

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**December 9, 2004**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 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

(A) 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

(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

(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

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:

Greg Nickels

Julia Patterson

Larry Phillips

Aaron Reardon

Ron Sims

Claudia Thomas

Pete von Reichbauer

**Public Comment**

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

Mr. Jim O'Halloran, President, Roosevelt Neighborhood Association

Mr. Will Knedlik, COST Alliance

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. Richard Borkowski, President, People for Modern Transit

Mr. John Niles

(Board members Thomas, Patterson, and Reardon arrived.)

## **Report of the Chair**

Chair Ladenburg reported that Sound Transit celebrated Tacoma Link Light Rail's one millionth rider and continues to exceed 2,000 riders a day.

He announced that an executive session would be convened at the end of the meeting.

## **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl reported that the Transit-Oriented Development Program's annual report had been released (copy on file); the draft supplemental environmental impact statement on updating Sound Transit's Long-Range Plan was issued on December 2, 2004, with public comment being accepted through January 31, 2005; and she reminded the Board that on December 16, 2004, the Bellevue direct access project would be opened.

Ms. Earl called on Ms. Stephanie Kirby, Senior Civil Engineer, Link Light Rail, to update the Board on the Pine Street stub tunnel.

Ms. Agnes Govern, Capital Projects Director, gave an overview of the Ash Way project.

(Board members Sims, Nickels, and von Reichbauer arrived.)

## **Consent Agenda**

Voucher Certification for October 16 through October 30, 2004

Voucher Certification for November 1 through November 15, 2004

Minutes of the October 14, 2004, Board meeting

Minutes of the October 28, 2004, Board meeting

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

(Board member Phillips arrived.)

## **Action Items**

Resolution No. R2004-21 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with Valley Packers Buildings, LLC or a related entity (collectively "Valley Packers") to exchange certain real property interests and improvements near the Puyallup Commuter Rail Station

Ms. Barb Gilliland, Deputy Director of Transportation Services, and Mr. John McLean, Senior Real Estate Representative, presented Resolution No. R2004-21.

**It was moved by Ms. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-21 be approved as presented.**

## **Items Referred by Finance Committee**

Resolution No. R2004-19 – Adopting an annual budget for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2005 and amending Sound Move to include a downtown Kirkland transit center project and to change the name and scope of Project #374 from the Willows Arterial Project to the Redmond Transit Center Project

Mr. Ladenburg advised that approval of Resolution No. R2004-19 would require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board, which is twelve.

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of the fifteen Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-19 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2004-20 – Amending the 2004 Budget

Mr. Ladenburg advised that approval of Resolution No. R2004-20 would also require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board, which is twelve.

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of the fifteen Board members present that Resolution No. R2004-20 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2004-120 – Selecting a preferred draft fare increase for public review and comment and directing staff to conduct public outreach regarding a potential fare increase

Chair Ladenburg advised that the Executive Committee discussed Motion No. M2004-120 at its December 2, 2004, meeting. It was the decision of the committee to forward the motion to the Board without a recommendation.

Mr. Phelps advised that the Finance Committee discussed Motion No. M2004-120 at its December 2, 2004, meeting, and unanimously passed two motions: (1) a fare increase apply only to ST Express Bus (and exclude Sounder), and (2) to recommend 20% increase option, with necessary adjustments to the nearest 25-cent increment and the FTA half-fare requirement for the elderly/disabled.

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-120 be approved as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

Motion No. M2004-118 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a sole source contract amendment with Porter and Associates in the amount of \$62,400 for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$161,680, and extend the contract term from December 31, 2004, to July 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. M2004-118 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2004-117 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute Agreement GCA 3361 Task Order A-4 with the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide construction and construction management services for the Eastgate Transit Access/142nd Avenue SE project in the amount of \$24,042,063 with a contingency of 5% for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$25,244,166

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2004-117 be approved as presented.**

**Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – December 2, 2004, meeting

Mr. Ladenburg reported that in addition to considering the fare increase, the Executive Committee received a presentation on the release of the Regional Transit Long-Range Plan Draft SEIS.

Audit and Reporting Subcommittee – December 1, 2004, meeting

Mr. Phelps reported that the Audit and Reporting Subcommittee meeting included state audit results, 2004 audit plan check in with KPMG, and a review of the third quarter reports.

Finance Committee – December 2, 2004, meeting

Mr. Phelps reported that in addition to the actions that came before the Board earlier, the committee approved Motion No. M2004-119, executing a contract with URS Corporation to provide final design services for the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride Lot/North Mercer Way project.

Executive Session

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene into Executive Session.

At 2:24 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 2:50 p.m., the session was extended by 10 minutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:59 p.m.

Other Business

None.

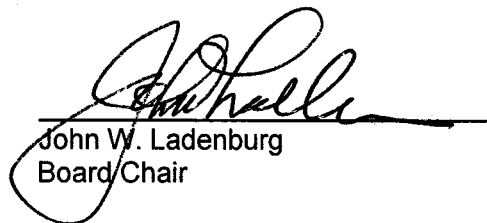
Next Meeting


Thursday, January 13, 2005  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
John W. Ladenburg  
Board Chair

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator