

**Sound Transit  
Executive Committee Minutes**

**November 6, 2003**

**Call to Order**

Executive Committee Chair Ron Sims called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

**Attendance**

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

**Roll Call**

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

**Public Comment**

Mr. Jeff Frkonja spoke against Motion No. M2003-99, which would identify Alternative R-8A as the preferred alternative for the I-90 project.

Mr. Rich Conrad, City of Mercer Island City Manager, stated that the City of Mercer Island supports Alternative R-8A as the preferred alternative for the I-90 project.

Ms. Virginia Gunby, 1000 Friends of Washington, spoke in favor of Alternative R-8A as the preferred alternative for the I-90 project. She asked that a commitment to the center lanes being converted to two-way transit be included in the motion.

Mr. Gary Goldbanm, M.D., spoke as a public health practitioner and as a cyclist. He asked that cyclists be considered when voting on an alternative for the I-90 project.

Mr. Chris Leman asked that the Executive Committee, when voting on an alternative for the I-90 project, consider letting gasoline tanker trucks to use I-90.

Ms. Edie Gilliss, I-90 Safety Coalition, asked the Executive Committee not to adopt the motion designating Alternative R-8A for the I-90 project, but to continue with the FEIS without a preferred alternative. If this is not possible, she said the coalition would like language added stating that planning for HCT in the I-90 center lanes would be accelerated and would simultaneously seek funding for R-8A and HCT design and construction in an attempt to open both as quickly as possible.

## Report of the Chair

Mr. Sims advised that there would be a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday at the Central Link Operations and Maintenance Base construction site.

He stated that on Monday, November 3, 2003, the Seattle City Council passed a resolution expressing congratulations to the Board and staff of Sound Transit on the signing of the \$500 million Full Funding Grant Agreement.

## Action Items

### Item within the Executive Committee's Authority

Motion No. M2003-118 – A motion of the Executive Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority directing staff to (1) terminate the existing funding agreement with the City of Everett for the North Everett Transit Center, (2) terminate the existing design contract with Parametrix, (3) negotiate a new agreement with the City of Everett covering all phases of the North Everett Transit Center project, and (4) draft an amendment to the 2004 Proposed Budget to reduce the North Everett Transit Center project budget and transfer the remaining project budget to the Snohomish Subarea Program

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Mr. Ladenburg that Motion No. M2003-118 be approved as presented.**

Board member Phelps questioned whether the agency should move forward with PE/ED if Sound Transit does not have control of the land.

Mr. Dan Eder, Regional Express Project Manager, responded that Sound Transit does not have control of the property, and it is not unusual with capital projects that are at this stage of development. He added that Sound Transit was not able to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Everett Community College until environmental documentation was complete.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2003-118 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present.**

### Items for Possible Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2003-99 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority identifying Alternative R-8A as the preferred alternative for the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Project

Ms. Walker read into the record a letter from Bellevue Mayor Connie Marshall supporting Alternative R-8A as the preferred alternative for the I-90 Two-Way Transit/HOV project. (A copy of the letter is on file with the Board Administrator.)

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that Motion No. M2003-99 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Sims stated that he was having distributed to the Executive Committee a new motion on yellow paper, numbered Motion No. M2003-120.

Mr. Sims explained that Motion No. M2003-99 identifies Alternative R-8A, but the motion does not reflect the full extent of the agreement that exists between the cities of Bellevue, Seattle, and Mercer Island and King County. He stated that Motion No. M2003-120 addresses the rest of the agreement which states the intention to take quick action to accelerate high-capacity transit in that corridor.

Motion No. M2003-120 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority directing staff to negotiate an agreement with the parties to the 1976, I-90 Corridor Agreement to define the ultimate configuration for I-90, consistent with appropriate planning activities and environmental studies, and to work with regional partners to accelerate planning for future High Capacity Transit (HCT) investments in the I-90 corridor by analyzing various HCT alternatives consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the update of the Regional Transit Long-Range Vision.

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Ladenburg that Motion No. M2003-120 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Sims noted that the motion language was missing the word “immediately” that should come before the word “negotiate” and asked the maker of the motion if he would allow this as a friendly amendment. Mr. Phelps agreed.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2003-120, with the friendly amendment, was approved by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present.**

Mr. Sims stated that he would be postponing Motions No. M2003-116 and No. M2003-117, electing Vice Chairs of the Sound Transit Board for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2004, until the Board knows its full membership.

Motion No. M2003-115 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority electing the Chair of the Sound Transit Board for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2004

Ms. Walker advised that while the motion title states “electing the Chair,” the Executive Committee’s action would be to develop a recommendation for the Board to consider. Action on the motion itself would take place at the Board meeting.

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Drewel, and approved by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that Board member John Ladenburg be recommended to the Board to fill the position of Sound Transit Board Chair for a two-year period commencing January 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2005.**

### **Other Business**

None.

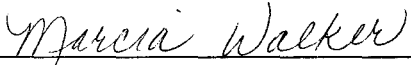
**Next Meeting**

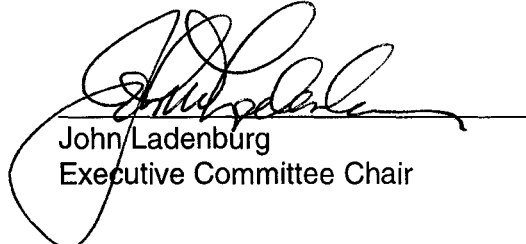
Thursday, December 4, 2003  
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Sound Transit Board Room

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
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John Ladenburg  
Executive Committee Chair