

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
July 28, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 p.m. by Vice Chair Greg Nickels, 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*

(A) *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*

(A) *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) *Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair*

(P) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(P) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*

(A) *Claudia Thomas, Lakewood City Councilmember*

(P) *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

Mr. Nickels indicated the presentation from Puget Sound Regional Council's Executive Director, Bob Drewel, is postponed due to a scheduling conflict.

Mr. Nickels announced Sound Transit and the Seattle Mariners unveiled a Home Run Special locomotive sporting the Mariners famous compass rose logo along with Sound Transit's wave design.

Mr. Nickels indicated Board Chair Ladenburg would be participating by phone and Board operating rules allow members to attend meetings by teleconference by passing a motion prior to the consideration of action items and it requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members who are physically in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Chair Ladenburg be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, drew the Board's attention to the 2004 Annual Report in the packets. The report compiles the milestones, ridership information, performance indicators and the 2004 financial report.

Ms. Earl announced the Downtown Transit Tunnel closes on September 24, 2005 to start the retrofit for Central Link Light Rail. Sound Transit has done extensive outreach to local businesses and community. The steering committee consisting of Ms. Earl, Mr. Kevin Desmond, General Manager for King County Metro, and Ms. Grace Crunican, Director for Seattle Department of Transportation, is coordinating the closure preparation with King County Metro, Community Transit and Pierce Transit. The steering committee presented its strategies for mitigation to the Puget Sound Regional Council. A website, www.seattletunnel.org, is tracking the status of the closure and Sound Transit is working very closely with the Downtown Seattle Association.

She also announced Sounder North experienced its highest ridership day, boarding 598 passengers and ridership is up 54% since the start of the second train.

Public Comment

Mr. Paul W. Locke
Mr. Brian Parker
Ms. Debrorah Gibby
Mr. Will Knedlik
Mr. Richard Borkowski
Mr. Brent Butler
State Representative Ed Murray
Mr. Stephen Lundgren
Mr. Bill Hirt
Mr. Tim Gould

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for June 1, 2005 through June 15, 2005

Minutes from May 26, 2005 Board meeting

Minutes from June 9, 2005 Board meeting

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

Action Items

Item recommended by Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2005-18 - Amending the Adopted 2005 Budget for High Capacity Transit Phase 2 Planning Program to increase the 2005 program budget by \$849,000 for payment to Washington State Department of Transportation for the simulation of light rail operation on the I-90 floating bridge and analysis of I-90 roadway structures, resulting in an amended 2005 Budget of \$7,962,000

Mr. Nickels indicated that Resolution No. R2005-18 required a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members who are physically in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present Resolution No. R2005-18 be approved as presented.

Item not recommended by Committee

Resolution R2005-20 - Modifying the preferred route, profiles, and station locations for the North Link Light Rail Project and identifying University Link as the preferred segment of North Link for purposes of the final supplemental EIS and for obtaining a New Starts rating from the Federal Transit Administration

Ms. Earl, Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Link Director, and Mr. Ron Endlich, Link Program Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by a majority vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2005-20 be approved as presented, with Mr. McIver voting in the minority.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - July 21, 2005

Finance Committee Chair Crawford reported that in addition to today's item before the Board, the Finance Committee received an update on the Lakewood Station and that due to the cooperative efforts between Sound Transit and the City of Lakewood, the project is on schedule to be completed in 2007. The Finance Committee also approved the minutes of July 7, 2005 Finance Committee meeting; Motion No. M2005-77 - executing a three-year contract with Herrera Environmental Consultants to provide on-call environmental permitting services; Motion No. M2005-87 - executing a contract with Dilax Systems, Inc. to design, furnish, install, and test an Automatic Passenger Counting and Vehicle Location System for ST Express; and Motion No. M2005-86 - executing a Task Order within Agreement GCA 3536 with the Washington State Department of Transportation for a light rail operation simulation on the I-90 floating bridge using heavy trucks and an analysis of I-90 roadway.

Executive Session

At 3:18 p.m., Vice Chair Nickels announced that the Board would convene a 15-minute executive session. There would be no action thereafter.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:33 p.m.

Other Business

None.

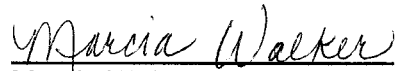
Next Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2005
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room
Seattle, Washington

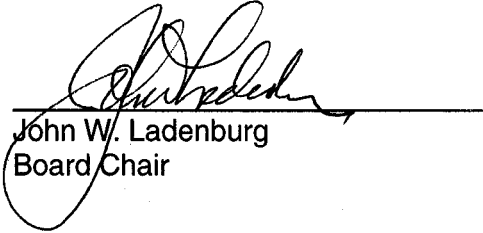
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair