

SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
February 5, 2004

Call to Order

Chair John Ladenburg called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) *John W. Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive*

Vice Chairs

(P) *Greg Nickels, Seattle Mayor*

(P) *Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember*

(A) *Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary*

(P) *Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember*

(P) *Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor*

(A) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(A) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

(P) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*

(P) *Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember*

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum of the committee was present at roll call.

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Executive Committee. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. Sonny Putter, City of Newcastle Councilmember

Report of the Chair

Chair Ladenburg advised that the Executive Committee was working from a revised agenda. Specifically, the D Street Grade Separation Project Funding had been added to the discussion items and two sets of minutes had been added to the action items.

Mr. Ladenburg stated that he has had some discussions with both the Performance Audit Committee and the Citizen Oversight Panel, and both committees would like the Executive Committee to discuss the responsibilities of each committee. He advised that at a future meeting this will be a topic for discussion.

He commented that he had received a letter from the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) chair asking that Sound Transit meet with RTID to discuss the different possibilities of transportation funding and whether Sound Transit would like to work either in conjunction with or side-by-side with the RTID. He stated that he and the two vice chairs will meet with the RTID and report back to the Executive Committee and the full Board.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Joni Earl stated that it was announced earlier in the week that the President's budget included the full appropriation for Sound Transit, which matches the full funding grant agreement for light rail.

She advised that on February 2, 2004, Sound Transit began charging fares on the Everett to Seattle Sounder Commuter Rail service.

Discussion Items

Newcastle Transit Center

Mr. Fred Wilhelm, Project Development Coordinator, Regional Express, presented the discussion item.

(Mr. Olson and Mr. Pelz arrived at this time.)

Following discussion, Mr. Ladenburg advised staff to proceed with PE/ED for the Newcastle Transit Center preferred site at SE 70th and 132nd Place SE. He further asked that staff do a survey of the ridership, talk with King County Metro about its concerns, and work further with the City of Newcastle. Staff will then come back to the Executive Committee for a decision on moving forward with the project.

Phase 2 Planning

Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, and Sheila Dezarn, Manager of Policy and Planning, presented Phase 2 Planning. They covered the history, approach, and assumptions.

D Street Grade Separation Project Funding

Mr. Marty Minkoff, Sounder Director, and Mr. Eric Kosty, Program Manager, presented the discussion item.

Chair Ladenburg stated that he and Ms. Marshall have worked on the D Street project through the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). Last year, the PSRC put together the funding package. He said it would be a good opportunity for Sound Transit to help speed up the process by providing funding which would be paid back by the Legislature.

The consensus of the Executive Committee was to instruct staff to move ahead with the project by providing the bridge funding.

Action Items

Item within the Executive Committee's Authority

Minutes of the October 2, 2003, Executive Committee meeting

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Ms. Marshall, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that the minutes of the October 2, 2003, Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Minutes of the November 6, 2003, Executive Committee meeting

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Ms. Marshall, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Executive Committee members present that the minutes of the November 6, 2003, Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Items for Possible Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2004-08 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting a Link Noise Mitigation Policy and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to implement the policy as defined

Chair Ladenburg announced that the motion would not be considered by the Executive Committee, but would be forwarded directly to the Board for action.

Other Business

None.

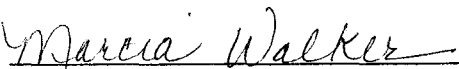
Next Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2004
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Sound Transit Board Room

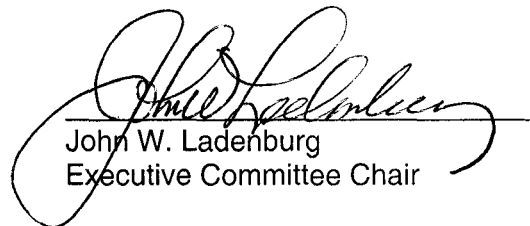
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Executive Committee Chair