

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
February 24, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chair John W. 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
(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Deputy Mayor	(P) 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	(A) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember
(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember	(P) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair
(P) Dwight Pelz, King County Councilmember	

Ms. Jane Emerson, Acting Board Administrator, indicated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Anirudh Sahni

Mr. Will Knedlik

(Board members Sims and von Reichbauer arrived.)

Report of the Chair

Chair Ladenburg acknowledged the passing of the Honorable Ruth Fisher. He asked the Board and audience to join him in honoring her with a moment of silence.

Chair Ladenburg advised that the Board would be holding a special Board meeting on March 2, 2005 to consider the resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to sell Sound Transit bonds on terms approved by the Board and to a corresponding amendment to the 2005 Adopted Budget.

He stated that there was a possibility that some Board members would not be able to attend the March 2 special meeting and would like to participate and vote by telephone. The Board

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 at the meeting. The rules also provide that no more than 25% of the membership of the Board may attend the meeting by teleconference.

Chair Ladenburg stated that Motion No. M2005-18 in their packets would temporarily suspend the rules to permit any Board member to attend the March 2, 2005 Special Board meeting by telephone conference and to suspend the rules limiting the number of Board members who could attend by telephone.

Motion No. M2005-18 – Temporarily suspending the rules to permit more than 25% of the Board members to attend the special Board meeting on March 2, 2005, by teleconference and to authorize any Board member not able to attend the meeting in person to be recorded as present and to participate and vote by telephone

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-18 be approved as presented.

Chair Ladenburg advised that the Seattle Chamber and the Trade Development Alliance would be leading a delegation of regional leaders to Ireland in May. The group will experience one of the fastest growing economies in the world and its affects on housing and transportation that mirror many of the issues in the Sound Transit region. He stated that the Board's policies require travel and expenses while engaged in official Sound Transit business outside of the United States and Canada be approved by the Board.

Motion No. M2005-26 – Approving travel for Board Chair John W. Ladenburg and Board member Pete von Reichbauer to participate in the Seattle Chamber of Commerce visit to Ireland from May 12 to May 21, 2005 in the conduct of official business on behalf of Sound Transit

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-26 be approved as presented.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl introduced Ms. Cheryl Huston, Customer Service and Information Manager, and Mr. Don McDonough, Evans/McDonough Company, Inc., to present the Rider Survey results (copy of the presentation is on file).

Ms. Earl advised the Board that the new Ridership Report was in their packets (copy on file). She stated that ridership continues to increase on Sounder commuter rail, ST Express bus, and Tacoma Link light rail.

(Board member Reardon arrived.)

Long-Range Vision and ST2 Planning

Chair Ladenburg advised that the Board would hold a workshop on March 31, 2005 to discuss a number of the Long-Range planning issues.

Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Policy and Planning Manager, reviewed information received through the ten public meetings held in January 2005 and the written comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, provided the schedule of upcoming discussions on the Long-Range Plan through the end of June 2005 (copy on file.)

Consent Agenda

January 27, 2005 Board meeting minutes

Voucher Certification for January 16 through January 31, 2005

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

Action Items

Resolution No. R2004-15 – Approving the proposed 2005 Service Implementation Plan authorizing staff to implement service changes during 2005 on the Sounder Commuter Rail North Line and five ST Express bus routes, and to defer service improvements on two ST Express bus routes

It was moved by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Crawford that Resolution No. R2004-15 be approved as presented.

Mr. Phelps offered an amendment to insert the following words to page two of the resolution following Item #8.

9. Deferring service improvements for ST Express Route 586 (Tacoma-University District Express) included in the 2003 Service Implementation Plan

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to amend Resolution No. R2004-15.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2004-15 as amended was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Items Referred by Finance Committees

Motion No. M2005-14 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Substitute Community Development Fund (CDF) Funding Agreement with the City of Seattle to establish, oversee, and fund the City of Seattle's portion of the Transit-Oriented Community Development Fund for southeast Seattle

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. Start, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-14 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-21 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to exercise a five year lease option with Seattle Union Station LLC for office space at the 625 Union Station Building (Opus East), effective July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2010, and amending the agreement to include an additional five year renewal option

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-21 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-22 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Wackenhut Corporation to continue to provide unarmed security services for Sounder Commuter Rail and Sound Transit's administration buildings, in the amount of \$1,075,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$6,000,230

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-22 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-20 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to the Construction Services Agreement with the City of Seattle in the amount of \$400,000, for a new total authorized project expenditure amount not to exceed \$41,624,062. This action increases the total authorized funding to \$45,974,062, which includes reimbursements to Sound Transit in the amount of \$4,350,000, and authorizes up to \$725,000 for purchase of a Tunnel Rescue Vehicle

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2005-20 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Central Link Oversight Committee – February 18, 2005

Mr. Dwight Pelz, Central Link Oversight Committee Chair, reported that the Committee received an update on the Initial Segment's project status including cost summary, construction, schedule, and procurement activities.

Staff continued a briefing on light rail tunneling that began at the January 20, 2005 meeting. The briefing included a description of the topography, soil, and groundwater conditions in areas of Link tunnels and the complexity and related risks inherent in Sound Transit's subsurface facilities.

Finance Committee – February 18, 2005

Mr. Phelps reported that the committee received presentations on the upcoming resolution to provide for the sale and issuance of sales tax bonds; the status of a Sounder commuter rail early start station in Mukilteo; and 2005 cost negotiations for ST Express Bus service.

In addition to the actions that came before the Board earlier, the committee approved Motion No. M2005-16, amending an existing interagency agreement with the City of Everett in the amount of \$605,832 for the maintenance and operations of the Everett Station; Motion No. M2005-17, executing a contract with Dell, Inc. to provide technology and computing hardware services in 2005, to update agency systems, and to fulfill requirements of technology projects; Motion No. M2005-19, executing Agreement GCA 3536 Task Order #12 with the Washington State Department of Transportation for design services for the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV

Operations project necessary to complete 30% design for certain project elements that were deferred during the Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Documentation phase and to prepare Final Design for Stage I of construction, and Motion No. M2005-13, executing a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation under the existing Umbrella Agreement GCA 3361 covering construction administration of Sound Transit projects within WSDOT right-of-way for the Link Light Rail Tukwila Freeway Route.

Executive Session

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

At 2:30 p.m., the Board convened a 25-minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which Sound Transit is likely to become a party.

At 2:55 p.m., the Executive Session was extended 15 minutes.

Reconvene Board Meeting

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:02 p.m.

Other Business

None

Next Meetings

Special Board Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2005

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Union Station Board Room

Seattle, Washington

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2005

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

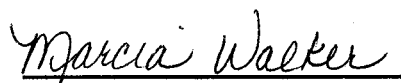
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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair