

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
February 23, 2006

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

(A) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember

(P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember
(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland City Councilmember
(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Council President
(P) Dow Constantine, King County Councilmember
(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor
(P) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary
(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds City Councilmember
(A) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

(A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor
(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember
(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair
(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive
(A) Ron Sims, King County Executive
(A) Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood Mayor
(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 stated that today's Board meeting is very special. The Board is honoring Washington State Representative Ruth Fisher by renaming the boardroom the "Ruth Fisher Boardroom." He introduced a short video 'A Tribute to Ruth Fisher' honoring her for bringing high capacity transit to the Puget Sound Region. He introduced her children, Joan Fisher and Steve Fisher, and invited them to help unveil a commemorative plaque. The plaque will be permanently located in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

Resolution No. R2006-05 - A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority honoring Washington State Representative Ruth Fisher by renaming Sound Transit's boardroom the "Ruth Fisher Boardroom"

Chair Ladenburg asked Ms. Walker to read the resolution into the record:

Resolution No. R2006-05 is a resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority honoring Washington State Representative Ruth Fisher by renaming Sound Transit's boardroom the "Ruth Fisher Boardroom"

WHEREAS, Ruth Fisher served in the Washington State Legislature for 20 years, and in the final 12 years of her public service served as chairwoman, co-chairwoman or ranking Democratic member of the House Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fisher will forever be known as an exceptional legislator who never wavered from her vision to make Puget Sound a better place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 Representative Fisher was among five Democratic committee chairwomen known as "The Steel Magnolias" who shepherded through the Legislature the landmark Growth Management Act requiring coordination between land use and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fisher championed legislation that led to the creation of Sound Transit, the regional transit authority in the central Puget Sound region responsible for high capacity transit planning, constructing, implementing, operating, and funding; and

WHEREAS, in November 1996 voters within the Sound Transit district approved local funding for high capacity transit fulfilling Representative Fisher's vision of a regional transit system of commuter trains, express bus service, and light rail trains to be realized; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fisher's dream to ride the region's first light rail train came true in 2003 with the opening of Tacoma Link; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fisher has left Puget Sound a better place to work and live; and

WHEREAS, the Sound Transit Board of Directors honors Representative Fisher for her vision and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Sound Transit boardroom is renamed the "Ruth Fisher Boardroom" in honor of Washington State Representative Ruth Fisher.

It was moved by Chair Ladenburg, seconded by the Board members present, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. 2006-05 be approved as presented.

Chief Executive Officer Report

At the December 8, 2005 meeting, Chair Ladenburg asked Boardmembers who wanted detailed information on quieter pavement and pathway screening on the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations Project to contact Ms. Earl. Ms. Earl reported that she

received comments from one Boardmember, Mr. Marin. She announced no further work would be undertaken without direction from the Board.

Ms. Earl highlighted results from the 4th quarter 2005 Service Delivery performance report. Tacoma Link ridership was up 10%, ST Express ridership was up 5%, and Sounder ridership realized an overall increase of 33%. Sound Transit met 20 of the 21 key performance indicators for 2005.

Action Item

Voucher Certification from January 16 through January 31, 2006 was presented

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Voucher Certification from January 16 through January 31, 2006 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – February 16, 2006

Committee Chair Butler reported the completion of the peer review on the University Link finance plan. The review team is preparing an official letter to the Board. In April, the Committee will review the 2005 tax revenue performance in detail and will receive an update on the federal grant program and receive the 2005 financial and federal audit results from the independent auditors. The committee passed a motion for art installation at the Tukwila International Boulevard Station and art installation at the Issaquah Transit Center.

Central Link Oversight Committee – February 16, 2006

Committee Chair Phillips reported staff provided a detailed update on the Initial Segment, including the financial status and its schedule of community outreach in each of the construction segments.

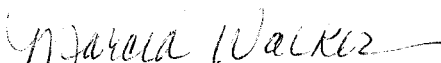
Next Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2006
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

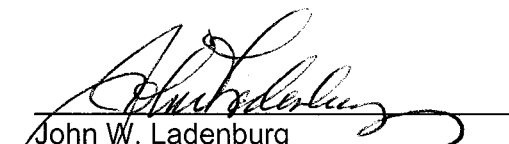
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair