

**Sound Transit
Executive Committee Minutes**

October 2, 2003

Call to Order

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

Attendance

(P) Ron Sims, Chair	(P) Chuck Mosher
(A) Dave Earling, Vice Chair	(P) Greg Nickels
(A) John Ladenburg, Vice Chair	(P) Julia Patterson
(P) Bob Drewel	(P) Kevin Phelps
(P) Dave Enslow	(A) Cynthia Sullivan
(A) Doug MacDonald	

Also attending: Board member Jack Crawford

Roll Call

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

Public Comment

Mr. Dave Zabell, City of Bothell Public Works Director, spoke to the importance of the SR-522 project and urged the Board to consider additional funding for the transit corridor. (Copy of his remarks are on file with the Board Administrator.)

(Board member Enslow arrived at this time.)

Mr. Nickels asked if there are other funding sources for the project besides Sound Transit.

Mr. Zabell responded that the City of Bothell has a small amount of match dollars available; there is a small dollar commitment from King County Metro; and the City submitted for a TIB grant in August.

Mr. Philip Grega spoke to the purchase of buses and asked that the suppliers consider making the buses easily to distinguish in the dark from the other vehicles.

Mr. Paul Locke commented on the cost to run transit agencies.

(Board member Crawford arrived at this time.)

Mr. Fred Butler, Issaquah City Council President, stated the City's support for the Issaquah Transit Center project amendment and the proposal to provide additional parking capacity and structured parking on the existing Issaquah Park and Ride along with the new Regional Transit Center.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims reported that the Executive Committee was working from a revised agenda. Specifically, an Executive Session was added to the end of the meeting.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Ms. Earl advised the Executive Committee that the third quarter report on Transit Oriented Development was included in the packets (copy on file).

Feasibility Study of High Capacity Transit between Sea-Tac Airport and Sounder Commuter Rail

Ms. Earl and Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, presented the emerging issue. Ms. Earl explained that staff would like to procure a consulting service to do a feasibility study of high-capacity transit (HCT) connections between light rail stations at Sea-Tac Airport, or Tukwila, and the Sounder commuter rail station just east of Southcenter.

Mr. Matsuoka stated that the study would focus on several conceptual route and technology alternatives for providing HCT connections. Recommendations would be brought to the Board.

Mr. Sims asked the Committee members if there were any objections to the procurement for a consulting service to do the study. There were no objections.

Downtown Kirkland Transit Center

Ms. Agnes Govern, Regional Express Director, updated the Executive Committee the status of the proposed Downtown Kirkland Transit Center.

APTA Conference

Ms. Earl stated that she attended the APTA Conference in Salt Lake City. She was impressed with Salt Lake City's light rail system, its expansion of commuter rail, and the express bus feeder system.

Discussion Items

Issaquah Transit Center Project

Ms. Linda Smith, Project Manager, presented a proposed scope change to the Issaquah Transit Center Project. She explained that the amendment to Sound Move for the project would modify the scope to add up to 400 park-and-ride lot stalls in the structured parking at the existing Issaquah Park-and-Ride lot. She stated that the existing park-and-ride lot will need to be torn down to rebuild the transit center, so it might make sense to look at adding parking at the same time rather than later. In addition, the City of Issaquah would like to co-locate Eastside Fire and Rescue at the site.

Following some discussion, the consensus of the Executive Committee was to proceed with the scope change.

SR 522 HOV Enhancements Update

Mr. Jim Edwards, Regional Express Chief Engineer, presented the Executive Committee with an update on the SR 522 HOV Enhancements.

The Executive Committee concurred with staff's recommendation to (1) remain consistent with the Board approved MOAs which caps Sound Transit's PE/ED contribution at \$275,000 each; (2) continue working with the Cities of Kenmore and Bothell on the development of alternatives with the understanding that the funding participation for final design and construction of a project(s) in the corridor is fixed at \$12.4 million; and (3) base alternative analysis and recommendations to the Board for Sound Transit's financial participation in future design and construction phases on the provision of the most cost-effective transit benefits.

Action Items

Item within the Executive Committee's Authority

Minutes of the June 5, 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 June 5, 2003, Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Items for Possible Recommendation to the Board

Resolution No. R2003-18 – A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority approving the proposed 2003 Service Implementation Plan authorizing staff to implement one new ST Express route and increase service on nine existing ST Express bus routes between 2004 and 2006, and begin the procurement process for new buses to support the proposed service expansion

Mr. Sims stated that a public hearing has been held on the Service Implementation Plan prior to this meeting. He advised that the action has both policy and financial implications, therefore the Resolution would also be presented to the Finance Committee meeting later in the day.

Mr. Mike Bergman, Program Manager, presented Resolution No. R2003-18.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Mr. Mosher that Resolution No. R2003-18 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present to amend the 2003 Service Implementation Plan for Resolution No. R2003-18, Page 133, Appendix B, Fleet Management Plan, second paragraph of the 2004-2005 Procurement Plan as follows:

~~Starting in mid-2005, fifteen 45-foot high-capacity buses and twenty 40-foot transit buses will be delivered. The 45-foot buses will displace the existing nine New Flyer 60-foot articulated buses now operated on Pierce subarea express services; the articulated buses will be transferred to King County Metro for the proposed new Federal Way-Seattle service (Route 577). The new 40-foot bus fleet will allow for planned service expansion in the Snohomish and East King subareas. 35 new buses would be delivered to support the proposed service expansion. The~~

type and configuration of these buses will be determined following a technical evaluation and Sound Transit Board review.

The motion to forward Resolution No. R2003-18, as amended, to the Board with a do-pass recommendation was carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

At 11:05 a.m. the Executive Committee convened 30-minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party.

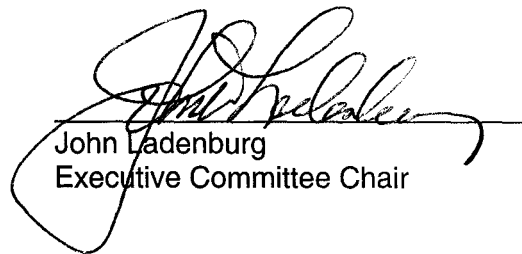
The Executive Committee reconvened in open session at 11:33 a.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2003
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Sound Transit Board Room


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.



John Ladenburg
Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator