

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
July 13, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 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

(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

(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

(A) 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 the Board would be working from a revised Agenda. He also announced that Board members Marshall and Anderson would be participating in the meeting by telephone. He explained the Board operating rules that allow members to attend meetings by teleconference. Requests to attend are acted on by motion prior to action and require a 2/3 affirmative vote of members who are physically in attendance.

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

Chief Executive Officer Report

Ms. Earl presented the 2005 Annual Report. The report documents the agency's accomplishments in 2005 along with the financial results of the agency as a whole. She advised that the report would be mailed out to a number of individuals and organizations over the coming weeks.

Ms. Earl gave a report on the Regional Special Needs Transportation Coordination Plan. The Plan, funded by Sound Transit, is a project whose goal is to build and implement a regional special needs transportation infrastructure in the three county area, to create coordinated regional travel for people with special transportation needs and provide improved awareness and information about mobility options in the Puget Sound region. This project satisfies the requirements under the new national federal legislation, SAFETEA-LU, enabling the agency's eligibility to apply for various types of federal funding, including elderly and persons with disabilities, Job access and reverse commute and the New Freedom Initiative.

Citizen Oversight Panel

Ms. Karen Miller, Chair of the Citizen Oversight Panel, presented the Panel's letter dated July 6, 2006 commending the Board on its recent consideration of the subarea equity concept for Sound Transit 2. A copy of the letter is on file with the Board Administrator.

Public Comment

Mayor Grant Degginger, City of Bellevue
Mayor Robert L. Ransom, City of Shoreline
Paul Krauss, Auburn Community Development Director
Councilmember Sally Nelson, City of Burien
Will Knedlik
John Niles, CETA
Genesee Adkins
Susan Woerdehoff
Renay Bennett
Stacie LeBlanc Anderson
Ben Schiendelman

(Comments are on file with the Board Administrator)

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification from May 16 through May 31, 2006

Voucher Certification from June 1 through June 15, 2006

It was moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Marin, 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 M2006-54 - Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute Agreement GCA 3361 Task Order A-9 with the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide construction and construction management services for the South Everett Freeway Station/112th SE project in the amount of \$20,943,092, with a 5% contingency of \$1,047,155, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$21,990,247

Following Board discussion on the topic of contracting with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Chair Ladenburg requested Desmond Brown, attorney for Sound Transit, report back to the Board on what limitations may exist when contracting with WSDOT.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of members present that Motion No. M2006-54 be approved as presented with Mr. McIver abstaining.

Items not previously submitted to a committee

Resolution No. R2006-15 - Relating to High Capacity Transportation System Planning, setting aside from further consideration the "do nothing" and "low capital" options, identifying a preferred transportation mode for high capacity transit in the Seattle to Bellevue and Redmond via I-90 and Mercer Island corridor, and issuing for public and agency review three draft system scenarios at different investment levels

Mr. Ladenburg announced Board member Marshall's attendance by telephone.

Rick Ilgenfritz, Chief Communications Officer, Paul Matsuoka, Chief Policy & Planning Officer, Hugh Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, Sheila Dezarn, Program Manager, Policy & Planning, and David Beal, Program Manager, Policy & Planning presented the staff report. Mr. Ilgenfritz summarized the planning process for ST2. Ms. Dezarn and Mr. Beal provided a briefing on project revisions for the 0.5 sample system expansion scenario, as well as responding to modifications requested by Board members that address existing Sound Move related issues such as parking overloads at Sumner Station, completing the Sounder Station at Tukwila as well as the First Hill Connector project. Mr. Ilgenfritz, Mr. Matsuoka and Mr. Simpson provided an overview of the next steps for public outreach with the RTID coordination, continued technical planning and financial planning.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that a final decision on the ST2 package would occur in late 2006.

It was moved by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Marin to approve Resolution No. R2006-15 with Option 2, High Capacity Transit.

It was moved by Mr. Constantine and seconded by Secretary MacDonald to amend Resolution No. R200615, by adding Section 4 to Page 9.

Section 4. The candidate projects, which were retained as candidate projects as part of Motion No. M2006-03 and are not included in any of the three scenarios, remain under serious consideration and

should also be included in the information provided for public and agency review and comment, including:

- a. N12: BAT Lanes on SR 99 (N. King County)
- b. S11: New Bus Route Serving all Sound Stations between Tacoma Dome and King Street during Off-Peak Periods
- c. S15: Parking Garage at Burien Transit Center

Mr. Constantine noted that Board member Sims wanted the Board to know he supports the amendment. Mr. Matsuoka briefly explained the basis of the amendment is to clarify language to prevent the risk of unintentionally deleting projects from further consideration.

Mr. Ladenburg proposed a friendly amendment to remove the three projects listed because they are included as candidate projects in Motion No. M2006-03. Mr. Constantine accepted the friendly amendment. Mr. Ladenburg read the amendment into the record.

Section 4. The candidate projects, which were retained as candidate projects as part of Motion No. M2006-03 and are not included in any of the three scenarios, remain under serious consideration and should also be included in the information provided for public and agency review and comment.

The motion to amend Resolution No. R2006-15, was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Mr. Ladenburg read a letter addressed to the Sound Transit Board from Governor Christine Gregoire, expressing her support for the long-term vision and commitment to operation of high capacity transit in the I-90 corridor. A copy of the letter is on file with the Board Administrator.

The motion to approve R2006-15 with Option 2, High Capacity Transit, as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present and Ms. Marshall, telephonically, with Secretary MacDonald abstaining.

Motion No. M2006-55 - Establishing a Diversity Oversight Committee and authorizing the chief executive officer to recruit members who work or reside in the Sound Transit District, and recommend candidates for appointment by the Board

It was moved by Mr. Ladenburg, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-55 be approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Chair Butler reported on the July 6, 2006 Finance Committee meeting. The Committee approved Motion No. M2006-53, which authorized a contract amendment with FLT Consulting to provide project management services for the regional special needs transportation coordination plan project in the amount of \$146,600 and extending the contract to December 31, 2008.

He announced that the next Finance Committee would be scheduled for July 20, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

None


Next Meeting


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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair