

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
May 22, 2003**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Vice Chair John Ladenburg 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

(A) Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) 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

(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 present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Dave Enslow

Chuck Mosher

Mark Olson

Ron Sims

Public Comment

Mr. Paul W. Lock spoke to Resolution No. R2003-06 stating that he felt Sound Transit should have a say in the labor negotiations.

(Mr. Sims arrived at this time.)

Mr. Jerry Brooks commented on a contract for janitorial services for Pierce Transit.

(Mr. Olson arrived at this time.)

Mr. Charles Pennell, SEIU, Local 6, made a statement about Allied Building Services and expressed concern about utilizing a non-union workers for janitorial services for Pierce Transit.

Mr. John Niles, Technical Director for the Coalition for Effective Transportation Alternatives, addressed the Board about Link light rail safety.

Mr. Nickels expressed his concern on public comment received at the May 8, 2003, Board meeting. He mentioned that a speaker had presented inaccurate information on light rail safety and seemed to be trying to use scare tactics. Mr. Nickels requested that the public present accurate information.

Report of the Chair

None.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Joni Earl announced that in April, ST Express achieved 28,000 daily boardings and at the end of April reached the point of having carried 20 million riders.

Ms. Earl reported that earlier in the week the Talking Signs® technology was demonstrated with members of the Citizens Accessibility Committee and the news media. She explained that the Talking Signs® technology is an infrared wireless communications system that provides remote directional human voice messages helping to make confident, independent travel possible for vision impaired individuals

Ms. Earl advised that on May 16, 2003, the Washington State Department of Transportation advised the City of Bellevue and Sound Transit that the lowest responsive bid for the Bellevue HOV direct access project was below the engineer's estimate. She said there is a high probability that the project can be brought in under budget.

Ms. Earl mentioned that agency progress reports were in the Board members' packets. She said that the project control staff had worked very hard to make the report consistent and user friendly. She shared with the Board that the FTA has begun using Sound Transit's progress report as the standard with other agencies.

Action Items – Referred by Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2003-06 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an intergovernmental agreement with King County for (1) the operation and maintenance of Central Link Light Rail (including the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel) and the provision of complementary paratransit services for a term commencing with passenger service and running for five years (or until December 31, 2015, whichever is earlier) for an estimated amount of \$124.1 million (YOES); and (2) the performance of start-up activities for an estimated amount of \$17.36 million (YOES) in capital funds

It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Mr. Mosher that Resolution No. R2003-06 be approved as presented.

Ms. Gloria Overgaard, Deputy Director for Regional Express, presented Resolution No. R2003-06 and described the approach that was used for the negotiations. She listed the six guiding principles as: set policy, accountability, budget control, cost control, Sound Transit identity, and opt out clause.

(Mr. Enslow arrived at this time.)

Mr. Nickels stated that under the agreement, King County will be acting as Sound Transit's agent to ensure all Sound Transit obligations are met. He congratulated Sound Transit and King County on a great agreement.

Mr. Phelps spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee stating that the agreement is based on a not to exceed cost.

Mr. Mosher commented that the agreement is an excellent example of intergovernmental cooperation to cut taxpayer costs.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2003-06 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Motion No. M2003-50 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of Kent for use of the Kent Commuter Rail Station Parking Garage until 2034 with an option to renew until 2040 and create mechanisms for the City of Kent to reimburse Sound Transit for incremental use of the garage by non-commuters

Mr. Phelps reported that the agreement states that Kent will pay the incremental cost increase for maintaining its portion of the garage. He said the Finance Committee asked staff to come back with a policy review of incremental costs and proportional costs. The Committee feels it would be advantageous in the future, to have such a policy going into negotiations.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-50 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-52 – Authorizing an additional \$250,000 to be added to the approved contingency amount with Gary Merlino Construction Company for construction of Tacoma Link Light Rail Line Segment, Project C910

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-52 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-54 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Mukilteo providing for the City to pay \$25,000 as its share of the cost of a concept study of Mukilteo Commuter Rail Station Park-and-Ride on Mukilteo Lane

Mr. Phelps briefed the Board on Motion No. M2003-54 stating that the Finance Committee was forwarding the motion to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-54 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2003-57 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Moss Adams Associates to continue to provide accounting support services in the amount of \$80,001 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$180,000 and extending the contract date from May 31, 2003 to July 31, 2003

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-57 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee took action on the following items within its authority: Motion No. M2003-47 – authorizing an agreement with the WSDOT for the South Everett park-and-ride lot direct access project; Motion No. M2003-53 – authorizing an agreement with the WSDOT for preliminary engineering and environmental work for the Eastgate direct access project; Motion No. M2003-55 – authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the existing station design services contract with Streeter & Associates Architects for the Mukilteo Commuter Rail Station; and Motion No. M2003-56 – authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with David Evans and Associates to complete final design of the Sammamish Park-and-Ride Lot.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

At 2:00 p.m. the Board convened a one-hour executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party. Mr. Sims advised that there would be no further action following the executive session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2003
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.



David Earling
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator