

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 24, 2005**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 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
(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Deputy Mayor	(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive
(P) 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	(P) 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.

Public Comment

None

Report of the Chair

Chair Ladenburg advised the Board that he has in Olympia speaking with the legislature on behalf of Sound Transit and the fare card bill.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl announced that on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, Sound Transit will kick off construction of a new bus-only access ramp and freeway stop near the new King County Metro Eastgate Garage. The new Eastgate ramps will connect the existing 142nd Place SE bridge to the I-90 HOV lanes.

Ms. Earl gave an update on federal grant funding stating that grants have been received for Airport Link preliminary engineering; hybrid buses; and construction in Federal Way including the Transit Center, park-and-ride structure, and the 317th direct access ramp.

Long-Range Plan

Mr. Paul Matsuoka, Policy and Planning Officer, introduced the presentation on the Long-Range Plan (copy on file). He stated that there are 12 issue papers that have been prepared to inform the Board's consideration of potential changes to the Long-Range Plan. Three would be presented at this meeting, and the balance would be presented at the March 31, 2005 Board Workshop.

(Board members Olson and Patterson arrived.)

Mr. Eric Chipps, Office of Policy and Planning Senior Planner, presented issue papers on Tacoma Link West, Tacoma Link East, and I-5 Northgate to Everett High-Capacity Transit.

Consent Agenda

February 10, 2005 Board meeting minutes

Voucher Certification for February 1 through February 15, 2005

Voucher Certification for February 16 through February 28, 2005

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Start, 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

Resolution No. R2005-09 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), by condemnation litigation, or by administrative settlement; and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction and operation of the Sammamish Park-and-Ride/228th Avenue SE Project, to execute all documents necessary to convey interests acquired to the City of Sammamish as part of the extension of the Issaquah-Pine Lake Road, and updating existing legal descriptions for certain properties described in Resolution No. R2003-09 Attachment A with revised legal descriptions

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2005-09 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2005-09 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), by condemnation litigation, or by administrative settlement; and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the construction and operation of the Issaquah Transit Center/SR900 Project, and to execute all documents necessary to convey interests acquired to the City of Issaquah

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2005-10 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Central Link Oversight Committee – March 17, 2005

Mr. Dwight Pelz, Central Link Oversight Committee Chair, reported that the Committee received an overview of the Airport Link project and Work Program including scope, schedule, cost, and coordination with the Port of Seattle and the City of SeaTac.

Staff provided updates on the Pine Street stub tunnel construction, North Link, and the Central Link Initial Segment.

Finance Committee – March 17, 2005

Mr. Phelps reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the Tax Revenue Performance Summary and a report on parking options at the Lakewood Station. In addition to the actions that came before the Board earlier, the committee approved Motion No. M2005-32, executing a contract amendment with Herrera Environmental Consultants to provide additional environmental permitting and mitigation design services for Sounder Commuter Rail Everett to Seattle Third Commuter Rail Easement project; Motion No. M2005-31, executing a contract with Clearcreek Contractors, Inc. to construct a layover track and associated improvements for the Everett Station project; and Motion No. M2005-30, executing an Intergovernmental Agreement to accept funding from the City of Kirkland for improvements requested by the City that include widening the new NE 128th Street crossing over I-405 to accommodate general purpose traffic, architectural treatment enhancements, and other related improvements beneficial to the City of Kirkland in concert with implementation of Sound Transit's Totem Lake Freeway Station Project.

Executive Session

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

At 2:25 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.

Reconvene Board Meeting

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:55 p.m.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2005
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

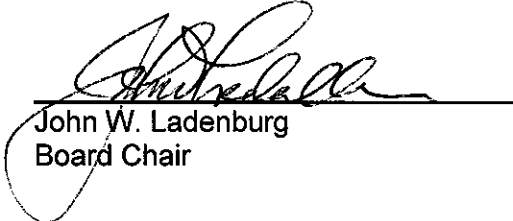
Adjourn

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

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair