

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
June 24, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 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

(A) 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

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(A) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember

(P) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember

(A) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive

(P) Jack Start, Mill Creek City Councilmember

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember

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

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, indicated a quorum of the Board was not present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Doug MacDonald

Aaron Reardon

Public Comment

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

Mr. Hil Horning, Bellevue School District

Mr. Glenn Christy

Mr. Richard Harkness

Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit

Mr. Walter Scott

Mr. John Niles

(Board member Doug MacDonald arrived, and a quorum of the Board was then present.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg announced that Motion No. M2004-49 and Resolution No. R2004-07 were being deferred until the next Board meeting.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl asked Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Light Rail Director, to give an update on the Central Link light rail vehicles.

Mr. Fazel stated that the vehicles are under final design and that the first vehicle will be built in Japan during the spring of 2005. The car will then be tested in Japan, with assembly in the Seattle area in the summer of 2006. The last car will be assembled in the fall of 2008.

Ms. Earl announced that Sound Transit, along with Gary Merlino Construction, Glacier Northwest, and Otak, was awarded an "Excellence in Concrete Construction" award for Tacoma Link from the Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association.

Performance Audit Committee Report – Audit of Regional Express Operations

Mr. Ray Gould, Performance Audit Committee (PAC) Chair, provided background information about PAC. He stated that the firm of Booz Allen Hamilton recently completed the operations audit of Sound Transit Regional Express bus service. Mr. Gould introduced Mr. David Asher, PAC Vice Chair.

Mr. Asher advised the Board that the committee is currently working on its second audit, which will focus on a number of capital projects. He said that the audit will look at the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the projects.

Ms. Cindy Pollan and Ms. Yonell Grant of Booz Allen Hamilton presented the Regional Express bus service audit and recommendations (copy on file).

(Board member Reardon arrived at this time.)

Long-Range Plan/Vision and Phase 2 Planning

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, and Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Special Assistant for Policy Development, presented information on the Long-Range Plan and Phase 2 Planning.

Mr. Matsuoka reviewed the definition of the Phase 2 alternatives (copy on file).

Ms. Dezarn reported on the comments received during the SEIS scoping period. She stated that the majority of the comments urged expanding ST Express routes and facilities; expanding Sounder and ST Express hours of service for more midday/weekend service; expanding Link service to a diverse assortment of new areas; and exploring monorail technology in Phase 2.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for May 16 through May 31, 2004

Minutes of the May 20, 2004, and May 27, 2004, Board meetings

Motion No. M2004-54 – Align 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. Enslow requested that Motion No. M2004-54 be removed from the consent agenda for separate action.

Chair Ladenburg advised that Motion No. M2004-54 would be removed from the consent agenda.

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Start, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Consent Agenda be approved with Motion No. M2004-54 being acted on separately.

Motion No. M2004-54 – Align 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. Enslow asked staff to address the concerns raised by the Bellevue School District's high school students who ride on the Route 550 bus.

Ms. Christie Parker, Project Coordinator, Office of Policy and Planning, advised that the Bellevue School District has proposed that Sound Transit incorporate an exception to the fare for the school district. She stated that the intent is to align the fares of the Route 550 with the other routes to alleviate confusion for passengers and drivers. Staff is working with the school district and King County Metro on the issue and all parties are willing to try to find a workable solution.

It was moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-54 be approved as presented.

Action Items

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2004-52 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with PCL Construction to construct the Federal Way Transit Center/South 317th project in the amount of \$20,961,000, with a 5% contingency of \$1,048,050, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$22,009,050

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-52 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-61 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Puget Sound Transit Consultants to continue professional services in support of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment and North Link Projects in the amount of \$16,316,881, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$87,558,758

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-61 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-55 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to extend the Interagency Agreements with Community Transit, King County Metro, and Pierce Transit for Regional Express Bus Service Operations and Maintenance from September 25, 2004, through December 31, 2004

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-55 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Chair Ladenburg announced that the committee reports would be held until the next Board meeting.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

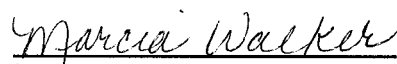
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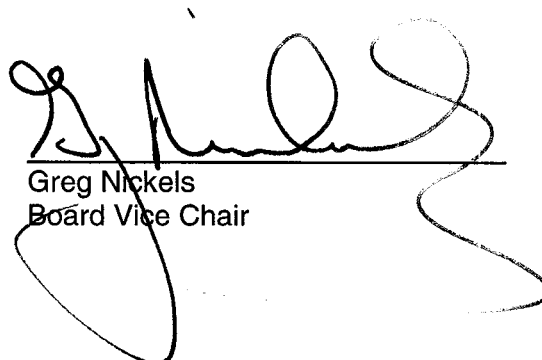
Thursday, July 10, 2004
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


Greg Nickels
Board Vice Chair