## SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING Summary Minutes June 8, 2006

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 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

- (A) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember
- (P) Mark Olson, Everett City Councilmember
- (A) 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
- (A) Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary
- (P) Richard Marin, Edmonds City Councilmember
- (P) Richard McIver, Seattle City Councilmember
- (A) Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor
- (P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember
- (A) 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

A quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

#### Report of the Chair

Mr. Ladenburg announced the appointments of Connie Marshall and Mary-Alyce Burleigh as the Sound Transit representatives for the SR520 Executive Committee, naming Joni Earl as the alternate.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that Resolution No. R2006-11 requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire Board and that he would seek action at the time 12 members were in attendance.

Mr. Ladenburg announced recent notification of Governor Gregoire's appointments to the nine member Regional Transportation Commission. He also announced that a joint letter of the Sound Transit Executive Committee and RTID Executive Board was mailed to Governor Gregoire, Senator Mary Margaret Haugen and Representative Ed Murray affirming that the two agencies are working together. Governor Gregoire, Senator Haugen and Representative Murray acknowledged receipt of the letter by issuing a joint statement.

#### **Chief Executive Report**

Ms. Earl announced that the Federal Transit Administration had signed the Record of Decision for North Link on Wednesday, June 7, 2006. She reported that she met with the Thurston Regional Planning Council to discuss Sounder plans and concepts in ST2 in conjunction with planning efforts in Thurston County. She also announced that the agency received an award for an In-Motion video selected for Best of the Northwest in the video contest.

Ms. Earl introduced Agnes Govern, Capital Projects Director, who reported on the track and signal improvements for the Tacoma to Seattle corridor and provided information on collaborative efforts among Sound Transit, WSDOT and BNSF to improve Sound Transit Phase II improvements in the King Street station area. She indicated that staff would be seeking authority to consider changes in the project scope to assist with WSDOT's funding at an upcoming meeting. She advised the Board that WSDOT's ability to cover its share of the incremental costs associated with the project may be compromised by a pending citizen initiative which, if passed, would eliminate WSDOT's funding capacity. In addition to Ms. Govern, Ms. Judy Giniger Director of Public Transportation for WSDOT and Mr. Martin Young, Program Manager for Transportation Services were present.

#### **Public Comment**

Chair Ladenburg announced no one from the audience handed in a sign up sheet for public comment. He invited Mayor McGiltin and David Cline, City Manager from the City of Burien to address the Board acknowledging the partnership set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Burien, King County and Sound Transit.

## ST2 - Sample Investment Scenarios

Mr. Ladenburg reviewed a schedule to complete the work to achieve a final preferred ST2 plan. Mr. Ric Ilgenfritz, Chief Communications Officer, Paul Matsuoka, Chief Policy & Planning Officer and Sheila Dezarn, Program Manager, Policy & Planning presented a briefing to review sample system expansion scenarios. Mr. Matsuoka and Ms. Dezarn described key scenario assumptions and outstanding policy issues. The scenarios are:

<u>Do Nothing Scenario</u> that complies with state law that requires evaluation of a do nothing option and that would not increase the sales tax in the Sound Transit district. This scenario would complete projects that are affordable with existing revenues and financial policies.

<u>Bus/Sounder Emphasis (Low) Scenario</u> that complies with state law to evaluate a low capital option. This scenario would fund a system of mass transportation improvements focused on Sound Transit Express bus and Sounder commuter rail services to be paid for with an incremental sales tax increase of 0.1%.

<u>Bus/Rail Emphasis (Medium) Scenario</u> would fund Sound Transit Express bus and Sounder commuter rail enhancements, a 19-mile expansion of the Central Link fixed guideway network and a six-mile extension of Tacoma Link with an incremental sales tax increase of 0.3%.

<u>Fixed Guideway Emphasis (Med/High) Scenario</u> would fund Sound Transit Express bus and Sounder commuter rail enhancements, a 30 to 34-mile expansion of the Central Link fixed guideway network and a one-mile Tacoma Link extension with an incremental sales tax increase of 0.4%.

<u>Fixed Guideway Emphasis (High) Scenario</u> would fund Sound Transit Express bus expansions, an eight-mile Sounder commuter rail extension, a 34 to 37-mile extension of the Central Link fixed guideway network, and a six-mile extension of Tacoma Link with an incremental sales tax increase of 0.5%.

The outstanding policy issues that will provide staff direction in the development of draft project packages are sales tax level; service vs. capital; capital projects vs. planning or ROW acquisition; degree of focus on regional spine; investment emphasis (bus, rail, mixed); I-90 mode choice; and tunnel or aerial alignment through downtown Bellevue.

## **Consent Agenda**

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It was moved by Mr. Butler seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

### **Action Items**

Items Forwarded by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2006-46 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit
Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Hatch Mott
MacDonald/Jacobs Joint Venture to provide civil engineering design services during construction,
including engineering oversight services for the sequential excavation work, for the Central Link
Light Rail Initial Segment – Beacon Hill Tunnel, in the amount of \$3,120,000, for a new total
authorized contract amount not to exceed \$21,788,763

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Motion No. M2006-46 be approved as presented.

(Board member Sims arrived.)

Motion No. M2006-47 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Hatch Mott MacDonald to (1) provide additional civil engineering design services during construction of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment - Tukwila section, in the amount of \$1,100,000; and (2) execute an option for civil engineering design services during construction of the Airport Link project in the amount of \$1,800,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$28,835,350

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Motion No. M2006-47 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2006-14 - A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit

Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a 40-year cooperative agreement with
the Washington State Department of Transportation for the operation and maintenance of certain
Sound Transit funded improvements for the Regional Express South Everett Freeway Station/112th
SE Project

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Motion No. M2006-14 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2006-10 - A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority 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 re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Sounder Commuter Rail South Tacoma Station Project

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Resolution No. R2006-10 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2006-11 - A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the Adopted 2006 Budget for the Reservation-Freighthouse Project from \$16,802,131 to \$19,889,152 to reflect a budget transfer from the South King County Program Reserve and Pierce County Program Reserve in the amount of \$1,952,379 and from the Seattle—Auburn Track & Signal and Auburn-Tacoma Track & Signal projects in the amount of \$1,134,642

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Resolution No. R2006-11 be approved as presented.

## **Committee Reports**

<u>June 1, 2006 Executive Committee</u> - Chair Ladenburg indicated there was nothing further to report than what he covered in the Chair's Report.

June 1, 2006 Finance Committee - Chair Butler reported the Committee approved Motion No. M2006-44, authorizing a contract amendment with Berger-Abam to provide civil engineering design services during construction of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment - Mount Baker Station, in the amount of \$106,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,470,819 and Motion No. M2006-45 authorizing a contract amendment with OTAK to provide architectural design services during construction for the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment - Beacon Hill and Mount Baker Stations, in the amount of \$300,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,509,386. The Committee received briefings from staff and Jaime Garcia of the Community Development Fund (CDF) on the progress and the first quarter financial reports of the CDF.

Mr. Butler also stated that the Committee received updated information on the first quarter financial audit and reporting subcommittee. Actual tax revenues are on budget; agency transit operations are at 92% of budget and agency capital expenditures are at 76% of budget.

#### **Executive Session**

At 2:50 p.m., Chair Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene a 15-minute executive session authorized under RCW 42.30.110 to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs.

Chair Ladenburg reconvened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

# **Other Business**

None

# **Next Meeting**

Thursday June 22, 2006 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ruth Fisher Boardroom

# **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

**Board Administrator** 

John W. Kadenburg Board Chair