

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
October 14, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 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) Kevin Phelps, Tacoma City Councilmember
(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember	(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair
(A) David Enslow, Sumner City Councilmember	(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive
(A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary	(P) Ron Sims, King County Executive
(A) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor	(P) Jack Start, Mill Creek City Councilmember
(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember	(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember
(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember	(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair
(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember	

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

Board member Ron Sims arrived after roll call.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Richard Borkowski, President of People for Modern Transit
Mr. Will Knedlik, COST Alliance

Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg advised that an executive session would be held at the end of the meeting. No action would be taken following the executive session.

Mr. Ladenburg reported that on October 9, 2004, Ms. Earl was presented with the 2004 Labor and Industry Award from the Seattle Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl announced that Wednesday evening the agency kicked off a series of six open houses that will provide community members an opportunity to participate as Sound Transit moves forward with designs on the North Link light rail project.

Ms. Earl reported that she attended the American Public Transit Association (APTA) conference earlier in the week. She stated that during the APTA conference, Sound Transit received two grand prize AdWheel Awards for the billboard campaign and the Tacoma Link launch.

Citizen Oversight Panel

Mr. Larry Shannon, Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) Chair, highlighted information in a letter to the Board from the panel. He advised that the panel had appointed Mr. Al Stipe, COP member, to the Performance Audit Committee. He said the letter was written to notify the Board members that the panel believes it is time to review the oversight mechanism.

(Board member Sims arrived at this time.)

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for September 1 through September 15, 2004

Motion No. M2004-97 – Adopting the 2005 Sound Transit State Legislative Program and directing staff to (1) further evaluate issues for impact to Sound Transit; and (2) regularly report status of and seek policy guidance on legislative issues

It was moved by Mr. Olson, 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

Items Referred by Finance Committee

Motion No. M2004-98 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute sole source contract amendments to what were originally competitively procured contracts with existing right-of-way services consultants – Alan House Associates, Doug Foley Associates, Escrow Affairs, Pharos Corporation, Comp Language, Greenleaf Valuation, Bruce Allen Associates, Universal Field Services, Gary Struthers, and Labonde Land, Inc. by extending their respective contract terms through December 31, 2005

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-98 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2004-99 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute sole source contract amendments to what were originally competitively procured contracts for professional services in support of North Link Study advanced conceptual engineering with existing right-of-way services consultants – Alan House Associates, Doug Foley Associates, Escrow Affairs, Pharos Corporation, Comp Language, Greenleaf Valuation, Bruce Allen Associates, Universal Field Services, and Gary Struthers in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$450,000, with contract terms expiring June 30, 2005

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-99 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Mr. Ladenburg reported that at the October 7, 2004, Executive Committee meeting, the members heard an update on the East King County Risk Assessment, and approved Motion No. M2004-96, identifying an option and directing staff to prepare a proposed 2005 budget for the Star Lake Freeway Station/South 272nd project.

Finance Committee

Mr. Phelps reported that at the October 7, 2004, Finance Committee meeting, the committee announced a new investment banking team; received a response to Mr. Will Knedlik's comments made at the October 7, 2004, Board meeting concerning Sound Transit bonds and debt service; and approved Motion No. M2004 -91, executing a contract with Evans/McDonough Company, Inc. to provide marketing, customer satisfaction and public opinion research services on an as-needed basis for a one-year contract term with two one-year options, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$475,000.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

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

At 1:58 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.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:35 p.m.


Next Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2004
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair