# SOUND TRANSIT FINANCE COMMITTEE Summary Minutes March 16, 2006

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Fred Butler in the Sound Transit Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

#### Roll Call

<u>Chair</u> (P) Fred Butler, Issaquah City Councilmember

(A) Julie Anderson, Tacoma Councilmember
(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds Councilmember
(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember
(P) Dow Constantine, King Co. Councilmember
(A) Richard McIver, Seattle Councilmember
(P) Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor
(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King Co. Councilmember

Board member Claudia Thomas was also in attendance.

Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum of the committee was present at roll call.

#### Report of the Chair

Chair Butler announced that the committee would be working from a revised agenda; item 5c (Motion No. M2006-27) has been added, item 5f (Resolution No. R2006-06) has been removed from the agenda, and item 5h (Resolution No. R2006-01) has been replaced in its entirety.

Chair Butler also announced that he would accept public comment on Resolution No. 72-1 because of its importance and in response to a request by the Eastside Transportation Partnership. He acknowledged it was not the committee's usual practice to hear public comment on items that are not within the committee's authority for final action.

#### **Chief Financial Officer's Report**

None.

Items within Finance Committee Authority for Final Action

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It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the February 16, 2006 minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2006-27 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Systems Consulting, LLC to provide additional on-call quality assurance audit services for design and construction for the Capital Projects Program in the amount of \$300,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$446,000 and extending the contract date to April 2008

Dan White, Quality Assurance Manager, presented the staff report. He clarified that the proposed amendment provides for two one-year options to extend the contract.

## Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-27 be approved as presented.

# Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2006-25 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a sole source amendment to the existing construction management contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services, Inc. to provide selected civil construction management and coordination services for Airport Link in the amount of \$3,607,157, with a contingency of \$200,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$16,057,157

Martin Schachenmayr, Link Project Manager, presented the staff report. He described the sole source justification and procurement process that was used.

It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-25 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2006-26 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Scheidt and Bachmann USA, Inc. to implement Phase II of the Fare Vending and Validation Equipment contract to deliver, install and test fare collection equipment for the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment and Airport Link in the amount of \$4,550,211 with a contingency of \$315,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$13,665,211

Don Fowler, Link Sr. Systems Engineer, presented the staff report. He responded to committee questions regarding costs to collect fares, noting that the agency will save money by procuring a common ticket vending machine for both the Sounder and Link rail lines. Link Director Ahmad Fazel added that the proposed amendment is for procurement of equipment only. Operations and maintenance contract approval will be through a future action.

It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-26 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2006-24 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with KJM/JTS (a joint venture), to exercise the remaining contract options for 24 months to provide agency-wide project control and support services in the amount of \$2,898,173, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,282,221

Hugh Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the staff report. He noted that this contract involves a 100% M/W/DBE participation rate by the contractors.

# It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-24 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R72-1 – Superseding Resolution 72, and amending the financial policies to include a strategic property acquisition program as an enumerated purpose of the Regional Fund

# It was moved by Board member Marin, and seconded by Board member Burleigh, that Resolution No. 72-1 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Hugh Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the staff report. He explained that amending the financial policies to allow Regional Fund resources to be used on an interim basis to acquire properties that are part of projects not yet budgeted would enable the regional transportation system to be implemented in a cost effective manner. Using the criteria and analysis contained in the Resolution No. R2006-01 staff report, Mr. Simpson then explained how the strategic property acquisition would be applied to the amended financial policies, if approved by the Board.

Roger Hansen, Sr. Real Estate Representative, presented the staff report on Resolution No. R2006-01. In response to a question regarding the deadline for this project, Mr. Hansen explained that the developer has completed demolition of the site and is obtaining permits for the construction phase. The developer is also aware of Sound Transit's wish to purchase the property.

Chair Butler suggested the following language be added to the Regional Fund Reimbursement subsection of the Strategic Property Acquisition Program: "Outstanding balances for property in the Regional Fund will have CPI calculated for purposes of reimbursement." Mr. Simpson stated that the same process is included in the subarea loan policy.

Board member Constantine asked that staff research possible options to 1) reimburse taxpayers when a property is obtained but not used; and 2) give consideration to a property owner whose property was obtained through eminent domain the right of first refusal. Mr. Simpson indicated that staff would cover those in the presentation on real estate policies at a future Finance Committee meeting in April or May.

## **Public Comment**

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In light of recent questions and statements from Eastside Transportation Partnership and others, Board member Marin suggested the committee postpone action on the resolution to allow staff to conduct research.

It was moved by Board member Marin and seconded by Board member Burleigh and carried by the majority vote of all members present that Resolution No. 72-1 be postponed to the April 6, 2006 Finance Committee meeting, with Board members Enslow and Constantine voting in the minority.

Chair Butler announced that Resolution No. R2006-01 would also be postponed to the April 6, 2006 Finance Committee meeting.

# Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 6, 2006, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Union Station Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle WA.

# <u>Adjourn</u>

There was no other business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Fred Butler

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ATTEST:

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