

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
May 26, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 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

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Council President

(P) Jack Crawford, Kenmore City Councilmember

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Deputy Mayor

(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Connie Marshall, City of Bellevue Mayor

(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds Council President

(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) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County Council Vice Chair

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, stated a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Chair Ladenburg welcomed Richard Marin, Edmonds City Council President, to the Board. Snohomish County Executive Reardon appointed Mr. Marin to fill the vacancy left by Board member Jack Start's recent passing. He also appointed Mr. Marin to the Finance Committee.

He reported on the International Trade Study mission to Ireland with the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. He discussed the transportation issues in Ireland and how they relate to the regional transportation issues that Washington state experiences. Ms. Joni Earl, Sound Transit Chief Executive Officer, also attended.

He announced there would be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting and no action will occur thereafter.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl stated that she and Bob Drewel, Puget Sound Regional Council President, met with transportation department officials in Ireland to understand how they do regional planning.

She announced the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel is on schedule to close September 24, 2005. On June 4, 2005, the tunnel will be closed on Saturdays and the buses will be rerouted to 3rd Avenue.

On May 26, 2005 the Federal Transit Administration, Sound Transit, and the Port of Seattle completed the Environmental Assessment for Airport Link. There will be an open house on June 15, 2005 at the City of SeaTac City Hall.

Bids were opened by Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Totem Lake Freeway Project on May 4, 2005. Five bids and the lowest bidder was 1% below the engineer's estimate. The WSDOT Task Order was issued on May 23, 2005.

She reminded the Board of its decision to increase fares, which become effective June 1, 2005. Sound Transit staff has been distributing "Rider Alerts" and will be working with customers at park and ride lots and transit centers on May 31 and June 1, 2005.

Board member Marshall requested Sound Transit work with Bellevue School District to create an alternative solution for high school students who ride Sound Transit routes formerly operated by King County Metro, as the students have to pay considerably more.

Mr. Marty Minkoff, Transportation Services Director, announced King County Metro would be operating a special shuttle due to the closure of the freeway flyer stop in Kirkland to allow riders to go to Kingsgate. Board member Crawford stated an article in the newspaper misinterpreted that Sound Transit is closing the park-and-ride, and in fact, that is not the case.

Ms. Earl announced Sound Transit received its permit to begin construction on the Tukwila Link Light rail segment.

Chair Ladenburg announced the Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council voted to fund a corridor study along with King County Metro with regard to preserving the BNSF right of way in East King County for public purposes.

Public Comment

None.

Discussion Item

Long Range Plan Update

Ms. Earl stated Sound Transit has been working on the Long Range Plan (LRP) for a year, which produced the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, 10 public meetings, 15 issue papers, state appointed Expert Review Panel, and the Draft LRP action taken at the April 28, 2005 Board meeting.

(Board members Pelz and Sims arrived at this time).

Paul Matsuoka, Chief Policy and Planning Officer, gave an overview of the information staff has produced to date for the Long Range Plan and requested Board members submit amendments to the Board Administrator for the June 9, 2005 Board meeting.

He discussed the next steps for the LRP process as follows:

- Report on public comment at the June 23, 2005 Board meeting
- Board to vote on proposed amendments and adopt the new LRP
- Begin discussions on ST2 (the next phase of transit investments for the region)

Board member Marshall suggested a summary paper be prepared for the public that explains the difference between Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and light rail, including the cost of converting BRT to light rail, and the incremental costs between the two.

She also noted that the quantitative data from the rider ship models is important, but there is a desire to consider qualitative information, as well. Board member Pelz stated that the ridership models don't predict how a system will perform, for example, they don't measure reliability, speed, and predictability. Board member Phillips agreed and suggested that the Board needs to consider the customer experience, reliability, predictability, safety, security, speed, comfort, and convenience.

Ms. Earl indicated that based on the Board's discussion, staff would prepare additional criteria for the Board to consider at the June 9, 2005 meeting.

(Board member Reardon arrived at this time).

Action Items

Minutes of the April 14, 2005 Board Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that minutes of April 14, 2005 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-55 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to increase the contract contingency for the contract with Frank Coluccio Construction Company for advanced utility relocations in Tukwila in the amount of \$420,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$7,062,547, which includes reimbursements to Sound Transit by third parties in the amount of \$198,812

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2005-55 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2008-11 - Approving the Chief Executive Officer's declaration as surplus certain real property interests and authorizing the conveyance of those surplus real property interests to Burlington Northern Santa Fe by negotiated agreement as necessary for Everett Station

It was moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2005-11 be approved as presented.

Committee Report

Finance Committee - May 19, 2005

Finance Committee Chair Phelps reported that in addition to today's actions before the Board, the Committee acted on Motion No. M2005-53, executing a contract amendment with D. A. Davidson to provide additional investment advisory services in the amount of \$400,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$580,000; Motion No. M2005-54, executing a contract amendment with PFM to provide financial advisory services in the amount of \$570,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$750,000; Motion No. M2005-49, (1) executing an agreement with the City of Kenmore for the final design, right of

way, construction, and construction management phases required to complete the SR 522 HOV Enhancements/Kenmore Project, and (2) reimbursing the City of Kenmore for the final design and right of way phases in an amount not to exceed \$1,558,745; and Motion No. M2005-50, executing an agreement with the City of Woodinville for construction of the Woodinville Arterial HOV Enhancements project in the amount of \$596,527, with a contingency of \$59,653, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$656,180.

Executive Session

At 2:20 p.m., Chair Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene a twenty-five minute executive session to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Chair Ladenburg extended the executive session by five minutes at 2:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:50 p.m.

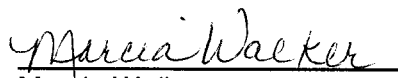
Next Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2005
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

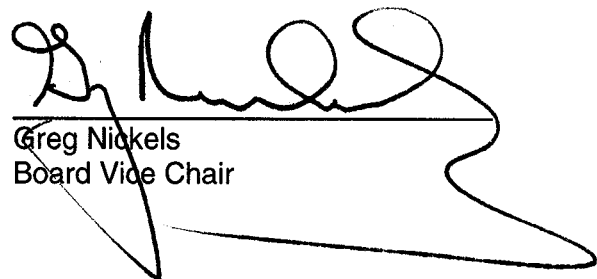
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Greg Nickels
Board Vice Chair