

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
June 10, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair John Ladenburg in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 South 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) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember

(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Jack Start, Mill Creek City Councilmember

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair

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

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Mark Olson

Julia Patterson

Ron Sims

Public Comment

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

Mr. Anirudh Sahni, People for Modern Transit

Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit

Mr. Paul Zick, Obayashi Corporation

Mr. Paul Locke

Mr. Mark Dublin

Mr. Walter Scott

Mr. Will Knedlik

(Board members Mark Olson, Julia Patterson, and Ron Sims arrived during public comment.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene an Executive Session following the action items. He advised that there would not be any action taken following the Executive Session.

Mr. Ladenburg stated that he would be taking items on the agenda out of order to accommodate Board member schedules.

Action Items Referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2004-59 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Obayashi Corporation for the construction of the Beacon Hill Tunnel, the Beacon Hill Tunnel Station, the aerial guideway along McClellan Street, and the aerial McClellan Station in the amount of \$279,964,375, plus a contract contingency of \$20,000,000 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$299,964,375, which includes reimbursement to Sound Transit by third-parties for betterments in the amount of \$215,066

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-59 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-57 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with New Flyer of America for the manufacture and delivery of 16, sixty-foot articulated low-floor diesel buses in the amount of \$8,320,000, with a contingency of \$80,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,400,000

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-57 be approved as presented.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Ms. Earl briefed the Board on her meetings in Washington D.C. She stated that she met with six delegation members, the Inspector General and staff, and House Committee staff.

Ms. Earl advised that there had been a derailment earlier in the day on the train tracks three miles south of the King Street station. This kept the Sounder train from being able to pull into King Street station. Staff worked with Pierce Transit and King County Metro to meet commuters at the Tukwila station to bus them into Seattle.

Ms. Earl gave an update on the Reservation to Freighthouse Square commuter rail connection. Monitoring continues and the survey results show underground piles are stabilizing soils and slowing the surrounding wall movement. The track bed continues to be losing ballast, which is preventing service from being restored to the track.

She reported on the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment Pine Street bids. The original bid opening date for the stub tunnel work and the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel was June 11, 2004; however, the contractors in the bid process requested additional time to prepare bids. Staff believes this is a reasonable request, so the bid period has been extended until Tuesday, June 22, 2004.

Discussion Items

Long-Range Plan/Vision and Phase 2 Planning

Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Special Assistant for Policy Development, began the presentation by stating that planning for Phase 2 is on a tight time line. She reviewed the history and the evolution of high-capacity transit planning and decision-making in the region. She then described the process and schedule leading to the Board's adoption of a phase 2 Plan in May 2005. (Copy of the presentation is on file.)

Mr. Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, explained that the purpose of the long-range plan is to be a long-range blueprint. From that vision, the Board will adopt a set of projects and services to include in the Phase 2 Plan. In Phase 2 planning, the agency is looking at what can be achieved in a 2020 horizon.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for May 1 through May 15, 2004

Minutes of the April 22, 2004, Board meeting

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

Action Items Not Referred by Committee

Motion No. M2004-53 – Establishing a policy describing the public comment process for increases in the basic fare structure

It was moved by Mr. Start, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-53 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-54 – Aligning the ST Express Route 550 fare structure with all other Sound Transit bus fares, to discontinue charging King County Metro fares on the Route 550, and to discontinue accepting fare media unique to ST Express Route 550

Mr. Ladenburg announced that action on Motion No. M2004-54 was deferred until the next meeting since there was no longer a quorum of the Board in attendance.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Crawford, Finance Committee Vice Chair, reported that at the June 3, 2004, meeting, the Finance Committee was briefed on the bond market and the Sound Transit grants program. The committee took action on Motion No. M2004-58, executing an amendment to the existing preliminary engineering and environmental design agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation on the South Everett Freeway Station project to provide the additional analysis necessary to complete the environmental documentation process and revising the preliminary engineering to reflect how the design has evolved over the past year.

Other Business

Ms. Thomas announced that her sorority and Sound Transit's Diversity Program would be offering a contracting opportunity at the Lakewood City Hall on June 15, 2004, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. She said this is a good opportunity to push economic development opportunities for citizens.

Executive Session

At 2:48 p.m., the Board convened a 30-minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party. At 3:15 p.m., the executive session was extended by 15 minutes. At 3:30 p.m., the executive session was extended by 30 additional minutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:03 p.m.

Other Business

None.


Next Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2004
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair