

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 25, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Chair John Ladenburg in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President	(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember
(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember	(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair
(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember	(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive
(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary	(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive
(P) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor	(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember
(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember	(P) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair
(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember	
(A) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember	

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Julia Patterson and Aaron Reardon

Public Comment

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

Mr. Peter Hurley, Transportation Choices Coalition

Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit

Mr. Larry Fogdall

Ms. Jessyn Shore, Washington Public Interest Research Group

Ms. Michelle Grudell, Eastside Transportation Choice Chair

(Board member Patterson arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board was working from a revised agenda, specifically adding an executive session starting no later than 2:20 p.m. In addition, the Board would consider Resolution No. R2004-02 first under the Action Items.

Mr. Ladenburg advised that he and Mr. Larry Shannon, Citizen Oversight Panel Chair, had appointed Mr. Vic Sood of Mountlake Terrace and Mr. Daniel Parker of Auburn to the Performance Audit Committee.

He stated that Board member Connie Marshall had been appointed as Sound Transit's alternate to the Eastside Transportation Partnership.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Tacoma Link Extension

Ms. Earl introduced Mr. Mike Williams, Link Project Development Manager, and Ms. Sue Comis, Link Project Manager, to report on the feasibility study for extending Tacoma Link.

Ms. Comis stated that the Puyallup Tribe funded the \$41,000 feasibility study that would extend Tacoma Link to travel approximately 1.5 miles to the Cascade Casino, which is being built by the Puyallup Tribe. She advised that the study has been shared with the Puyallup Tribe and its council will determine the next steps.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for February 16 through February 29, 2004

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

Discussion Item

North Link Route Evaluation Briefing and Public Hearing Report

Mr. Ron Endlich, Link North Corridor Project Manager, gave an overview of the North Link route evaluation process, outlined the upcoming decision schedule, summarized the public comment received, and described some of the regional benefits of the North Link project.

He explained that in September 2001 the Board adopted the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment and approved a North Link work program and budget. The purpose of the North Link work was to develop a route from downtown Seattle to Northgate that would reduce costs and construction risk compared to the original route adopted by the Board in November 1999. In February 2002, following environmental scoping, the Board identified the routes for study in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The Draft SEIS was published in November 2003, providing for a 70-day public comment period. Early in the comment period, the Board approved a request from the University of Washington to consider study of a modified Montlake route. The Board approved that work, the Modified Montlake route addendum was published in February 2004, and the public comment period ended on March 11, 2004.

(Board member Reardon arrived at this time.)

Mr. Endlich outlined the next steps in the process as individual briefing meetings with Board members, with the Board's selection of a preferred alignment at the April 22 or the May 13, 2004 meeting.

Executive Session

At 2:18 p.m., Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene a 25-minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:43 p.m.

Action Items

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2004-02 – Amending the Adopted 2004 Budget for Sounder Commuter Rail to incorporate an additional \$10 million capital payment to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, to provide authority for an additional payment of \$826,000 to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company for 2004 transit operations in the Everett to Seattle corridor, and to adopt an updated capital spending plan for 2004

Mr. Ladenburg advised that approval of Resolution No. R2004-02 would require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board, which is twelve.

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of the twelve Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-02 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-21 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute Task Order Agreement A-3 with the Washington State Department of Transportation in accordance with the Board-approved “Umbrella Agreement” GCA 3361 to provide construction and construction management for the Federal Way HOV Access/South 317th Street Project in the amount of \$22,000,000 with a 5% contingency of \$1,100,000 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$23,100,000

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. von Reichbauer, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-21 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-24 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with LTK Engineering Services to provide systems engineering construction management services for the Central Link Light Rail Project Initial Segment in the amount of \$15,420,184, with a 7% contingency of \$1,079,413, totaling \$16,499,597, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$48,805,451, and to extend the term of the contract through December 2009

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-24 be approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee took action on Motion No. M2004-25, executing a six-month contract extension with the KJM & Associates, Inc./JTS Manage Services Joint Venture to provide support services for agency-wide project control activities; Motion No. M2004-14, executing a contract amendment with Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership to complete final

design for the Sounder commuter rail components of the Everett Station, to provide for the design of a Regional Express bus layover area, and to provide design support services during construction for the Everett Station Phase II Project; Motion No. M2004-22, executing a contract with KBA, Inc. to provide construction management services for the Sounder Commuter Rail Everett Station Phase II Project; and Motion No. M2004-23, executing a contract with Kleinfelder, Inc. to provide quality assurance materials testing services for the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment Project.

The Finance Committee received an update on the revenues for 2003 and a briefing on escalating steel prices.

Other Business

None.

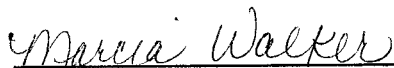
Next Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2004
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair