

**SOUND TRANSIT FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**November 2, 2006**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Fred Butler in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 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*

*(P) Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor*

*(P) Richard Marin, Edmonds Councilmember*

*(P) 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 announced that the committee will be working from a revised agenda; the discussion item on the Proposed 2007 Budget has been removed, and Motion No. M2006-80 has been added and listed as item 5c on the revised agenda.

He also announced that a public hearing on the 2007 Service Implementation Plan is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

A public hearing on the Proposed 2007 Budget was held prior to last Thursday's Board meeting. The Finance Committee meeting on November 16, 2006 will feature work on the budget that includes budget amendments and staff responses to questions raised by board members.

**Chief Financial Officer's Report**

None.

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

Motion No. M2006-76 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with CA Carey Corporation to provide for construction of the Reservation Junction to Freighthouse Square Phase 3 Remediation project in the amount of \$2,959,979, with a 10% contingency of \$295,998, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,255,977.

Jerry Dahl, Construction Manager, presented the staff report. In response to a question from Vice Chair Anderson, Jim Edwards, Acting Director of Capital Projects, reported that it appears that the amount of settlement has slowed significantly. This project will prevent any further rotation of the wall, and staff anticipates that this will be the last piece of remediation for it. Mr. Edwards also gave details on how the settlement will be monitored.

### Public Comment

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

**It was moved by Board member Anderson, seconded by Board member Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-76 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2006-75 – Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the City of Marysville to purchase mitigation properties in the Snohomish River Estuary and to compensate the City of Marysville for transaction costs for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$990,000.

Chris Townsend, Project Manager, presented the staff report. He gave a timeline for the next steps of this project, if this action is approved.

### 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. M2006-75 be approved as presented.**

[Board member Enslow arrived at this time.]

Motion No. M2006-80 – Directing staff to (1) conduct a high-level analysis of Concept B and Concept F alignments for the D Street to M Street project along the Sounder Tacoma-to-Lakewood Corridor concurrent with the Modified Alternative 2 engineering study and environmental assessment currently underway; (2) determine rough orders of cost, compliance with design standards or fatal flaws of Concepts B and F and identify any opportunities to incorporate feasible elements of those concepts into other design alternatives utilizing the existing consultant design team contract at a cost increase not to exceed \$30,000; (3) and while continuing to conduct the feasibility study of Alternative 2 Modified as directed by the Board, to complete the high level analysis of Concepts B and F and report the findings to the Finance Committee at its December 7, 2006 meeting.

Jim Edwards gave a brief background on the proposed motion.

Board member Enslow expressed his reservations about the feasibility of this action and the delays of Sounder service coming to the City of Lakewood that this action could potentially cause.

Board member Marin expressed his support, emphasizing the importance of partnerships with other stakeholders and the possibility that some elements from these concepts could be incorporated into the chosen alternative.

Board member Burleigh gave her support, but expressed her concerns with potential delays to extending service to Lakewood.

Vice Chair Anderson reminded the committee that the potential delays to the extension of service will also apply to South Tacoma, not just to Lakewood. She also stated that potential funding partners could be found after analyzing these two concepts.

Chair Butler expressed his support, noting the importance of working with local stakeholders and the relatively minimal amount of money and time involved.

#### Public Comment

None.

**It was moved by Board member Anderson, seconded by Board member Marin, and carried by the majority vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-80 be approved as presented, with Board member Enslow voting in the minority.**

#### Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2006-77 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to amend the transit-oriented development agreement with the City of Federal Way by extending the construction start deadline for the East TOD Property located adjacent to the Federal Way Transit Center by two years to 2013.

Scott Kirkpatrick, TOD Program Manager, presented the staff report.

[Board member McIver arrived at this time.]

Mr. Kirkpatrick confirmed with Board member Burleigh that the proposed project is very competitive for HUD funding; the consultant working on the project is a former senior HUD official with excellent credentials.

In response to questions from Board members Enslow and McIver, Mr. Kirkpatrick explained some of the risks involved and discussed some of the potential funding sources that the Korean Women's Association is seeking. An action item will be brought to the Board next February for the purchase and sale agreement with the Association.

The committee expressed its interest in a discussion about the future of TOD funding, its purpose and goals of the program. Staff plans a presentation after the first of the year. Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl mentioned that she, Board member Enslow, and other staff members will be attending the Rail-volution conference next week, which will discuss TOD as part of its agenda.

**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. M2006-77 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2006-78 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Northlink Transit Partners, Joint Venture to provide civil engineering and architectural final design services for the University Link project for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$38,883,635 with final design work subject to Federal Transit Administration final design approval.

Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl, Link Light Rail Director Ahmad Fazel, and North Link Program Manager Ron Endlich presented the staff report.

In response to questions from Board member McIver, Mr. Fazel explained that staff is not seeking a contract contingency at this time, based on lessons learned from building the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment. He also noted to the budget table in the staff report shows potential sources for providing contract contingency, should it be needed. Mr. Endlich detailed some of the M/W/DBE firms selected to do work on the project.

Mr. Fazel described the bid process and how the contractor was selected. The evaluation criteria for exercising options for future scopes of work has not been finished; the options will not be offered until after the completion of final design of University Link.

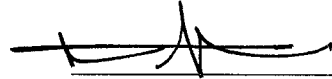
**It was moved by Board member Marin, seconded by Board member Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2006-78 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, November 16, 2006, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle WA.

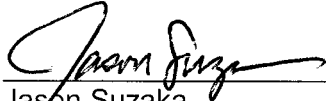
**Adjourn**

There was no other business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.



Fred Butler  
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Jason Suzaka  
Board Coordinator