

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
July 22, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 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

(P) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(A) 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

(P) 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:

Dave Enslow

Ron Sims

Public Comment

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

Mr. Steve Marquardt, SEIU, Local 6

Mr. Franklin Bullock

Mr. Anirudh Sahni, People for Modern Transit

Mr. Steve Mooney

Mr. John Neuharth

Mr. Peter Carlin

Mr. Matthew Kerner

Mr. Steven Greenberg

Mr. Will Knedlik

(Board members Enslow and Sims arrived.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg congratulated Ms. Marshall on her new appointment as the Small Business Administration's Regional Advocate for Region X. He stated that she has asked to be replaced on the Finance Committee and that Mr. Butler had agreed to join the committee.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that he and Mr. Larry Shannon, Citizen Oversight Panel Chair, have appointed Ms. Virginia Gunby to the Performance Audit Committee.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl introduced Mr. Jaime Garcia, the new Director of the Community Development Fund. She stated that Mr. Garcia comes to the position with over 15 years experience working with United Way of King County and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Ms. Earl reported on the Regional Express Performance Audit Recommendations and the action plan approach. She shared with the Board plans to address the recommendations, who will be held accountable within the agency, and target dates (copy on file).

Ms. Earl announced that the agency had a good quarterly review with the Federal Transit Administration the past week.

She reported that the U.S. House appropriation for 2005 was released and includes the full \$80 million in the full funding grant agreement for Sound Transit.

She announced that the Puget Sound Regional Council's Executive Committee unanimously voted on the federal funding allocation of \$325 million for the 2005 to 2007 Transportation Improvement Program. Of this amount, \$50 million was recommended for various Sound Transit projects.

Long-Range Vision and Phase 2 Planning

Mr. Ladenburg advised that there would not be a report on the Long-Range Vision and Phase 2 Planning.

Citizen Oversight Panel – Mid-Year Report

Mr. Larry Shannon, Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) Chair, presented the Board with the mid-year report (copy on file). He acknowledged significant progress in the light rail program; noted that the Bellevue Direct Access project is under budget and ahead of schedule; and Sound Transit's improved reputation with the public, opinion leaders, and stakeholders.

Mr. Shannon noted that although there has been considerable progress, the COP identified some concerns. He mentioned that some Sounder and Regional Express projects are behind schedule, and the need for the agency to communicate the vision and rationale for Phase 2, including how it relates to the region's adopted growth and transportation strategy.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the June 10, 2004, Board Meeting

Voucher Certification for June 16 through June 30, 2004

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, 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

Item Not Referred by Committee (but offered in a spirit of humor)

Resolution No. R2004-0806 – Ratifying a sole source proposal by Mr. Frank Hagel to wed Ms. Marcia Walker, Sound Transit Board Administrator, on Friday, August 6, 2004

Mr. Crawford advised the Board that an additional action item was in their packets. In the spirit of humor, he introduced and read into the record Resolution No. R2004-0806.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-0806 be approved as presented.

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2004-72 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Shannon & Wilson, Inc. for scheduled and on-call geotechnical assistance during construction of the Beacon Hill Tunnel and Station and the Retrofit of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel for the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment, in the amount of \$2,400,000 with a 4% contingency of \$100,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$13,578,581

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-72 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-68 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement for Regional Express bus service with King County Metro for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2009

It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Crawford that Motion No. M2004-68 be approved as presented.

Mr. Phelps stated that Motion Nos. M2004-68; M2004-70; and M2004-71 authorized agreements for Regional Express bus service with Sound Transit's three transit partners for five years beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2009. He advised that the original agreements were with the three partner agencies and all three agreements/agencies calculated costs differently. The Finance Committee requested staff to standardize the

agreements at the time of renewal. He praised staff for their efforts in getting this accomplished. Additionally, he stated that the actions establish performance standards, which are consistent throughout the agreements.

Mr. Start added that the agreements include seven of the Performance Audit Committee's audit recommendations for Regional Express.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2004-68 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Motion No. M2004-70 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement for Regional Express bus service with Pierce Transit for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 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. M2004-70 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-71 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement for Regional Express bus service with Community Transit for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 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. M2004-71 be approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Phelps advised that the Finance Committee is scheduled to receive its semi-annual diversity report at the August 5, 2004, meeting. The committee will begin the 2005 budget process at the September 16, 2004, meeting.

The committee met and received a report from Mr. Jaime Garcia, Director of the Community Development Fund.

Action was taken by the Finance Committee on Motion No. M2004-67, executing an agreement with FLT Consulting, Inc. to provide consulting services to develop a Regional Special Needs Transportation Coordination Plan for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$528,786.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

None

Next Meeting


Thursday, August 12, 2004
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


Greg Nickels
Board Vice Chair