

**Sound Transit Board Meeting
Summary Minutes
June 26, 2003**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 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
(A) 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
(A) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember
(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember
(A) 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
Jane Hague
Cynthia Sullivan

Public Comment

The following individuals spoke against a future Board action on two Central Link construction contract awards because of the very low percentage of African American subcontractors:

Rev. Kenneth Ransford, Greater Mt. Baker Baptist Church

(Board members Sullivan and Enslow arrived at this time.)

Mr. Roberto Maestas, El Centro de la Raza
Mr. Eddie Rye, Jr., Black Contractors Coalition
Rev. Carl Livingstone, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Mr. Elton Mason

Mr. John S. Niles, CETA Technical Director, read a statement into record concerning problems that could interfere with the full funding grant agreement (FFGA) and what do if the FFGA was blocked (copy on file).

Mr. Paul W. Locke, commented on his concern about the affordability of transit operations.

Chair Sims thanked the individuals for bringing the issue of minority participation to the Board's attention. He stated that Ms. Earl and Mr. Stoner, Deputy Executive Director, have assured him that any contract before the Board will be looked at to ensure it meets the agency's goals to benefit every community.

Mr. Crawford reminded the Board that the Finance Committee reviews the DBE and M/W/DBE participation levels for compliance with Sound Transit goals before approving contract awards.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims announced that Sound Transit has awarded nearly \$200,000 to local community groups involved in recruiting and training unemployed and underemployed people to enter apprenticeships, and, ultimately, careers in the construction of building trades. The awards were given as a part of the Project Labor Agreement's Regional Apprenticeship Preparation Integrated Delivery System (RAPID) which is funded with \$.05 from every construction dollar spent.

Mr. Sims then introduced the following grant recipients:

- **Susan Crane** of Port Jobs for the Apprenticeship Preparation Training Consortium, which includes:
 - Seattle School District
 - King County Work Training Program
 - Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Employment for Women
 - Seattle Vocational Institute
 - Seattle Jobs Initiative
 - South Seattle Community College
- **Doug Swanberg** for the Metropolitan Development Council
- **Jerrilee Mosier** for Edmonds Community College
- **Sinh Nguyen** for the Center for Career Alternatives
- **Craig Shimabukuro and Tung Nguyen** for the Refugee Federation Service Center
- **Brian Carpenter** for the William M. Factory Small Business Incubator

Executive Director Report

Ms. Earl provided highlights of the agency's mid-year report to the Board.

Link Light Rail

In February, the Central Link Initial Segment received a "highly recommended" rating from the FTA and Sound Transit received \$75 million in the President's budget for fiscal year 2004.

She announced that the final track was laid for the Tacoma Link the prior week, and the light rail system is now in testing and will be operating in August.

(Board member Hague arrived at this time.)

Agreement has been reached with King County Metro for operation of Central Link, with unanimous votes by the Sound Transit Board and the King County Council.

Regional Express.

Less than four years after ST Express began service, the ridership is topping 20 million. In Snohomish County, there are two new direct access projects, Ash Way and the Lynnwood Park-and-Ride, which will cut approximately 30 minutes off the commute time.

Sound Transit opened the Dupont Park-and-Ride. The project was completed \$2 million under budget and two years ahead of schedule.

On the Eastside, Sound Transit is in the last stage of the I-405 direct access project with \$164 million being invested in this series of new HOV and transit ramps. With new unique construction methods, the agency expects to be ahead of schedule.

Sounder

Sound Transit and BNSF have reached agreement for commuter rail service from Everett to Seattle. One train will be operating by the end of this year.

In Pierce County, Sound Transit has an option to purchase 21 miles of track, reaching south to the Thurston County line.

Sounder is currently averaging 2,800 riders per day on three round trips between Tacoma and Seattle. Progress is being made on track and signal improvements which will add tremendous capacity for both freight and commuter rail.

Next Six Months

Central Link is expected to break ground. The Inspector General's report is due any day. When the FTA receives the report, it will then forward the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) to Congress for a 60-day review period. Staff's intent is to have contracts ready to go through the Board approval process so that by the time the FFGA is executed, the notice to proceed can be issued within two to three weeks.

Tacoma Link will begin operation on August 22, ahead of schedule. This will be the first modern light rail system in Washington.

In September, the Tacoma Dome Station at Freighthouse Square will open as the first true multi-modal station in the state, with convergence of commuter rail, light rail, express bus, Amtrak, and Greyhound.

Consent Agenda

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Voucher certification for the month of May 2003 in the amount of \$23,198,118.57

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

Action Items

Motion No. M2003-69 – Authorizing the Board Chair to execute the first amendment to the employment agreement with Executive Director Joni Earl extending the term of the agreement for two additional years, through June 30, 2005, and changing her official title to Chief Executive Officer

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-69 be approved as presented.

Referred by Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2003-13 – Authorizing the Executive Director to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation, (including settlement) condemnation litigation, or entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for the construction of the Lakewood and south Tacoma Commuter Rail Stations, the new Lakewood Connector railroad line to be constructed from D Street to M Street in Tacoma, and the Layover Yard at Camp Murray, and to execute all documents necessary to convey certain of those interests of the City of Tacoma

It was moved by Mr. Ladenburg and seconded by Mr. Phelps that Resolution No. R2003-13 be approved as presented.

Mr. Phelps advised the Board that the action being requested in Resolution No. R2003-13 was \$19 million over budget; however, he stated that funds are available within the project reserve. He said the action authorizes acquisition of 25 parcels: two for the Camp Murray Layover Yard, seven parcels for the Lakewood Station; six parcels for the South Tacoma Station and ten parcels for the Lakewood Connector.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2003-13 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Motion No. M2003-66 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the sole source contract with General Electric Transportation Systems Global Signaling to design, furnish, and install signal system equipment for the Reservation to Freighthouse Square Rail line in the amount of \$3,364,000, with a contingency of \$336,000, totaling \$3,700,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,946,697

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Mosher, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-66 be approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee took action on the following items within its authority: Motion No. M2003-64 – executing a contract with Foster Pepper & Shefelman PLLC

for bond counsel services for an initial three-year period from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2006, with an option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods and Motion No. M2003-67 – authorizing an additional \$350,000 to the approved contingency amount for the contract with Gary Merlino Construction Company to provide additional construction services for Initial Link, Segment 705 (E-3 Busway Widening).

Mr. Phelps advised that the Finance Committee deferred action on Resolution No. R2003-14 - executing an interlocal agreement with City of Federal Way.

He also mentioned that the next Audit Reporting Subcommittee meeting would be held on July 1, 2003, and that the budget process for 2004 is underway.

Other Business


Ms. Earl announced that on June 11, 2003, the Community Development Fund issued its first transaction in the amount of \$95,000 to the Rainier Valley Chiropractic Center. She stated that these are the first dollars released to a business that is being impacted by the Central Link Light Rail project.

Next Meeting

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


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator