

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
April 27, 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

Chair

(P) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember

(A) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember

(A) 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

(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

Mr. Ladenburg announced that Mr. Olson and Mr. Nickels would be participating in the meeting by telephone. He explained the Board operating rules allowing members to attend meetings by teleconference. Requests to attend are acted on by motion and require a 2/3 affirmative vote of members who are physically in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Marin and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Board Member Nickels and Board Member Olson be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

Chief Executive Report

None.

Public Comment – Voucher Certification

(comments are on file with the Board Administrator)

Harold Wright

Pastor Kenneth J. Ransfer, Sr.

Alton McDonald, VP National Action Network

Learline Romine

Donald J. Muis, Jr.

Ralph B. Ibarra

Will Knedlik

Paul W. Locke
John Niles, CETA

Citizen Oversight Panel

Mr. Dick Chapin, Vice Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel presented the Panel's April 20, 2006 letter. He explained that the letter was to follow-up the Panel's 2005 Year-End Report. He reiterated the need for the Board to have open public discussions about the underlying policy issues and financial constraints of subarea equity. He stated that assumptions about operation and maintenance cost increases need to be realistic and the Panel is concerned that higher potential increases be tested. The Panel is pleased that a Lessons-Learned program is under development. Additional observations included the need for the program to be disseminated across the agency, participation by all disciplines, expanding first projects to be reviewed, and ongoing lesson identification.

ST2 – I-90 Presentation

Paul Matsuoka, Chief Policy & Planning Officer, Office of Policy & Planning, Andrea Tull, Project Manager, Office of Policy & Planning, Don Billen, Project Manager, Link Light Rail and Dave Dye, Administrator for Urban Corridors Office reviewed three recently completed reports. Ms. Tull presented a high-level historical review of studies and agreements relative to the I-90 corridor. Mr. Matsuoka presented a rail-joint study, which is a planning level analysis, recommended by the Expert Review Panel. The study analyzes the design of the joint that would allow a train to run from the fixed part of the I-90 bridge to the part of the bridge that moves. Mr. Dye presented an analysis detailing the traffic effects of a center roadway conversion to exclusive transit use.

Action Items

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2006-07 - A Resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (1) selecting the final route, profile, and station locations for the North Link Light Rail Project; (2) selecting the University Link portion of North Link to be constructed and operated as part of the Central Link Light Rail Project, including authorizing the steps necessary to complete final design and implementation of the University Link Project including securing a federal Full Funding Grant Agreement; (3) increasing the University Link lifetime Adopted 2006 Budget and revising the annual Adopted 2006 Budget; and (4) for planning purposes reducing the minimum debt service coverage for the North King County subarea to 1.15x for the University Link Finance Plan

Mr. Ron Endlich, Link Program Manager, Mr. Brian McCartan, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Director of Link presented the staff report adopting the North Link route and station locations, identified segments to be built for University Link, approving the University Link budget and approving of financial changes to fund University Link.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, that Resolution No. R2006-07 be approved.

Board Member Phillips introduced Amendment No. 1. He explained that Board Member McIver was absent, however, he endorsed the amendment.

Resolution No. R2006-07, Page 4, Section 1A, insert the underlined language and delete the stricken language.

A. From the Central Link Initial Segment Pine Street Stub Tunnel (PSST) in downtown Seattle, the light rail route would cross under Interstate-5 and proceed east and then north to a cut-and-cover station beneath Nagle Place, south of East John Street on Capitol Hill. The Capitol Hill Station will have at least two entrances. One entrance (north) will be located east of Broadway Avenue E, just south of E. John Street. A second entrance (west) will be located west of Broadway, south of E. Denny Way. A third entrance (south), if needed for code compliance and/or safety/security reasons, would be located east of Broadway, south of E. Denny Way. ~~on the east side of Broadway Avenue E. A third entrance west of Broadway will be included in the Capitol Hill Station final design but it is anticipated that entrance construction funding would be provided through third-party partnerships or deferred to a future phase.~~

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Constantine and carried by unanimous vote of all members present that Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. R2006-07 be approved.

Board Member Phillips introduced Amendment No. 2.

Resolution No. R2006-07, Pages 4-5, Section 1B, insert the underlined language and delete the stricken language.

B. The tunnel route would then cross the ship canal via the modified Montlake route with a cut-and-cover crossover track and station on the University of Washington campus near Husky Stadium. The University of Washington Station will have one entrance east of Montlake Boulevard NE and one entrance north of Pacific Place NE and Burke-Gilman Trail (profile to be determined in final design). A third entrance west of Montlake Boulevard on the "Triangle Garage" block will be included in the University of Washington Station final design but and it is anticipated that the entrance profile and potential construction funding or deferral to a future phase will be determined after additional safety/security reviews and third-party partnership negotiations.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Thomas and carried by a majority vote of all members present that Amendment No. 2 to Resolution No. R-2006-07 be approved.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2006-07, as amended, was carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion No. M2006-35 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to increase the contingency for the contract with Kiewit Pacific Company for the construction of Central Link Operations and Maintenance Facility (Contract C810) in the amount of \$2,600,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$61,997,800

Mr. Ahmad Fazel, Director, Link presented the staff report.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-35 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2006-31 – A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the City of Renton to (1) provide funding for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation of the transit improvements to be constructed by the City in connection with Strander Boulevard Extension Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, (2) provide funding for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation of the Rainier Avenue/Hardie Avenue Arterial Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000; and (3) establish the essential terms of future agreements with the City for funding of the final design and construction of the transit elements in these two projects and transfer of property interests to the City

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-31 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chair Butler reported on the April 20, 2006 Finance Committee meeting. The Committee approved Motion No. M2006-32 authorizing a contract amendment with Tube-Art Signage in the amount of \$250,000. Also approved were Motion No. M2006-33, a contract with Alan C. House and Associates LLC to provide relocation management services for Sound Transit projects and Motion No. M2006-34 authorizing staff to complete a feasibility study on the proposed grade-separated Sounder commuter rail track between D Street and M Street using currently authorized Tacoma to Lakewood project contingency funds. Mr. Butler reported the next scheduled Finance Committee meeting would occur May 4, 2006 at 12:00 Noon in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

Central Link Oversight Committee (CLOC)

CLOC Chair Phillips reported on the April 20, 2006 CLOC meeting. The Committee and members of the public took a tour on the Sound Transit lunch bus on March 24, 2006 viewing construction activities such as utility replacements and sidewalk paving along Martin Luther King Way and in Tukwila. He summarized updates of the Initial Segment, Sodo District and the Beacon Hill station as follows:

Initial Segment update. The work downtown is on schedule. The Pine Street stub tunnel is on schedule for restoration of the surface street by Thanksgiving and the Downtown Seattle transit tunnel work is on schedule to be completed within 2 years of the tunnel closure.

Beacon Hill tunnel and station. The work is 40% complete. The tunnel-boring machine was on a scheduled temporary shutdown to install a conveyer system to the west portal. The work is scheduled to resume on April 24, 2006.

Sodo District. Construction is 75% complete on the 25 acre operation and maintenance facility which includes a maintenance shop, operation support building, perimeter track and strip storage track.

Mr. Phillips announced the potential of holding CLOC meetings at the Rainier Valley field office of Sound Transit.

Executive Session

At 3:47 p.m., Chair Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene an executive session not to exceed 25 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency, matters relating to negotiations on the performance of a publicly bid contract where public knowledge regarding such considerations would cause the likelihood of increased costs or financial consequence to the agency. Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board would not take any action following the executive session except to adjourn.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:03 pm.

Other Business

None


Next Meeting

Thursday May 11, 2006
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair