

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
October 13, 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

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma 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

(A) 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

(A) 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

Chair Ladenburg indicated that the Board was working from a revised agenda.

He announced Chief Executive Officer, Joni Earl, was recognized for five years of service with Sound Transit at the all staff meeting.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

None.

Citizen Oversight Panel Report

Chair Ladenburg announced that at its meeting the week of October 6, 2005, the Citizen Oversight Panel elected Karen Miller the new Chair and Dick Chapin as Vice Chair. He expressed the Board's appreciation of Larry Shannon who served two terms as the Chair.

Ms. Karen Miller, newly-elected Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel, presented the Panel's latest report. She reviewed Sound Transit's progress in delivering projects and services and plans for future extensions of the transportation system. The panel recommends that Sound Transit revisit the concept of subarea equity and consider its application to the ST2 planning schedule.

The report also reinforces the need for continuing public dialogue and that a framework for policy decisions is essential for communicating Sound Transit's direction and enlisting program support from the public.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Will Knedlik
Ms. Rosemarie Ives, Mayor of Redmond

Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Closure Update

Ms. Earl gave her first post-closure report. She stated that the closure and following activities went very smoothly. She reported that retailers have expressed positive comments about the Shop, Dine & Ride Program and that more want to participate. Commuters seem to have adjusted to the changes imposed by the closure.

Much work has already been done in the tunnel beneath Union Station. Demolition began at the Pioneer Square Station this week, with some work taking place at night. The contractor is using new technology (i.e. a product that is poured into holes then expands and cracks the concrete) to reduce noise caused by demolition.

She reported that the street teams did an outstanding job of preparing the public for the closure and assisting them immediately following.

Mayor Nickels acknowledged that the success of the closure was due to the cooperative efforts of Sound Transit, King County Metro, and the Seattle Police Department.

ST2 Candidate Projects List

Mr. Ric Ilgenfritz, Chief Communication Officer, and Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Policy and Planning Manager gave a progress report on potential ST2 candidate projects. After extensive outreach efforts to solicit public comment and measure project support, the original 185 projects have been refined down to 79. Mr. Ilgenfritz outlined the next steps leading to a final project list early next year and the development of a draft ST2 Plan.

Board member Marshall expressed appreciation for all the public forums that were held and thanked staff for their hard work. She shared that community members are talking to her about their desire for more mass transit and their input helps prioritize the needed projects.

Board member Patterson noted appreciation to SCATB (South County Area Transportation Board) for their efforts in communicating with the public in South King County.

Board member Anderson commended Sound Transit staff for a great job on the projects list, acknowledging that ideas were heard. She suggested the Board maintain a broad regional perspective as the list continues to be refined.

Board member Crawford stated that he had received calls objecting to removing the Bothell Transit Center from the candidate projects list.

Board member Enslow commented on the great progress of the agency from four years ago when there was little enthusiasm for high capacity transit to now when there is a lot of public interest.

Board member Phillips also acknowledged the great progress the agency has made. He complimented the SeaShore Transportation Forum for its work and requested that the Ballard Commuter Rail Project be added to the list for study, given recent events with the Monorail project.

Chair Ladenburg agreed with Mr. Phillips, recognizing the current Monorail project status.

Chair Ladenburg recognized Andrea Perry, City of Bothell Councilmember, who expressed disappointment that the Bothell Transit Center project had been dropped from the list. She requested the Board reconsider including the project for ST2. Chair Ladenburg acknowledged Ms. Perry's request.

Chair Ladenburg concluded the discussion stating that no formal Board action was needed today. At this time, he was looking for a sense of the Board that the list is a good place to start.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification from September 1 through September 15, 2005

Minutes of September 8, 2005 Board Meeting

Acceptance of Capital Projects Management Systems Performance Audit Report

Ms. Anderson asked that the minutes of September 22, 2005 Board Meeting be taken from the Consent Agenda to be considered as a separate item.

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

Minutes of September 22, 2005 Board Meeting

Ms. Anderson indicated that she asked to have the minutes taken from the consent agenda because her name and attendance status were not included and asked that her name be added to the Roll Call as Present as she was in attendance. Chair Ladenburg announced that the omission pointed out by Board member Anderson would be corrected. It was moved by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the minutes of September 22, 2005 Board Meeting be approved as corrected.

Action Items

Resolution No. R2005-19 - (1) Amending Sound Move to create two new projects, Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Circulation and Transit Improvements Project and Strander Boulevard/SW 27th Extension Project, in the City of Renton; (2) amending the lifetime Adopted 2005 Budget for the Renton HOV Access/N 8th to transfer \$19,883,000 in surplus funds into the East King County Program Reserve, for an amended lifetime budget of \$67,075,000; (3) allocating \$15,675,000 from the East King County Capital Program Reserve to the Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Circulation and Transit Improvements Project and \$4,208,000 to the Strander Boulevard/SW 27th Extension Project; and (4) establishing an annual 2005 budget of \$726,344 for the Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Circulation and Transit Improvements Project and an annual 2005 budget of \$47,116 for the Strander Boulevard/SW 27th Extension Project and reducing the annual 2005 budget for the Renton HOV Access/N 8th project to \$56,717

Chair Ladenburg reminded the Board that a 2/3 affirmative vote is required since the action amends both Sound Move and the 2005 budget.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried by unanimous vote of all 13 members present that Resolution No. R2005-19 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-69 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a partnership agreement with the City of Issaquah regarding development of the Issaquah Transit Center/SR900

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2005-69 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2005-110 – Amending the 2002 Operating Plan for the the Rainier Valley Community Development Fund

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2005-110 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2005-23 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), condemnation litigation, or by entering administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for (a) the construction of the Everett Station Layover Track for Trains 3 and 4, and (b) the Everett-Seattle Permitting/Mitigation Project related to Burlington Northern Santa Fe's shoreline track and facilities construction between Everett and Seattle

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2005-23 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – October 6, 2005

Finance Committee Chair Crawford reported on the Finance Committee meeting. Approved were Motion No. M2005-108 -- authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Camp, Dresser and McKee, Inc. to provide continuing on-call professional environmental oversight and engineering services in support of construction management services for the Central Link Initial Segment, in the amount of \$1,159,300 for a total authorized

contract amount not to exceed \$2,825,817 and Motion No. M2005-98 - authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for design services for Reservation to Freighthouse Square Embankment Remediation in the amount of \$206,254, with a 20% contingency of \$41,251, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$2,226,623.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2005
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Union Station Board Room

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair