, 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 – Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2003-44 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Agreement for Operation and Use of Sound Transit-funded HOV and Direct Access Facilities with the Washington State Department of Transportation

It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Mosher that Motion No. M2003-44 be approved as presented.

Mr. Phelps explained that this motion was technically a policy issue that would normally come before the Executive Committee, rather than the Finance Committee, however the Executive Committee was not scheduled to meet until May 1, 2003. There is a pending action item that is dependent on Board action on this motion.

Mr. Phelps stated that several Board members had worked on this policy during the previous month and a half, including Mr. Earling, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Mosher, Ms. Sullivan, and himself. The policy reaffirms the commitments made by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Sound Transit in the 1997 Memorandum of Understanding; it requires that the Transportation Commission consult with the Sound Transit Board before making changes in the HOV system and/or performance standards; it limits the use of the direct access ramps to buses and HOVs only; and it gives the Sound Transit Board the ability to make recommendations regarding the existing performance for the effectiveness of the HOV improvements.

(Ms. Hague arrived at this time.)

The motion was carried by the majority vote of all Board members present. (Mr. Pelz voted in the minority.)

Motion No. M2002-123 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Bellevue and the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide Sound Transit with funds for the construction of the 4th Street – 6th Street Phase of the Bellevue HOV Direct Access project in the amount of \$62,899,097, with a contingency of \$4,916,289, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$67,815,386

It was moved by Mr. Mosher, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2002-123 be approved as presented.

Action Items – Considered by both Executive and Finance Committees

Motion No. M2003-24 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with ERG, Ltd., an Australian systems integration and transit fare collection equipment vendor, to design, implement and operate a regional Smart Card-based fare collection and revenue processing system for Central Puget Sound transit agencies. This contract would include approximately \$3.3 million for system design and implementation and all equipment, plus \$2.7 million in payments and ratios and maintenance of the system through 2014, and a 12% contingency of \$0.7 million, for a total authorized contract amount of approximately \$6.7 million (Referred to the Board by the Executive Committee without recommendation.)

Motion No. M2003-24 (Substitute) – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with ERG Transit Systems (USA) Inc., a California corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of ERG Limited, an Australian systems integration and transit fare collection equipment vendor, to design, implement and operate a regional Smart Card-based fare collection and revenue processing system for Central Puget Sound transit agencies. This contract would include \$3,279,008 for system design and implementation and all equipment, plus \$2,712,854 in payments for operations and maintenance of the system through 2014, and an 11% contingency amount of \$653,069, for a total authorized contract amount of \$6,644,931 (Referred to the Board by the Finance Committee with a do-pass recommendation.)

Mr. Sims stated that at the Executive Committee meeting on April 3, 2003, Motion No. M2003-24 was forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation. The Finance Committee has forwarded a substitute Motion No. M2003-24 to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that the substitute version of Motion No. M2003-24 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-25 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an interlocal agreement regarding the Smart Card project with partner transit agencies, which may include Community Transit, Everett Transit, Kitsap Transit, King County Metro, Pierce Transit, and Washington State Ferries

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board Members present that Motion No. M2003-25 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-26 – Authorizing the Executive Director to allocate funding from the Regional Fund/Fare Integration Fund budget to provide Smart Card project funding for Sound Transit implementation and operations; to provide funding support to Community Transit, Everett Transit, and Pierce Transit should they choose to participate in the project; and to renegotiate the Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation Program Agreement to reduce and sunset Sound Transit's participation in the Puget Pass program and obligation to subsidize intersystem transfers (Referred to the Board by the Executive Committee with a do-pass recommendation.)

Motion No. M2003-26 (Substitute) – Authorizing the Executive Director to allocate funding from the Regional Fund/Fare Integration Fund budget to provide Smart Card project funding for Sound Transit implementation and operations; to provide funding support to Community Transit, Everett Transit, and Pierce Transit; and to renegotiate the Regional Pass and Fare Reconciliation Program Agreement to reduce and sunset Sound Transit's participation in the Puget Pass program and obligation to subsidize intersystem transfers (Referred to the Board as amended by the Finance Committee with a do-pass recommendation.)

Mr. Sims stated that the Board would be acting on substitute version of Motion No. M2003-26.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by unanimous vote of all Board Members present that substitute Motion No. M2003-26 be approved as presented.

Mr. Phelps recognized staff for their hard work and effort in the development of the Smart Card project. He thanked them for their persistence and patience.

Ms. Sullivan stated that the idea behind Smart Card was initially brought up through public hearings in 1996. The public stated that one of the most important things, besides technology and alignment, was to be able to pay in one manner that was easy, transferable, and seamless. She also acknowledged staff and their hard work.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee took action on the following items within its authority: Motion No. M2003-38, executing a contract with HNTB for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Mountlake Terrace in-line station project; and Motion No. M2003-39, entering into an agreement with WSDOT for project support services for the Mountlake Terrace in-line station project.

Other Business

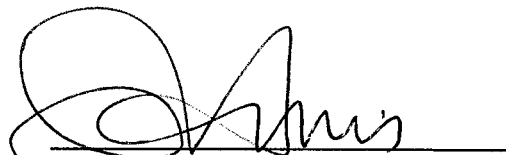
None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2003
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator