

**Sound Transit Board Meeting  
Summary Minutes  
September 11, 2003**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Ron Sims in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(A) Dave Earling, Edmonds City Council President

(A) 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

(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

(A) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(A) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Cynthia Sullivan, King County Council Chair

(P) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Deputy Mayor

Ms. Jane Emerson, Acting 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

Mark Olson

**Public Comment**

Mr. Paul W. Locke commented on the 2004 Budget and the cost of transit operations and the need to increase the fare revenue.

Mr. Will Knedlik, COST Alliance, requested the Board ask the FTA to suspend all Sound Transit activity pending the full funding grant agreement, to amend Resolution No. 73 and Resolution No. 75.

(Board member Olson arrived at this time.)

Mr. Phillip Grega asked if the Smart Card would be integrated with the University of Washington student body card and requested additional information on the Seattle Tunnel scheduled for 2006.

## **Report of the Chair**

Mr. Sims announced that Mr. Phelps was unable to attend the meeting because of official business with the City of Tacoma. He stated that Resolution No. 1-1 would allow for Board member participation via teleconference, provided there was a motion approved by two-thirds of the Board members present.

**It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Mr. Phelps be allowed to participate in the meeting via telephone.**

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

Ms. Earl announced that Sounder service at the Tacoma Dome station would begin on September 15, 2003.

Ms. Earl reported that ridership on the Tacoma Link light rail system has exceeded expectations. The original projection was that by 2010, the daily ridership for Tacoma Link would be 2,000. She advised that the past Monday the ridership on Tacoma Link was 2,077; Tuesday the ridership was 2,276; and Wednesday it came in at 2,205.

Ms. Earl stated that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) had received a letter from Congressman Istook, Chair of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, expressing dissatisfaction with the FTA Administrator's responses to questions about the Central Link Initial Segment raised in July. She advised the Board that staff is working with the agency's federal partners, Congressman Dicks has done outreach with Congressman Istook, and Senator Murray is monitoring the situation. She stated that Sound Transit's immediate concern is the timing of the FTA's award of the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA). The Board has authorized the execution of two contracts with Kiewit Construction subject to the execution of the FFGA. Kiewit Construction was selected through a competitive procurement and the bids are 15% below the engineer's estimates. Those bids are good through October 10, 2003.

## **2004 Budget Presentation**

Ms. Earl began the 2004 Budget presentation by advising that Sound Transit has three budgets: capital; transit operations for St Express buses, Sounder commuter rail, and Tacoma Link light rail; and a staff budget. The capital budget for 2004 is \$657 million which reflects 2004 as the largest year of construction, and the first year that all three lines of business are in construction and operation.

(Board member Enslow arrived at this time.)

Ms. Earl stated that the major capital projects for 2004 will be Central Link construction, 12 Regional Express construction projects, Sounder track improvements and construction of stations, and the North Link environmental impact statement and route decisions.

Mr. Pete Rogness, Budget Manager, presented a general overview of the 2004 Budget. Following his presentation, Marty Minkoff, Commuter Rail Director; Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director; Ahmad Fazel, Link Light Rail Director; and Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, gave departmental budget presentations.

## **Consent Agenda**

Voucher certification for the month of July 2003 in the amount of \$34,546,732.83

June 26, 2003, Board meeting minutes

July 10, 2003, Board meeting minutes

July 17, 2003, Board meeting minutes

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

## **Action Items**

Item Referred by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2003-16 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer 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 a portion of the Central Link Light Rail Project from Boeing Access Road to South 154th Street, and interests in 48 additional properties in the Rainier Valley

**It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2003-16 be approved as presented.**

## **Committee Report**

Performance Audit Committee

Mr. Ray Gould reported that the Performance Audit Committee (PAC) identified 14 topics for possible performance audits. Of those, three have been selected for audit. The first audit will be on the operations of Regional Express.

Mr. Sims requested that the PAC look at a project that came in under budget to identify the factors that enabled this to happen.

Finance Committee

Mr. Crawford, Finance Committee Vice Chair, reported on the August 21, 2003, and the September 4, 2003, Finance Committee meetings.

He reported that at the August 21, 2003, meeting, the Finance Committee received a report on the maintenance costs for the Sounder Ticket Vending Machines, and updates on the Federal Way Transit Center and I-5 at 317<sup>th</sup> HOV Direct Access projects.

At the August 21, 2003, meeting, Kelly Priestley, Controller, and Pete Rogness, Budget Manager, presented the Second Quarter Report.

The Finance Committee took action on the following motions: Motion No. M2003-87 – executing a contract with Cummins Northwest, Inc. for the supply and installation of diesel particulate filters on Sound Transit buses; Motion No. M2003-88 – executing a contract with Piper Jaffray to provide debt management services; Motion No. M2003-92 – authorizing \$180,000 to fund the final six months of the one-year contract extensions for temporary on-call services; and Motion No. M2003-93 – executing a contract amendment with David Evans and Associates, Inc. to increase the contract contingency to fund increased construction and design support services required for the design of a tunnel to maintain business access, underground utility modifications and relocations, and previously completed design work for prior project phases, needed to complete the Reservation Junction to Freighthouse Square commuter rail track project.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Mosher announced that he was in receipt of a letter from the City of Bellevue that was sent to the Congressional committees supporting the Full Funding Grant Agreement for Sound Transit.

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, September 25, 2003  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
Seattle, Washington

(Board member Hague arrived at this time.)

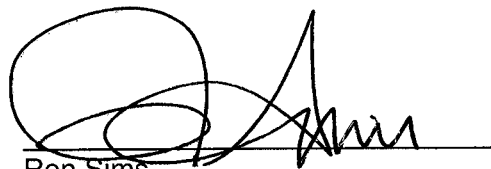
### **Executive Session**

At 2:23 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. At 3:15 p.m., Chair Sims extended the executive session by 30 minutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:45 p.m.


### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



Ron Sims  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator