

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
August 12, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 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*

(P) *Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember*

(A) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

(P) *Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember*

(A) *Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember*

(A) *Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair*

(P) *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*

Public Comment

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

Mr. John Resha, Redmond Councilmember

Mr. Ira B. Appelman

Mr. Richard Leider

Mr. C. Henry Heckendorn

Ms. Carol Clement

Ms. Betty Lu Kulp

Mr. Rob Johnson

Ms. Dorothy Jan Johnston

Mr. Roger Hoesterey

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit

Mr. Tom Robinson

Ms. Joann Bromberg

Mr. Walter Scott

Mr. Anirudh Sahni, People for Modern Transit

(Board members Enslow, Sims, and Reardon arrived.)

Roll Call

Ms. Walker indicated that a quorum of the Board was present at this time.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Doug MacDonald, Mark Olson

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the recruitment process was underway to fill two vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report

None.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for July 1 through July 15, 2004

It was moved by Mr. McIver, seconded by Mr. Enslow, 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

Motion No. M2004-74 – Approving the Six-Year Transit Development Plan and 2003 Annual Report for submittal to the Washington State Department of Transportation

Mr. Terence Plaskon, Project Coordinator, Office of Policy and Planning, presented Motion No. M2004-74.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Enslow, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-74 be approved as presented.

Items Referred by Executive Committee

Resolution No. R2004-09 – Amending Sound Move to provide for two-way transit and HOV operations in the outer roadways of I-90 between Seattle and Bellevue and to select Alternative R-8A as the project to be built for the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Project

Motion No. M2004-63 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an Amendment to the 1976 Memorandum Agreement for I-90

Ms. Andrea Tull, Program Manager, Office of Policy and Planning, briefed the Board on Resolution No. R2004-09 and Motion No. M2004-63.

It was moved by Mr. Pelz and seconded by Mr. Crawford that Resolution No. R2004-09 be approved as presented.

Mr. Sims offered the following amendment to add Section 3 of Resolution No. R2004-09:

The Sound Transit Board directs staff to work with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to prepare or have its consultants prepare additional analyses of (1) pavement options for noise reduction and (2) wire mesh and/or Plexiglas screening along the shared use bike/pedestrian path on the East Channel Bridge. Staff will evaluate the cost, advantages, disadvantages, and feasibility of each of these measures during the final design stage of the project and report back to the Board on the results. The Board will consider the results but is not bound to take any particular action based on the outcome of the analyses. Furthermore, to the extent the Board is interested in implementing any additional measures, it can only do so subject to the approval of WSDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, which have jurisdiction over the I-90 roadway.

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-09 be amended as proposed by Mr. Sims.

Mr. Pelz offered an amendment to include the following language in Resolution No. R2004-09:

WHEREAS, the Board reiterates, as stated in the Sound Move ballot measure, that the state is responsible for funding and construction of the HOV lane system, including the HOV component of the "ultimate configuration" for the I-90 Corridor, in accordance with its freeway HOV policy.

Mr. Pelz spoke to the proposed amendment. He said the intent is to clarify that Sound Transit is a transit agency and not a highway construction agency, therefore, he restated the amendment as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board reiterates that the state is responsible for funding and construction of the HOV lane system, including the HOV component of the "ultimate configuration" for the I-90 Corridor, in accordance with its freeway HOV policy.

It was moved by Mr. Pelz, seconded by Mr. McIver, and carried by the majority vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-09 be amended as proposed by Mr. Pelz. (Those voting in the minority were Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Olson, and Mr. Ladenburg.)

Mr. Butler offered an amendment to add the following language in Resolution No. R2004-09:

WHEREAS, by separate Motion No. M2004-63, the Sound Transit Board is authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to the 1976 Memorandum Agreement governing I-90. That amendment establishes guiding principles regarding future development of the I-90 corridor between Seattle and Bellevue, including Alternative R-8A with High Capacity Transit deployed in the center lanes as the ultimate configuration, subject to the outcome of studies and funding approvals.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-09 be amended as proposed by Mr. Butler.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2004-09 as amended was carried by the unanimous vote of all twelve Board members present.

It was moved by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mr. Start that Motion No. M2004-63 be approved as presented.

Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to correct the language in Motion No. M2004-63:

At the bottom of page 1 of Motion No. M2004-63 and on Page 4 of the staff report following "The I-90 Steering Committee provided the following recommendation about the future use of the I-90 roadway", change the third bullet as follows:

- Upon adoption of R-8A, move as quickly as possible to implement HCT in the center lanes. HCT is defined as a transit system operating in dedicated right-of-way such as light rail, monorail or a substantially equivalent system.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Pelz, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the amendment be approved as presented.

The motion to approve Motion No. M 2004-63 as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Items Referred By Finance Committee

Motion No. M2004-77 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services, Inc. to provide construction management services for the South Boeing Access Road to South 154th Street line section of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment in the amount of \$11,136,363 with a 10% contingency of \$1,113,637, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,250,000

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-77 be approved as amended.

Motion No. M2004-78 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Balfour Beatty, Inc. for construction of the Pine Street Stub Tunnel and retrofit of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel in the amount of \$82,700,000, with a 10% contingency of \$8,270,000, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$90,970,000, which includes reimbursements to Sound Transit by King County Metro and Qwest for betterment work in the amount of \$8,126,871

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-78 be approved as amended.

Motion No. M2004-79 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to an existing sole source contract with Integrated Business Solutions to continue upgrading the Agency Forecasting Tool software in the amount of \$89,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$188,000

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-79 be approved as amended.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Crawford reported that the Finance Committee took action on one item within the committee's authority: Motion No. M2004-76, executing a contract amendment with AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc., to provide geotechnical engineering services during construction for the South Boeing Access Road to South 154th Street line section of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment in the amount of \$397,810 with a contingency of \$4,781 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$2,821,170.

Long-Range Vision and Phase 2 Planning

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the presentation on Long-Range Vision and Phase 2 Planning would be held over to the next Board meeting.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

None needed.

Next Meeting


Thursday, August 26, 2004
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

ATTEST:


Jane Emerson
Board Coordinator


John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair