

**SOUND TRANSIT FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**August 3, 2006**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Fred Butler in the Ruth Fisher Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**Roll Call**

Chair

*(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Councilmember*

Vice-Chair

*(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma Councilmember*

*(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember*

*(A) Dow Constantine, King Co. Councilmember*

*(A) Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor*

*(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds Councilmember*

*(A) Richard McIver, Seattle Councilmember*

*(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King Co. Councilmember*

Jason Suzaka, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the committee was present at roll call.

**Report of the Chair**

Chair Butler gave an update on the Woodinville Arterial HOV Improvement project. He was pleased to announce that the project has been completed on time and under budget; approximately \$300,000 will be returned to the East King County subarea reserves.

Chair Butler announced that a small group has been formed to begin preparations on a possible bond swap action that may be brought to the Board in late September. He, along with Vice-Chair Anderson and Board member Marin, will begin meeting in early-mid September.

**Chief Financial Officer's Report**

Hugh Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, announced that state auditors have begun their field work on the 2005 audit. The work is expected to finish by the end of September; with a report ready around early November.

## **Discussion Item**

### **Everett Station Budget Follow Up**

Jim Edwards, Capital Projects Deputy Director, gave a staff presentation to correct inaccurate budget information that was given to the committee regarding Motion No. M2006-58 at the July 20 Finance Committee meeting. He reported that staff plans to address a potential \$1.7 million project budget increase by seeking approval to use funds contained in the Snohomish County program reserve. The reserve currently contains over \$5.7 million in unallocated funds for 2006. The potential budget increase is due to the rising costs of construction and some changes in environmental standards which required additional work at the site.

### **Items within Finance Committee Authority for Final Action**

#### **Minutes of July 20, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting**

**It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the July 20, 2006 minutes be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2006-59 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with J.L. Patterson & Associates to provide additional on-call rail engineering services in the amount of \$200,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$400,000

Eric Beckman, Rail Program Manager, presented the staff report. He answered questions from the committee regarding the M/W/DBE small business participation rate in the contract. Vice-Chair Anderson expressed her support of the contract amendment.

#### **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. M2006-59 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2006-60 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Parsons Brinckerhoff to provide on-call rail engineering services in the amount of \$100,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$400,000

Eric Beckman, Rail Program Manager, presented the staff report.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

**It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present, that Motion No. M2006-60 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2006-61 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Camp, Dresser, & McKee, Inc. to provide ongoing environmental services for properties to be acquired for various Link light rail projects in the amount of \$2,236,923, with a 10% contingency of \$223,692, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$2,460,615

Roger Hansen, Real Estate Manager, presented the staff report. He stated that staff is being more vigilant in testing for contaminants and other environmentally hazardous materials at the property sites. He also answered questions regarding the firm's performance on earlier Sound Transit projects.

Mr. Hansen and Link Light Rail Director Ahmad Fazel described some of the strategies being used to manage risk and control project costs. Some of these strategies include better coordination with partners and making sure that bid documents are clearly written so that potential bidders can give an accurate quote for the work and fewer change orders are needed as construction is commencing.

#### Public Comment

Paul W. Locke (comments on file with Board Administration)

**It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-61 be approved as presented.**

#### Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2006-62 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Carter & Burgess to provide construction management services for Link Light Rail Segment C735, Rainier Valley construction in the amount of \$4,293,570, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,944,305; and to exercise an option to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2007

Ahmad Fazel, Link Light Rail Director, and Joe Gildner, Link Light Rail Deputy Director, presented the staff report. They described the working relationship with Carter & Burgess; staff is recommending that the firm continue to serve as the construction manager for the project. They also explained some of the changes being made to manage risk and control project costs.

In response to Board member Marin's question, Mr. Fazel explained the functions of the Link Change Control Board. He also discussed the potential effects of the concrete workers' strike on the project.

**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. M2006-62 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2006-63 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Securitas Security Services to exercise the option to extend the contract for one year to provide unarmed security services in the amount of \$3,164,744, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,964,744

Brad Holman, Safety and Security Manager, presented the staff report. He answered questions concerning the budget for this contract. Deputy Chief Executive Officer Vernon Stoner added that while the working relationship has been going well throughout the first year of this contract, a letter has been sent out to Securitas, asking them to create an action plan that addresses some of the challenges that have been encountered.

Vice-Chair Anderson asked for a followup report by the next Finance Committee meeting on a request she made earlier in the year regarding efforts to provide adequate security for the Tacoma Link stations and rail cars.

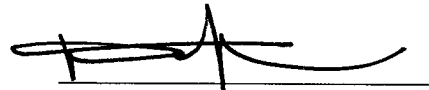
**It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-63 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, August 17, 2006, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Ruth Fisher Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle WA.

**Adjourn**

There was no other business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.



Fred Butler  
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker  
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Board Administrator