

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
January 27, 2005

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

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Deputy Mayor

(P) 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

Mr. Matt Stoutenburg, Acting Board Administrator, indicated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

Fred Butler

Dave Enslow

Doug MacDonald

Mark Olson (via teleconference)

Ron Sims

Pete von Reichbauer (via teleconference)

Public Comment

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

Mr. Grant Cogswell

Mr. Richard Conlin, City of Seattle Councilmember

Mr. Bob Ferguson

Mr. Paul W. Locke

Mr. David Spiker, Light Rail Review Panel Chair

Ms. Nancy Bocek, Roosevelt Neighborhood Alliance

Mr. David Barnes

Mr. Larry Sinnott

Ms. Corinne Cook

Mr. Joshua Gerbracht, Calgary Church Pastor
Mr. Gordon Conger, representing Church of Latter Day Saints
Mr. Andrew Reay-Ellers
Mr. Jim O'Halloran, Roosevelt Neighborhood Alliance President
Mr. William Low, QFC representative
Mr. Richard Borkowski, People for Modern Transit
Mr. John Niles
Mr. Jay Regenstreif
Mr. Will Knedlik
Mr. David Zeldow

(Board members Butler, Enslow, MacDonald, and Sims arrived.)

Report of the Chair

Chair Ladenburg announced that an executive session would be convened at the end of the meeting, and that under action items, the agenda would be reordered to first act on Resolution No. R2005-06.

Chair Ladenburg announced that two Board members, Councilmember Olson and Councilmember von Reichbauer, were away from the region due to official business and wished to participate in the meeting by telephone. He stated that the Board's operating rules allow members to attend meetings by teleconference. Procedurally, Board members' requests to attend by teleconference are acted on by motion prior to consideration of action items and require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members who are physically in attendance, which is eleven.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of the sixteen members present that Mr. Olson and Mr. von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the meeting by teleconference.

(Board members Olson and von Reichbauer joined the meeting by teleconference at this time.)

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl announced that due to the length of public comment period, she would give her presentation on Airport Link at the February 10, 2005 Board meeting.

Ms. Earl advised the Board that the last of ten public hearings on the Draft SEIS for the agency's Long-Range Plan would be held that night in Auburn. Following the close of the comment period, Sound Transit will respond to comments and prepare the Final SEIS for publication in late spring or early summer 2005.

Citizen Oversight Panel

Mr. Al Stipe, Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) member, addressed the Board. He referred to a letter sent to the Board from the COP Chair, Larry Shannon, which outlined the panel's intent to conduct a review of Sound Move at the end of Year 8 of the plan (copy on file with the Board Administrator).

Consent Agenda

December 9, 2004 Board meeting minutes

Voucher Certification for December 16 through December 31, 2004

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

Action Items

Resolution No. R2005-06 – Identifying the preferred Roosevelt route and station location for the North Link Light Rail Project

Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Director, and Mr. Ron Endlich, North Link Program Manager, provided an update on the alternatives for the Roosevelt route and station location.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2005-06 be approved with the 12th Avenue route identified as the preferred Roosevelt route and station location for the North Link Light Rail Project.

Items Referred by Finance Committees

Resolution No. R2005-04 – Amending the Adopted 2005 Budget for the South Everett Freeway Station Project from \$26.075 million to \$30.275 million to reflect a budget transfer from the Regional Express Snohomish County Program Reserve in the amount of \$4.2 million

Mr. Ladenburg advised that approval of Resolution No. R2005-04 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 sixteen Board members present that Resolution No. R2005-04 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2005-05 – Increasing fares for ST Express Bus service effective June 2005

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2005-05 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – January 20, 2005

Mr. Phelps reported that in addition to the actions that came before the Board earlier, the committee approved Motion No. M2005-03, executing Agreement GCA 3536 Task Order #11 with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the final design services for the South Everett Freeway Station/112th SE Project, pending a Board-authorized budget transfer of \$4.2 million from Snohomish County program reserves; Motion No. M2005-12, executing an amendment to the Master Gas Facility Relocation Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the relocation of natural gas lines for the Central Link Initial Segment; and Motion No. M2005-10,

entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sammamish to accept funding for improvements that are beneficial to both the Sammamish Park-and-Ride Lot and the City of Sammamish's extension of Issaquah-Pine Lake Road.

Executive Session

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

At 2:52 p.m., the Board convened a 10-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 3:04 p.m.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting


Thursday, February 10, 2005
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator