

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
February 8, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 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

(P) Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember
(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland City Councilmember
(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President
(A) 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
(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
(A) 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 offered thoughtful remarks about the two construction workers with Obayashi Construction Co. who were injured, one fatally, in an accident that took place at the Beacon Hill construction site. At the conclusion of his remarks he declared a moment of silence in honor of the deceased worker.

Mr. Ladenburg announced that the joint Sound Transit Executive Committee and Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) Executive Board meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. He also announced that an executive session would be held at the conclusion of action items and committee reports.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl gave a report on the events following the Beacon Hill fatality accident detailing the emergency response plan which Sound Transit put into action immediately following the accident, as well as support grief counseling and other services for agency staff and construction workers. She informed the Board of the parties involved in the investigation process for the state, the contractor, and the agency. She will report back with results of the investigation, once they are made available.

Mr. Ladenburg requested Ahmad Fazel provide a report to the Board on construction safety statistics at the February 22, 2007 meeting.

Ms. Earl also introduced the 4th Quarter 2006 Service Delivery Quarterly Performance Report. The report reflects that the agency exceeded its ridership goal, serving 12.2 million riders during 2006. She reported that average weekday boardings at year-end were up 42,700.

Public Comment

Paul W. Locke
Will Knedlik

Mr. Ladenburg announced that Board members Mark Olson would be participating by telephone and that Board operating rules allow members to attend meetings by teleconference by motion.

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

Project Labor Agreement – Workforce Utilization Update

Ms. Earl gave background information providing the context of bringing this discussion before the Board.

Mr. Ladenburg invited Mr. Greg Mowatt, Project Labor Agreement Specialist, Lee Newgent, Assistant Executive Secretary for the Seattle Building and Trades Council and Christina Gonzales, Regional Labor Economist with the Washington State Employment Security Department. Ms. Gonzales presented overall data with regard to construction industry employment, unemployment and trends in the Puget Sound region. Mr. Mowatt summarized the agency's goals for diversity and apprenticeship in relationship with the Project Labor Agreement and the methods Sound Transit employs to meet its goals. Mr. Newgent described the apprenticeship and diversity programs within the Seattle King County building and construction trades program. The program represents 15,000 union construction workers in King County alone. Mr. Newgent also described programs specific to Sound Transit construction projects, staffing programs and employment outreach efforts. He also provided information on demographics of the construction workforce. Written materials were provided and are on file with the Board Administrator.

Totem Lake Freeway Station Construction Issue

Mr. Ladenburg introduced Agnes Govern, Executive Director of Operations, Projects and Corporate Services and Don Nelson, Director of Environmental and Engineering Programs for the Washington State Department of Transportation. Ms. Govern and Mr. Nelson gave an update on construction of the Totem Lake Freeway Station on Interstate 405. Construction errors and soil settlement issues in concrete work, were discovered by the contractor and construction inspectors. Ms. Govern reported that a design error was identified by the Bridge and Structures Office of WSDOT based on review of the construction records and the original design of the ramps. Based on the review of information, Sound Transit and WSDOT jointly determined that the only real option is to remove and replace the defective portions to insure long term performance, performance durability and safety of the ramp structures. Ms. Govern described the options and remedies available to rectify the work and sought direction from the Board to pursue the project through utilization of Sound Transit funding to avoid construction

delays. Sound Transit will pursue reimbursement of costs from WSDOT utilizing the dispute resolution process as identified in the project agreement.

Action Items

Item not referred by Committee

Voucher Certification – January 1, 2007 through January 15, 2007

It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Ms. Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the Voucher Certification of January 1, 2007 through January 15, 2007 be approved as presented.

Items forwarded by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2007-16 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with PCL Construction Services Inc., to provide construction services for the Lakewood Station project in the amount of \$17,092,000 with a 10% contingency of \$1,709,200, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$18,801,200.

In support of the motion, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Ladenburg provided comments. Ms. Earl described performance measures that will be employed by staff in response to Mr. McIver's request for oversight of the PCL contract. Mr. Marin described the commentary the President of PCL provided when staff presented the action to the Finance Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-16 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-21 - Selecting a draft Sounder fare structure change and fare increase proposal and directing the chief executive officer to conduct public outreach and seek public review and comment

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-21 be approved as presented.

Mr. Ladenburg requested committee reports be made after executive session.

Executive Session

At 2:30p.m., Chair Ladenburg announced that the Board would convene a 30-minute executive session authorized under RCW 42.30.110. to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

At 3:00 p.m., Mr. Ladenburg extended the meeting for an additional 15 minutes.

Mr. Ladenburg reconvened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Butler reported on actions taken by the Finance Committee. On January 18, 2007, the Committee authorized a contract with King County Metro for Route 630 operations, a three year contract with IKON Office Solutions to provide on-site copy center support and personnel services. On February 1, 2007, the committee authorized execution of a contract amendment with Summit Central Construction, Inc. to provide additional construction services to the Bellevue Transit Central Rider Services Building. The committee also approved a contract amendment with KPFF Consulting Engineers to provide final design services for the Edmonds Station, authorized an agreement with the City of Newcastle to provide funding for design and construction of the Newcastle Transit Center improvements, and authorized a contract amendment with King County Metro to provide Route 202 mitigation services for the Mercer Island Park & Ride.

Central Link Oversight Committee

Mr. Marin reported on the CLOC meeting of January 18, 2007. He provided status update of completion percentages for each project along the Initial Segment, as well as the Sea-Tac Airport extension. The committee received a briefing on the Airport construction activities from George England, PE, Program Leader, Aviation Project Management Group with the Port of Seattle and Ron Lewis, Link Deputy Executive Director.

Ahmad Fazel, Link Director introduced John Harrison, Sound Transit's Project Director for University Link. The committee was notified that the FTA's consent letter to enter final design on University Link was received in early December 2006. North Link Transit Partners received Notice to Proceed with final design in late December and mobilization of early work is underway.

Mr. Marin also reported on lessons learned from the Initial Segment projects that are being implemented in the University Link project including the packaging of the civil and architectural design under one consultant, refining construction packages to invite more competition and use of one construction management firm for all construction packages.

Other Business

Ms. Burleigh inquired as to the length of a delay anticipated at the Beacon Hill tunnel site due to the construction accident. In response, Ms. Earl said that the entire site was shut down for two days and would keep the west portal closed until the Department of Labor & Industry completed its investigation. She anticipated would resume on the west portal on February 9, 2007.

Ms. Thomas announced that Sound Transit would be receiving funds from the federal government as recently announced by President Bush's 2007 federal budget.

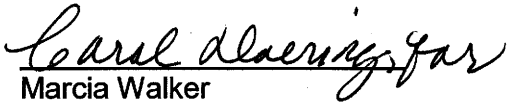
Next Meeting

Thursday February 22, 2007
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

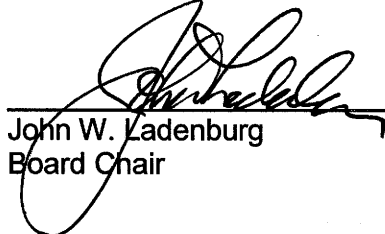
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

**Regional Transit Authority
Voucher Certification Approval
January 15, 2007**

Auditing Officer Certification

I, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the expenses listed below represent claims that were just, due, and paid obligations against the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, and further that I am authorized to authenticate and certify said claims paid through the disbursement process.

Auditing Officer:



Kelly Priestley, Controller

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority's Auditing Officer.

Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks	51596 - 51938	15,407,380.92
Treasurer Checks		0.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	14	8,761,861.25
Voided Checks	51141, 51579, 51650	(\$610,239.88)
Total Claims	354	\$23,559,002.29

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers		0.00
Total Claims	0	\$0.00

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	6922 - 6924	\$4,028.12
Direct Deposit	414	\$646,381.03
Voided Check /EFT		
Payroll Taxes		\$0.00
Total Payroll	417	\$650,409.15

Total certified vouchers from January 1 through January 15, 2007 are \$24,209,411.44.