# Sound Transit Executive Committee Minutes

## June 5, 2003

## Call to Order

Executive Committee Chair Ron Sims called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

## **Attendance**

(P) Ron Sims, Chair
 (P) Chuck Mosher
 (P) Dave Earling, Vice Chair
 (P) John Ladenburg, Vice Chair
 (P) Julia Patterson
 (P) Kevin Phelps

(A) Dave Enslow

(A) Doug MacDonald

(P) Cynthia Sullivan

Also attending: Board member Claudia Thomas

#### **Roll Call**

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

## **Public Comment**

Ms. Rebecca Slivka commented on the I-90 two-way transit project and her concerns for maintaining safety.

(Board members Nickels and Ladenburg arrived at this time.)

Ms. Edie Gilless, Transportation Choices Coalition, commented on the I-90 two-way transit project and stated her support of the R2B alternative.

Ms. Jessica Brand, Livable Communities Coalition, spoke in favor of the R2B alternative.

Mr. Philip Grega asked that a hybrid two-way transit alternative be evaluated and considered for I-90.

(Board member Thomas arrived at this time.)

Ms. Virginia Gunby, representing 1000 Friends of Washington, stated opposition for the R8A option for I-90. She said this alternative would negatively impact the environment and supports single occupancy vehicle usage.

Mr. Richard Conrad, Mercer Island City Manager, stated that the City of Mercer Island supports option R8A to bring congestion relief to I-90. He also advised the Executive Committee that an agreement had been reached on a workable solution to the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride Lot, which he advised Sound Transit staff would be presenting during the meeting.

Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit President, spoke to the I-90 project and urged support for the R2B option.

### Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims advised the Executive Committee an update on the Mercer Island Park and Ride had been added to the agenda under the Executive Director report.

Mr. Sims stated that when Ms. Earl was selected as Executive Director, she was given a two-year employment agreement which expires in June 2003. He advised that he was putting an item on the June 12, 2003, Board agenda to authorize amending the agreement.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Earl advised that the King County Council unanimously approved the Operation and Maintenance Agreement; the negotiations with Burlington Northern Santa Fe kicked off on June 3, 2003; and the Tacoma Link start up is scheduled to begin August 22, 2003.

#### 272nd In-line Station Project

Mr. Hank Howard, Regional Express Project Manager, gave an update on the 272nd In-line Station Project.

Ms. Sullivan asked how this alternative will be different from the previous alternative.

Mr. Jim Edwards, Program Administrator, answered that this alternative meets the concerns of both the City of Federal Way and King County Metro, it is more pedestrian friendly, and the costs will not go up because they are capped. He also stated that the project is dependent on RTID funding.

#### Mercer Island Park and Ride Update

Ms. Andrea Tull, Regional Express Project Manager, updated the Executive Committee on the analysis of alternatives to provide additional parking spaces on Mercer Island. She advised that the staff recommendation was to proceed with a daylight basement option for the Mercer Island Parkand-Ride Lot, in which the lower floor would be depressed one-half of a floor and would take advantage of the existing varying grade.

### **Action Items**

Item within the Executive Committee's Authority

Minutes of the May 1, 2003, Executive Committee meeting

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that the minutes of the May 1, 2003, Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Items for Possible Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2003-58 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Property Acquisition and Transfer Agreement with the City of Seattle that authorizes the Executive Director to transfer to the City of Seattle real property acquired by Sound Transit for purposes of reconfiguring, relocating or widening of public rights-of-way to accommodate the construction of the Central Link Light Rail Project

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that Motion No. M2003-58 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2003-12 – A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director or her designee to settle condemnation litigation or enter administrative settlements (a settlement in lieu of initiating condemnation litigation) for the acquisition of real property interests authorized by the Board as necessary to implement Sound Move and amending Resolution Nos. R2000-05; R2000-10; R2000-13; R2000-16; R2001-02; R2001-13; R2002-03; R2002-15; R2002-19; R2003-01; R2003-04; and R2003-05

It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that Resolution No. R2003-12 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

## **Discussion Item**

Totem Lake Transit Center Development Agreement

Ms. Linda Smith, Regional Express Project Manager, briefed the Executive Committee on the Totem Lake Transit Center Development Agreement.

Ron Sims

**Executive Committee Chair** 

## Other Business

None.

#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, July 3, 2003 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Sound Transit Board Room

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Parcia Walker

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker Board Administrator