

**SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
AND  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD  
JOINT MEETING  
Summary Minutes  
October 5, 2006**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair John Ladenburg in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Chair Ladenburg announced that today is a joint meeting with Sound Transit's Executive Committee and the Regional Transportation Investment District Executive Board. He will be facilitating today's meeting.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) *John W. Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive*

Vice Chairs

(P) *Connie Marshall, Bellevue Council member*

(P) *Mark Olson, Everett Council member*

(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Council member*

(P) *Doug MacDonald, WSDOT Secretary*

(A) *Greg Nickels, Seattle Mayor*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Council member*

(A) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(A) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*

Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum of the Sound Transit Executive Committee was present at roll call.

Chair Shawn Bunney called the RTID Executive Board meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Ms. Walker conducted roll call and announced that a quorum of the Regional Transportation Investment District Executive Board was present at roll call.

**Welcome and Introductory Comments**

Chair Ladenburg announced that the purpose of this joint meeting between Sound Transit and RTID is to receive an update from staff on coordination efforts between the partnering agencies. RTID will be holding a public hearing on October 13 for accepting comment on their proposed projects.

Chair Bunney stated that a lot of progress has been made on the coordination efforts and thanked staff for their work. He recognized Port of Seattle Commissioner Lloyd Hara in the audience and proposed an amendment to the committees:

## RTID:

It was moved by Chair Bunney, seconded by Board member Gossett, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the agenda be amended to include a report from the Port of Seattle under item 3a.

## Sound Transit:

It was moved by Chair Ladenburg, seconded by Vice Chair Marshall, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the agenda be amended to include a report from the Port of Seattle under item 3a.

## Public Comment

Lloyd Hara, Port of Seattle Commissioner (comments on file with Board Administration)

## Progress Since June 1 Joint Meeting

Chief Communications Officer Ric Ilgenfritz, Policy and Planning Director Paul Matsuoka, and Kjris Lund from RTID gave a staff presentation on the coordination efforts between the agencies.

Ms. Lund and Mr. Matsuoka talked about the planning activities taking place, assumptions used, and how the agencies plan to handle cost estimating and construction sequencing of projects.

Mr. Ilgenfritz presented an update on public outreach efforts. Sound Transit has received over 6,000 comments via email, written letters, and the Sound Transit ST2 website. There were also a number of public hearings that were held throughout the region to give an opportunity for citizens to comment. David Hopkins from WSDOT presented the results of a recently completed poll; the general themes are that transportation and traffic congestion are the biggest problems in our region, but that citizens are willing to invest in a transportation package that alleviates congestion.

## Discussion of Key Challenges

### Financial Issues

Chief Financial Officer Brian McCartan and Amy Arnis of WSDOT detailed coordination efforts in coming up with cost estimates and their approach in factoring inflation into construction costs. Secretary Doug MacDonald outlined some of the challenges in trying to predict future inflation, particularly in mega projects such as SR520 and the Alaskan Way Viaduct. The committees discussed how to explain those challenges to the public so that they understand the issues when they vote on the transportation package.

### Joint Ballot Measure

Jim Waldo from RTID gave an update on two issues staff is working on. One involves researching ways to change the legislative mandate from two contingent "yes" votes to one yes vote that approves the whole transportation package.

The other issue staff is working on is that in order to get to one vote to approve the transportation package, do the two agencies need to share a common boundary with each other? After receiving direction from both committees, staff will continue their research and report back at the next joint

meeting. Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl mentioned that she has been meeting with officials from the Snohomish County cities about this issue and discuss possible options.

### Next Steps

The next steps for the executive committees is that Sound Transit staff is working to develop a draft preferred plan for Board consideration in December, with a similar plan for RTID about a month later.

Chairs Ladenburg and Bunney asked that staff draft a letter to the Governor providing an update on the agencies' joint coordination efforts. They also called for the next joint meeting to take place on December 7, 2006.

Due to time constraints, the Sound Transit Executive Committee was unable to discuss items on its regular business agenda. Those items will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting in November.

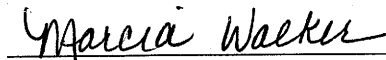
### Next Meeting

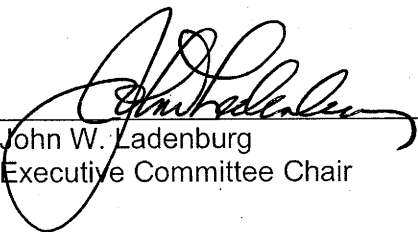
Thursday, November 2, 2006  
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
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John W. Ladenburg  
Executive Committee Chair