# SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING Summary Minutes April 13, 2006

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair John Ladenburg, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

#### Roll Call

#### <u>Chair</u>

(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

(P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember

- (P) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor
- (P) Julia Patterson, 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, 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

None.

#### **Chief Executive Report**

Ms. Joni Earl reported highlights of her trip to Washington D.C., her meetings with Sandy Bushue, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and various other leadership members of the FTA. She also met with Washington State Congressmen Norm Dicks, Adam Smith, Rick Larsen as well as U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell.

Ms. Earl informed the Board that a Quick Facts summary sheet was composed and distributed in the Board packets summarizing core values of Sound Transit's commitment to diversity.

Ms. Earl announced the completion of all of the duct bank work in the Rainier Valley, and identified it as an important agency milestone. She also announced the groundbreaking for the Mercer Island Park and Ride.

Ms. Earl introduced "The World at Your Doorstep" program for the Rainier Valley stating that the literature for this program, which is in the final development stages, will promote businesses in the Rainier Valley. The literature will include a map of the Rainier Valley alignment identifying placement of all of the businesses that want to be included in the marketing promotion. A billboard campaign is currently on display representing the international flavor of the Rainer

flavor of the Rainer Valley. This program was modeled after the Shop, Dine and Ride program which is starting its second printing and has increased the number of participating merchants from 80 to 120.

## Public Comment – Voucher Certification

(comments are on file with the Board Administrator)

Mr. Will Knedlick on behalf of Cost Alliance

### North Link/University Link Information Briefing

Mr. Ron Endlich and Mr. James Irish, Program Managers for Link presented an analysis of recent progress for North Link and University Link. Mr. Endlich gave an overview of a preferred route for North Link. He stated that the Final Environmental Impact Statement was published by Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration on April 7, 2006. Mr. Endlich gave the Board a detailed explanation of criteria for the various light rail stations for the University Link project, including stations serving Capitol Hill and the University of Washington. In addition, Mr. Endlich reviewed the University to Northgate Link criteria for stations at Brooklyn Roosevelt and Northgate including station design, entrance locations, redevelopment opportunities and challenges. Mr. Endlich reviewed the schedule for upcoming board actions anticipating final design to occur this fall.

## ST2 Interim Work Plan

Mr. Ric Ilgenfritz, Director of Strategic Communications presented the interim work plan for ST2 projects, including completion of technical and financial transit planning work. The work plan also includes formalizing a plan to work jointly with the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID), and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to establish a system-wide regional transportation package. He set forth a proposed schedule between now and the fall of 2006 for Sound Transit to adopt a preferred transit investment plan to bring to the voters in the fall of 2007.

Mr. Ladenburg proposed holding joint executive board committee meetings with the RTID and Sound Transit to discuss implementation and coordination on a roads and transit package for the voters. The joint public meetings would be held in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

Secretary MacDonald presented a handout prepared by WSDOT staff showing a schematic of the schedule and responsibilities of the various transportation agencies within the region.

### Action Item

Voucher Certification from March 1, 2006 through March 15, 2006 Minutes of February 23, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2006 Board Meeting

Ms. Julie Anderson requested a correction to the minutes of February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> changing the title after her name to Tacoma Councilmember.

# Items referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2006-18 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Port of Seattle specifying the terms and conditions for the development of the Airport Link Project on Port property, allowing the use of Port right-of-way, and defining the integrated delivery strategy for Airport Link light rail and related Port roadway projects; and to execute all other subsequent agreements as may be necessary to implement this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$12,690,521

Mr. Martin Schachenmayr, Link Project Manager presented the staff report. Mr. Mark Reis, Aviation Division Managing Director for the Port of Seattle was also present.

Mr. McIver asked for clarification of Sound Transit's M/W/DBE policy requirements when contracting with other agencies. Mr. Ladenburg requested that the legal department review this issue to determine if there is a way to strengthen our contract requirements when negotiating interlocal agreements. Mr. Desmond Brown, Attorney for Sound Transit expanded on the explanation of the current policies and their goals for exercising small business and disadvantaged business enterprises. Mr. Reis assured the Board that the staff worked carefully to achieve the successful agreement. Secretary MacDonald acknowledged the Quick Facts summary sheet submitted by CEO, Joni Earl documenting Sound Transit's commitment to diversity in contracting for rail construction projects and asked Mr. Reis to review the information and have the Port of Seattle provide a similar document in the future.

# It was moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried by a majority vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-18 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R72-1 - A Resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority superseding Resolution 72, and amending the financial policies to include a strategic property acquisition program as an enumerated purpose of the Regional Fund

Mr. Hugh Simpson, Chief Financial Officer presented the Resolution to the Board.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that a required 2/3 vote of the board was necessary and requested Ms. Walker conduct a roll-call vote.

# It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by a unanimous vote of all 14 members present that Resolution No. 72-1 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2006-01 - A Resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (1) authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement), by condemnation litigation, or by administrative settlement; and to pay eligible relocation and reestablishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Airport Link extension of the Central Link Light Rail Project between Sea-Tac International Airport and South 200<sup>th</sup> Street, and (2) amending the 2006 Adopted Budget to include acquisition of properties described in Exhibit A as an authorized use of the Regional Fund Contingency

Mr. Roger Hansen, Link Sr. Real Estate Representative was available to answer questions.

Mr. Ladenburg requested Ms. Walker conduct a roll-call vote.

# It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by a unanimous vote of all 14 members present that Resolution No. R2006-01 be approved as presented.

## **Committee Reports**

Mr. Butler reported on the Finance Committee meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>. He reported that the University Link Peer Review group completed its review of the financial plan and submitted a letter of its findings; copies of which were distributed to the Board in the meeting packets. He also reported that the Committee approved Motion No. M2006-29 authorizing execution of a contract with URS Corporation to provide construction management services for Reservation Junction to Freighthouse Square Phase 3 remediation. He further announced that Board Member Julie Anderson was elected as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. He stated that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

### **Other Business**

None

# Next Meeting

Thursday April 27, 2006 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ruth Fisher Boardroom

# Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

John W. Ladenburg Board Chair

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