

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**February 22, 2007**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 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**

(A) Connie Marshall, Bellevue City Councilmember

(A) 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

(A) 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

(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

(P) 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**

None.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Earl announced the groundbreaking for the Totem Lake Transit Center scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2007. She acknowledged Board member Mary-Alyce Burleigh who presided over the event.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Will Knedlik distributed a letter to the Board, a copy is on file with the Board Administrator.

**Regional Transportation Investment District Update**

Mr. Ladenburg introduced Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director, Policy, Planning and Public Affairs and Ms. Kjris Lundt, Lundt Consulting, Inc. to provide an update on the progress achieved by Sound Transit and the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) in developing the joint transportation package to be presented to the voters in November 2007. Mr. Ilgenfritz provided an analysis of the combined projects, describing Sound Transit's transportation package and highlighting benefits, opportunities and funding sources. Ms. Lundt identified RTID's roads package, detailing the distinction between the two agencies' boundaries, describing what the

investments for each corridor would be and providing a cost analysis per household and revenue sources to pay for the road projects investment.

Mr. Ilgenfritz announced the schedule for public outreach, dates for the scheduled open houses, the schedule for adopting the package by the Sound Transit Board and the RTID Planning Committee.

Mr. Ladenburg announced a Board Workshop scheduled for March 29, 2007 to review the draft preliminary plan, anticipating that any proposed Board amendments would be addressed at the scheduled Board meetings on April 12 and 26, 2007.

### **D to M Street Track & Signal Project**

Mr. Ladenburg introduced Eric Beckman, Program Manager with Capital Projects and Mark Johnson, Project Manager to present this matter. Mr. Beckman provided a brief history of the issue of connecting the Sound Transit terminus with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe right of way for the D-to-M Street Track and Signal project. Mr. Johnson described the three alternatives of the feasibility study and environmental assessment identified as Modified Alternative 2A, Modified Alternative 2C – Tacoma Avenue Access and Modified Alternative 3. He also described the impacts, challenges, cost estimates as well as providing options for next steps, including a request for additional Board direction for further study on the three alternatives.

Board member Julie Anderson proposed a motion in support of pursuing additional environmental studies. A copy of the motion was distributed by staff to Board members on yellow paper.

Motion No. M2007-36 – Authorizing staff to expand the scope of the feasibility study of the proposed grade separation of the Sounder commuter rail track across Pacific Avenue to consider an additional alternative alignment, including preliminary engineering, environmental analysis and outreach to affected property owners.

**It was moved by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ladenburg, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-36 be approved as presented.**

### **Link Light Rail Program Update**

Mr. Ladenburg introduced Ahmad Fazel, Link Executive Director and Joe Gildner, Link Deputy Director. Mr. Fazel provided an update on project safety statistics in response to the Beacon Hill fatality accident involving construction worker Mike Merryman which occurred on February 7, 2007. Mr. Gildner provided an explanation of construction project safety statistics for general and civil work based on OSHA records. He illustrated information with charts, comparing national average statistics against Washington State averages. In addition he presented safety statistical criteria for each contract along the Initial Segment of the Link light rail project. Ms. Earl, Chief Executive Officer provided an update as to the internal and external measures taken for additional reinforcement of current safety protocol.

Mr. Fazel informed the Board on project schedule, accomplishments, challenges and a look-ahead for the Initial Segment, Airport, East Link and North Link projects in lieu of the cancelled Central Link Oversight Committee (CLOC) meeting which was to be held on February 15, 2007.

Mr. Sims suggested a plaque in the memory of Mike Merryman be affixed to the Beacon Hill Tunnel site prior to its opening. Other Board members concurred.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of January 11, 2007 Board Meeting

Voucher Certification – January 16, 2007 through January 31, 2007

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

### **Action Items**

Items not referred by Committee

Motion No. M2007-32 - Authorizing Board member Pete von Reichbauer to travel to the Greater Seattle Chamber study mission being held in Phoenix, Arizona from March 21, 2007 through March 23, 2007

**It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Mr. Fred Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2007-32 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2007-34 - Authorizing Board member Mark Olson to travel to Fukuoka and Kitakyushu, Japan for the Greater Seattle Chamber study mission being held from May 7, 2007 through May 18, 2007

Mr. Sims addressed Ms. Anderson's question about tangible benefits to Sound Transit in attending study missions. He expressed first hand experience with the Arizona light rail project and the value of promoting public good-will and benefit of lessons-learned in how to put projects together. Mr. Ladenburg and Ms. Earl provided statistical information about the 19 miles of light rail in Arizona's system, as well as the methods used for the roads and transit ballot package the city developed and proposed successfully to their citizens.

Mr. Ladenburg announced he will represent Pierce County to attend the study mission in Fukuoka and Kitakyushu, Japan to view the connectivity of the light rail system with the high tech center in Fukuoka, and view the regional transportation system connectivity relative to freight mobility issues in Kitakyushu. He noted that Kitakyushu, Japan is one of the City of Tacoma's sister cities.

**It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-34 be approved as presented.**

Items forwarded by the Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2007-02 - Amending the Adopted 2007 Budget for the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations Stage 1 Project to reflect a transfer from the Regional Express East King County Program Reserve in the amount of \$1,375,417.

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of twelve Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-02 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2007-27 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute Agreement GCA 3361 Task Order A-10 with the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide construction and construction management services for the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations Stage 1 Project in the amount of \$16,790,707, with a 5% contingency of \$839,535, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$17,630,243

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-27 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2007-03 – Amending the Adopted 2007 Budget for the Mercer Island Park and Ride/N. Mercer Way project to reflect a transfer from the Regional Express East King County Program Reserve in the amount of \$2,184,433

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of twelve Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-03 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2007-33 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contingency for the contract with Howard S. Wright Construction Co. for the Mercer Island Park and Ride/N. Mercer Way project in the amount of \$1,500,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$10,476,000

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-33 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2007-23 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a construction and maintenance agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding the construction and maintenance of the State Highway 16 overpass over Sound Transit's railroad right-of-way

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-23 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2007-28 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill to provide additional civil engineering design services during construction for the Rainier Valley Segment of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment project in the amount of \$1,100,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,847,990

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-28 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2007-29 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with PB America to provide design management support services for the University Link light rail project, in the amount of \$5,407,273 with a 10% contingency of \$540,727, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,948,000

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-29 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2007-31 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill to provide engineering, environmental, and public outreach services for the Phase II East Corridor High Capacity Transit planning project in the amount of \$11,947,789,

with a 10% contingency of \$1,194,779 totaling \$13,142,568, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$17,499,141

**It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-31 be approved as presented.**

### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Butler reported on actions taken by the Finance Committee at its February 15, 2007 meeting. The committee approved a contract amendment with Westover Corporation to integrate the building automation systems and to expand the cardkey systems for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$213,756. Also approved was a contract amendment to the Transportation Improvement Agreement with the City of Kent which would result in a reimbursement to Sound Transit of funds in the amount of \$76,063 and allow the City of Kent more time to complete planned roadway improvements. The Finance Committee also authorized a contingency increase for a contract with INCA Engineers for the Kirkland Transit Center/3<sup>rd</sup> Street project in the amount of \$45,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,024,279 and authorized a contract with ESA/Adolfson to provide permit coordination services for University Link in the amount of \$276,000, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$303,600.

Mr. Ladenburg suggested changing the structure of committee reporting at Board meetings. Current practice is to have committee chairs give their reports verbally. If the Board agrees, committee chairs could provide reports in writing to Board.

Ms. Thomas proposed that the Board review procedural policies in addition to committee reports. Ms. Earl reported that she and staff are currently reviewing them.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Ladenburg announced the Sound Transit 2 Roads and Transit Open house at 4:30 p.m. in the offices of Sound Transit located in the Great Hall at Union Station.

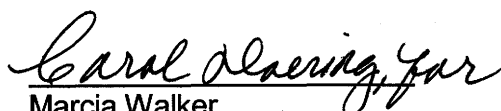
### **Next Meeting**

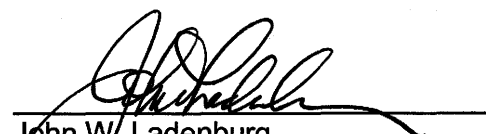
Thursday March 8, 2007 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

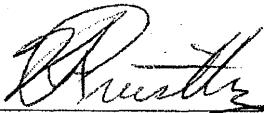
  
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John W. Ladenburg  
Board Chair

**Regional Transit Authority  
Voucher Certification Approval  
January 31, 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	51939 - 52277	12,046,945.48
Treasurer Checks	1138 - 1145	49.50
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	21	17,886,520.59
Voided Checks	51496, 51597, 51598, 52068	(\$39,676.69)
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>\$29,893,838.88</b>

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	2	17,801.00
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$17,801.00</b>

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	6925 - 6930	\$6,872.20
Direct Deposit	418	\$660,242.36
Voided Check /EFT		
Payroll Taxes	3	\$282,770.28
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>\$949,884.84</b>

Total certified vouchers from January 16 through January 31, 2007 are \$30,861,524.72.