

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
September 8, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 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

(A) Julie Anderson, Tacoma 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

(P) 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

(P) 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. Ladenburg announced a change to the agenda order, reversing the ST2 Update and Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Closure Update.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, announced that today was the kick-off of construction on the Sammamish Park-and-Ride lot. This \$7.7 million project will add 265 much needed parking spaces to the Eastside.

She also reported that the Second Quarter Service Delivery Report to the CEO shows total passenger boardings for all three modes up by 7% compared with the same quarter in 2004.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Eddie Rye, Jr.

Community Development Fund Update

Mr. Jaime Garcia, Executive Director of the Community Development Fund (CDF) lead a presentation regarding the status of the project in Rainier Valley. He was joined by CDF board members Robert Mohn and David Chen.

Mr. Garcia presented an overview of the CDF programs, including Supplemental Mitigation Assistance, Community Development Program, and the Pre-Apprenticeship Program. He discussed construction impact on traffic and reported that traffic volume has declined by 42% since 2003. The CDF is providing disruption assistance to many businesses, and Mr. Garcia stated that 32% have experienced sales decline of 50% or greater.

In addition to being on the CDF Board, Mr. Chen is a business owner in Rainier Valley. He shared his experiences enduring the impact of the construction including reduced traffic to the businesses in his shopping center, short notice communications and construction delays.

Mr. Garcia concluded the report stating that a more strategic case management approach to marketing is needed with better inter-governmental coordination, and that the contractor needs to be held more accountable for better planning and advance notice of closures.

Board member Sims described his observations as a Rainier Valley resident. He suggested that street closure signs indicate when streets will reopen, and that a visual representation of how to maneuver around closures would be helpful. He also suggested that construction schedules be mailed to area residents and businesses.

Board Vice Chair Nickels recognized Mr. Mohn and Mr. Chen for their service on the CDF Board, and praised the leadership of Mr. Garcia. He shared that he visits the construction area every other Monday and talks with business owners. He reported that feedback indicates the public is aware of what is happening as the project moves forward, though they may not like the impact to their business. He agreed that signage could enhance the communication efforts to the public.

Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Closure Update

Ms. Earl began her update of the Downtown Transit Tunnel Closure project stating that there has been extensive preparation with the Seattle Police Department, the City of Seattle, King County and the Department of Transportation to ensure all areas affected by the closure are addressed. She indicated that 70 bus routes will be impacted.

A command center approach will be in place so that issues can be resolved with a rapid response. Teams of guides will be on the street to assist passengers, including bilingual guides, as well as Seattle Police for traffic direction and enforcement.

Coordinated communication to the public is taking place, including a new project website (www.seattletunnel.org) with a consistent logo and message, advertising in the Seattle Times and P-I, bus advertising, radio announcements and communication through the bus drivers directly.

Mayor Nickels commended the City of Seattle crews, the County crews, and Sound Transit for the good work that has been done in preparation for the tunnel closure.

ST2 Update

Ric Ilgenfritz, Chief Communications Officer and Paul Matsuoka, Chief Policy and Planning Officer presented a status report on ST2. Mr. Ilgenfritz reported that the focus of the summer's activities was on developing project lists with subarea partners. The subarea forums are working to prioritize 125 projects by September 30th.

Mr. Matsuoka indicated that staff will report to the Board the forums' priorities, information gathered from public outreach, and the projects recommended for costing in October. The financial scenarios and ridership/benefits analysis will be presented to the Board in November. A draft plan is scheduled to be presented to the Board in March 2006, for finalization in June 2006 in preparation of a possible ballot measure for the November 2006 election.

2006 Budget Kickoff

Ms. Earl announced the kickoff of the 2006 budget development process. The projected budget is for \$903,000,000, and will build on 2005 accomplishments.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for August 1 through August 15, 2005

Minutes from July 28, 2005 Board meeting

Minutes from August 15, 2005 Board meeting

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Marshall, 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. R2005-22 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), condemnation litigation, or entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for the purpose of constructing the Lakewood to Tacoma Track and Facilities Project and the South Tacoma Station Project, along the Lakewood to Tacoma Corridor

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2005-22 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – September 1, 2005

Finance Committee Chair Crawford reported on the Finance Committee Meeting. Approved were Motion No. M2005-95 - executing a one-year contract with two, one-year options to extend the contract term with Copacino + Fujikado to provide advertising and media buying services; Motion No. M2005-84 - executing a contract with Loomis, Fargo, & Co. for revenue servicing of Sounder commuter rail's Ticket Vending Machines; Motion No. M2005-99 - executing a contract amendment with KPFF Consulting Engineers to exercise the option for final design for the Lakewood Station; Motion No. M2005-91 - executing a contract with Harris and Associates to provide construction management services for a parking garage at the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride lot; and Motion No. M2005-92 - executing a contract with Harris and Associates to provide construction management services for the Issaquah Transit Center/SR 900 project.

Executive Session

At 3:05 p.m., Chair Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene a 15 minute executive session. There would be no action thereafter.

After extending the executive session by 15 minutes at 3:20 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session at 3:35 p.m.

Other Business

None.


Next Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 2005
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room

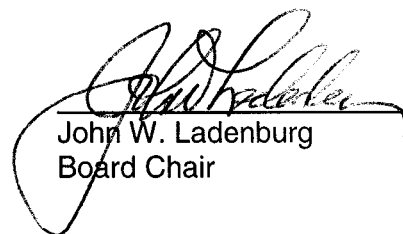
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair