

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**February 10, 2005**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Mark Olson in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(A) *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*

(A) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(A) *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.

**Public Comment**

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

Mr. Will Knedlik

**Report of the Chair**

Vice Chair Olson announced that there would not be an executive session held at the end of the meeting.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl announced that earlier in the day the agency rolled out the new ST Express coach bus. Sound Transit has taken delivery of 13 coaches in the next generation of buses designed especially for long-haul express service. This initial procurement is a pilot project to determine if a single-door, high capacity long-haul transit bus is appropriate for future fleet purchases. The new buses, manufactured by Motor Coach Industries of Schaumburg, Illinois, will be tested on Sound Transit's ST Express routes between Dupont, Lakewood, Tacoma, and Seattle.

On Tuesday, she and Chair Ladenburg were in Olympia and testified at both the Senate and House Transportation Committees.

Ms. Earl stated that legislation was introduced to return money left on a Smart Card to the transit agencies when the purchaser of the card has moved out of the area. She said that the legislation was moved out unanimously from the Senate Financial Institutions Housing and Consumer Protection Committee and will move on to Rules.

The Washington State Department of Transportation opened bids earlier in the day for the I-90 Eastgate Transit Access Project. The project will construct two new transit-only ramps from the eastbound and westbound HOV lanes on I-90 to the existing overpass at 142nd Place SE in Eastgate. At the time this task order was approved by the Board, the engineer's estimate was \$18.7 million. The apparent low bidder is Mowat Construction Company with a bid of \$17.7 million.

## **Discussion**

### **Implementing Airport Link**

Ms. Earl gave a presentation on implementing the Airport Link. She stated that the goal is to open to the airport by 2011. In the fall of 2004, a feasibility study was conducted to determine if it is technically possible to be able to open to the airport in time for the Winter Olympics. The study was completed, financial cost estimates were received, the term sheets were negotiated, and in January an agreement was reached with the Port on how to go about the environmental process.

Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Director, and Mr. Leonard McGhee, Link Project Manager, presented the work currently underway, the scope for the project, and next steps. They stated that an environmental assessment (EA) was being prepared to address the project revisions since the 1999 final Environmental Impact Statement. The EA will be published in late April, pending FTA review, and will follow with a 30-day public comment period. Memoranda of Agreement are being prepared with the Port of Seattle and the City of SeaTac and should be issued summer 2005.

Next steps include adopting a baseline scope, budget, schedule, and financial policy changes, June 2005; executing a contract option for the light rail vehicles, summer 2005; awarding a civil construction contract, 2006; executing options for system contracts, 2006; and amending the operating agreement with King County Metro, 2007.

## **Consent Agenda**

January 13, 2005 Board meeting minutes

Voucher Certification for January 1 through January 15, 2005

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Ms. Patterson, 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

Motion No. M2005-11 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill to provide additional design services during construction of light rail in the Rainier Valley in the amount of \$1,000,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$11,382,572

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-11 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2005-02 – Authorizing sales tax bonds of the Authority to be issued in series to finance a portion of the regional transit system plan

Mr. Brian McCartan, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, presented Resolution No. R2005-02.

**It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2005-02 be approved as presented.**

#### Committee Reports

##### Central Link Oversight Committee – January 20, 2005

Mr. Dwight Pelz, Central Link Oversight Committee Chair, reported that the Committee continues to monitor the progress of Central Link, has discussed design options for the Northgate Station, and has begun briefing on tunneling and the risks associated with tunnels.

##### Executive Committee – February 3, 2005

Vice Chair Olson advised that the Executive Committee met on February 3, 2005. The Committee received briefings on the East King County Program Understanding for the Community Connections and the Mukilteo Early Start Station.

##### Finance Committee – February 3, 2005

Mr. Phelps reported that in addition to the actions that came before the Board earlier, the committee approved Motion No. M2005-13, executing a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation under the existing Umbrella Agreement covering construction administration of Sound Transit projects within WSDOT right-of-way for the Link Light Rail Tukwila Freeway Route construction.

**Other Business**

Ms. Earl reported that the Expert Review Panel, which was appointed by the Governor, State Legislature, and the Secretary of Transportation for Sound Transit's phase 2 plan, was having its first two-day meeting beginning today. The panel is taking a tour of the system today and tomorrow will be a public meeting.

Mr. Crawford reminded the Board members that the next Finance Committee meeting would be held on Friday, February 18, rather than the normal Thursday meeting.

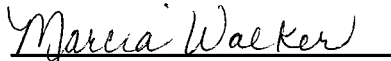
**Next Meeting**

Thursday, February 24, 2005  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Union Station Board Room  
Seattle, Washington

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
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John W. Ladenburg  
Board Chair