

**Sound Transit Board Meeting  
Summary Minutes  
August 14, 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) 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  
(A) Chuck Mosher, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor  
(P) 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  
John Ladenburg  
Mark Olson

**Public Comment**

Bishop A.L. Hardy, President of the Northwest Ministerial Alliance, spoke to Motion No. M2003-80 thanking the Sound Transit Board and staff for listening to the concerns of his community.

Mr. Phillip Aaron, Northwest Ministerial Alliance, spoke to Motion No. M2003-80. He thanked Sound Transit for addressing the concerns of the Alliance to reach an agreement.

(Board member Ladenburg arrived at this time.)

Mr. Philip Grega questioned when the art in the lobby of Union Station would be installed at its intended location.

Mr. Eddie Rye, Jr., National Black Chamber of Commerce, spoke to Motion No. M2003-80 stating that while he applauded the outreach efforts of the staff, he was still concerned with the shortage of African American subcontractors being utilized.

### **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Sims announced that prior to the meeting a public hearing was held on the Six-Year Transit Development Plan and 2002 Annual Report for submittal to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

### **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl advised that the kick-off of Tacoma Link service will be on August 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Earl distributed copies of the second quarter ridership report (copy on file). She stated that system-wide, Sound Transit carried over two million riders on both ST Express buses and Sounder commuter rail. The average weekday boardings were nearly 29,000. She explained that Sounder ridership was up 15.3%, but that the report includes the special event trains; without the special event trains, the increase would be approximately 10%. The ST Express boardings, as compared to 2002, were up 18.3%. Looking at the same route ridership from 2002 where there were no changes to 2003, ridership is up 8%.

Ms. Earl asked Ms. Joann Francis, Chief Administrative Officer, to describe the processes and activities Sound Transit engages in to achieve minority/women/disadvantaged business enterprise (M/W/DBE) participation and work force diversity on large construction contracts and the outreach which has been done to address public concerns of the low African American percentage of subcontractors for the Kiewitt contracts.

Ms. Francis discussed the procedures followed in the evaluation of bids; efforts taken to ensure the public is aware of Sound Transit's contracting opportunities; and how staff assesses the availability, so that when goals are set they are reasonable based on the abilities of firms to perform the work.

(Board member Enslow arrived at this time.)

Ms. Francis stated that when the agency issues contract documents and identifies goals, the diversity office is brought in for consultation with the lines of business for a careful analysis of the scope and to look at the certification information from the state office of M/W/DBE and census data to see what is reasonably achieved. In addition, Sound Transit also evaluates the diversity plan submitted by the contractor. This allows the flexibility to address the principles established by the Board as related to a particular contract.

### **Consent Agenda**

Voucher certification for the month of June 2003 in the amount of \$24,901,538.71

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

## **Action Items**

### **Items Referred by the Finance Committee**

**Motion No. M2003-77 - Six-Year Transit Development Plan and 2002 Annual Report for submittal to the Washington State Department of Transportation**

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-77 be approved as presented.**

**Motion No. M2003-80 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Kiewit Pacific Company for the construction of Contract C700 (E-3 Busway/Forest Street), in the amount of \$40,691,061 with a 10% contingency of \$4,069,106, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$44,760,167, subject to the execution of the Full Funding Grant Agreement**

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-80 be approved as presented.**

**Motion No. M2003-81 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Kiewit Pacific Company for the construction of Contract C810 (Operations and Maintenance Facility) in the amount of \$53,998,000 with a 10% contingency of \$5,399,800 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$59,397,800, subject to the execution of the Full Funding Grant Agreement**

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-81 be approved as presented.**

**Motion No. M2003-82 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., to increase the contract contingency to fund additional work required to construct a tunnel to maintain business access, utility modifications, and relocations needed to complete the Reservation Junction to Freighthouse Square commuter rail track project in the amount of \$851,066 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,976,415**

**It was moved by Mr. McIver, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-82 be approved as presented.**

**Motion No. M2003-83 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an interlocal agreement with Snohomish County providing \$100,000 from the Transit Oriented Development Fund for cost sharing to purchase and install a pedestrian/traffic signal system at the Ash Way Park-and-Ride facility**

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2003-83 be approved as presented.**

## **Committee Report**

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Phelps reported that at the August 7, 2003, meeting, the Finance Committee took action on one item within its authority: Motion No. M2003-85 - executing a contract amendment with Huitt-

Zollars, Inc. to provide design support during construction for Central Link Initial Segment Construction Contract C700 – Royal Brougham Way to Airport Way South.

Mr. Phelps announced that the budget process is scheduled to kick off on September 4, 2003. He stated that the Finance Committee and staff will be working on policies to review for the Board regarding the potential of Sound Transit acting as a potential lender on transit-related projects where it makes sense. He explained that the policy question has arisen for the D Street grade separation, which the state has committed to fund, but the dollars will not be available until the 2005 budget.

**Other Business**

Mr. Ladenburg stated that the Chair of the Puyallup Tribal Council advised him that they have authorized a \$50,000 study to expand the Tacoma Link 1.1 miles to their new casino resort complex under construction.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, August 28, 2003  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
Seattle, Washington

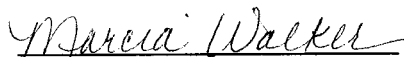
**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



Ron Sims  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator