

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING  
Summary Minutes  
December 14, 2006**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 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

(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

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(A) 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 Board members Aaron Reardon and Mark Olson would be participating by telephone and that Board operating rules allow members to attend meetings by teleconference by motion prior to consideration of action items requiring a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members who are physically in attendance.

**It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Ms. Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Board member Aaron Reardon and Mark Olson be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.**

Mr. Ladenburg also announced the State Supreme Court ruling on Initiative 776 in favor of Sound Transit, acknowledging the Sound Transit's legal staff and outside counsel. He also reported on the third joint Sound Transit Executive Committee and Regional Transit Investment District (RTID) Executive Board meeting on December 7, 2006, stating that staff presented an option allowing for a joint single combined ballot measure pending a legislative action. Staff was directed to analyze the potential of a single ballot/duel majority vote and to report back to the Board. He announced the next joint meeting would be scheduled for early February, 2007.

## **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl announced the unveiling of the first Central Link light rail vehicle scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2006. She also announced the advisory and education effort of the overpass construction across I-5 during the week of December 18<sup>th</sup> associated with the elevated light rail construction, emphasizing the need for traffic detours.

In response to the letter contained in the Board's briefing packet from the CCCJ, Ms. Earl noted there are six concerns addressed in the letter to which Sound Transit will prepare a response. A copy of the letter is on file with the Board Administrator. Ms. Earl also recognized Diversity Program Manager Leslie Jones, who recently joined the agency. She reported that Leslie and staff have accelerated scheduling talks with Eddie Rye and Silas Porter to review procedures for on-call contracts.

Ms. Earl introduced the thirty-second public service announcement produced collaboratively with the Port of Seattle to introduce service of light rail to the airport.

## **Public Comment**

John Caulfield, City of Mountlake Terrace  
Jack Block, Jr., Deputy Mayor, City of Burien  
Robert Ransom, Mayor, City of Shoreline  
Bill Hirt  
Jim Stanton, Microsoft Corporation  
Eddie Rye  
Patricia Paschal  
Paul W. Locke  
Patrick Bannon, Bellevue Downtown Association  
Michael Johnson  
Will Knedlik  
Nina Rivkin

## **ST2 Draft Package Discussion**

Mr. Ric Ilgenfritz, Chief Communications Officer introduced the discussion on the proposed ST2 draft transportation package. He summarized the framework and background for the preliminary draft ST2 transportation package. He introduced Sheila Dezarn, Acting Director of Policy & Planning, who provided background and analysis on relevant policy features of the planning criteria associated with the draft package. She summarized features of current and potential light rail projects as well as other key transit investments in the Sound Transit district. Ms. Dezarn reviewed the Service Enhancement Fund, summarizing its purpose and benefits. Mr. Brian McCartan, Chief Financial Officer, examined financial cost/benefit policy issues under the plan and criteria for the Board to examine in formulating a final ST2 financial plan. Mr. Ilgenfritz summarized the benefits of the preliminary draft package and next steps necessary to achieve a final package for public review as well as the remaining work towards Board adoption of a final Sound Transit 2 plan.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the Board would proceed with action item, Resolution No. R2006-24, adoption of the 2007 budget. He reminded the Board that adopting an annual budget required a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire Board membership (12 members).

**Action Item**

Resolution No. R2006-24 – A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting an annual budget for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2007

Mr. Ladenburg asked Ms. Walker to conduct a roll-call vote.

<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mary-Alyce Burleigh	
Fred Butler	
Dow Constantine	
Dave Enslow	
Richard Marin	
Connie Marshall	
Richard McIver	
Mark Olson	
Julia Patterson	
Larry Phillips	
Claudia Thomas	
John Ladenburg	

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all twelve members present (including Mr. Olson via telephone) that Resolution No. R2006-24 be approved as presented.**

**ST2 briefing continued**

Mr. Ladenburg provided summary comments about the information presented by staff on the ST2 draft package and directed staff to prepare a resolution for Board action on January 11, 2007 identifying the Sound Transit ST2 package. He distributed a copy of a news article about Sound Transit appearing in the Tacoma News Tribune's on December 14, 2007, a copy is on file in the office of the Board Administrator.

**Consent Agenda**

- Voucher Certification – October 16, 2006 through October 31, 2006.
- Voucher Certification – November 1, 2006 through November 15, 2006
- Minutes of October 26, 2006 Board Meeting
- Minutes of November 9, 2006 Board Meeting

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

## **Action Items (continued)**

### **Items forwarded by the Finance Committee**

**Resolution No. R2006-22 – A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting the 2007 Service Implementation Plan, authorizing the chief executive officer to implement the 2007 service changes, and approving the use of the preliminary 2008-2012 service changes for planning and forecasting purposes**

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2006-22 be approved as presented.**

**Resolution No. R2006-23 - 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 entering into administrative settlements; and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Sounder Commuter Rail – M Street to Lakewood Track and Signal Project**

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2006-23 be approved as presented.**

### **Items not referred by a committee**

**Motion No. M2006-87 – Identifying East Link light rail routes, stations and maintenance facility alternatives studied during scoping for detailed evaluation for a draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**It was moved by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Butler that Motion No. M2006-87 be approved.**

Mr. Mike Williams, Link Program Development Manager and Mr. Don Billen, Link Project Manager presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Ms. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Butler to amend Motion No. M2006-87 as follows:**

#### **Segment A**

The route beginning in the existing Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and connecting to the Central Link light rail system at the Chinatown/International District Station, which enters I-90 via the existing D2 roadway, a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) ramp between downtown Seattle and Rainier Avenue and in the center reversible lanes of I-90 across Lake Washington and Mercer Island.

#### **Segment B: I-90 to Downtown Bellevue:**

- Alternative B1: Bellevue Way
- Alternative B2-A: Bellevue Way SE/112th Avenue SE At-grade
- Alternative B2-E: Bellevue Way SE/112th Avenue SE Elevated
- Alternative B3: Bellevue Way SE/I-405
- Alternative B7: BNSF/I-405

### **Segment C: Downtown Bellevue to Overlake Hospital**

- Alternative C1-T: Bellevue Way SE/NE 6th Street Tunnel
- Alternative C2-T: 106th Avenue NE Tunnel
- Alternative C3-T: 108th Avenue NE Tunnel
- Alternative C4-A: 108th and 110th Avenues NE At-Grade Couplet
- Alternative C7-E: 112th Avenue NE Elevated
- Alternative C8-E: 110th Avenue NE Elevated

### **Segment D: Downtown Bellevue to Overlake Transit Center**

- Alternative D2-A: NE 16th Street/SR 520 to Overlake At-Grade\*
- Alternative D2-E: NE 16th Street/SR 520 to Overlake Elevated\*
- Alternative D3: NE 16th Street/NE 20th Street to Overlake\*
- Alternative D5: BNSF/SR 520 to Overlake

\* A potential station at NE 16th/122nd is added for study with Alternatives D2, D3, and D4.

### **Segment E: Overlake Transit Center to Downtown Redmond**

- Alternative E1: Redmond Way
- Alternative E2: Marymoor Park\*
- Alternative E4: Leary Way

\*An option to terminate at the Redmond Town Center Station, rather than continuing to the Redmond Park-and-Ride, is included for study with Alternative E2.

**The motion to amend Motion No. M2006-87 was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.**

Ms. Marshall presented a letter from the City of Bellevue in response to the proposed action. A copy is on file with the Board Administrator.

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2006-87, as amended, was carried by the unanimous vote of all members present.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Butler reported on actions taken by the Finance Committee at its December 7, 2006 meeting. The Committee received an update on the Tacoma to Lakewood corridor evaluating route alternatives in that segment. They also approved a contract amendment with David Evans & Associates to provide design support services during construction for the Reservation Junction to Freighthouse Square Phase 3 remediation project in the amount of \$63,136 with a 10% contingency; authorized the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for final design services for the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station/236<sup>th</sup> SW Project in the amount of approximately \$3,500,000; and approved a contract amendment with Yarisbey Rumbaut and Jose Jauregui, doing business as Buena Vista Cleaning Services to provide professional janitorial services and to exercise two one-year options to extend

the term of the contract in the amount of approximately \$380,000. The Finance Committee also authorized a contract with Dell to provide hardware maintenance and procurement services for agency-wide technology projects for approximately \$680,000 and authorized a one year contract, with two one-year options to extend with Cocker-Fennessy to provide strategic communications and public affairs services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$500,000. Mr. Butler announced the next meeting, scheduled for January 4, 2007.

Central Link Oversight Committee (CLOC)

Mr. Marin gave an update on the Initial Segment projects. He announced additional crews have begun assisting with paving in the Rainier Valley. He also provided an update on the Airport Link project stating; permitting was issued by the City of SeaTac and station design has reached the 100% milestone. The Committee received an update by staff on community outreach methods. Mr. Marin announced the next meeting scheduled for January 18, 2007.

Ms. Earl announced that Rainier Valley paving reached the 50% milestone as of December 13, 2006. She also announced that track work had begun in the Henderson Street area.

Other Business

None.

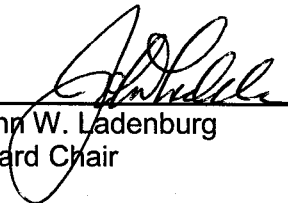
Next Meeting


Thursday January 11, 2007  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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John W. Ladenburg  
Board Chair

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator