

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 22, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Vice Chair Mark Olson, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(A) John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(A) 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
(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
(A) 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 conducted roll call and announced the absence of a quorum.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Olson introduced himself and announced that the Board would be working from a revised agenda. He also announced that action items would be taken when a quorum was obtained.

Mr. Olson also announced that Chair Ladenburg, Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl, and several members of the Board were attending the Seattle Chamber of Commerce Study Mission in Phoenix, Arizona. He also announced Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Policy Planning and Public Affairs, is acting CEO.

Mr. Olson announced a procedural change in providing committee reports. He stated the reports will be written and distributed to Board members in their meeting packets.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Ilgenfritz gave a detailed description of the transit system that Ms. Earl is examining during her tour with Seattle Chamber of Commerce Study Mission. He also discussed the Phoenix light rail system being developed.

He also announced the Lakewood Station groundbreaking event is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Ilgenfritz introduced Geoff Patrick, Media Relations and Public Information Officer and Sheila Dezarn, Acting Policy & Planning Officer, who gave a Sound Transit 2 (ST2) report summarizing public outreach and planning.

Mr. Patrick reported on Sound Transit 2 public outreach methods and supporting statistical data. He identified methods used such as residential mailings, newspaper and radio advertisements, news media coverage, transit squads, mall patrols and information tables, community meetings, and the use of the agency's speaker's bureau. He also announced a Roads and Transit meeting planned for legislators and the public to be conducted at the State Capitol in Olympia. Mr. Patrick also summarized the format for reporting current information for the Board Workshop on March 29, 2007.

Ms. Dezarn summarized the ST2 planning effort, reviewing methods, schedule timeline and goals to conform with the transportation and growth policies in Destination 2030 and Vision 2020 requirements established by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). Ms. Dezarn also reviewed the timeline for Board review of financial policies.

Mr. Ilgenfritz introduced Board member Butler who reported on work that the Finance Committee undertook to review the ST2 financial policies. Mr. Butler described the procedural approach and objectives which the Committee used in reviewing the existing financial policies. He stated the Committee directed staff to retain the Sound Move commitments to subarea equity, prudent financial management and accountability. He reported that 18 major changes are proposed; highlighting subarea equity, grant funding and debt-service coverage as well as technical and administrative policies. He announced that the proposed changes would be discussed at the March 29, 2007 Board Workshop, providing an opportunity for the full Board to provide input.

Board member Constantine entered the meeting establishing a quorum.

Action Items

Items not referred by Committee

Motion No. M2007-41 - Appointing David A. Russell and Robert M. Goldstein to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each beginning March 2007 and expiring March 2011

In response to a Board member request, staff will confirm whether the newly appointed COP members are aware of the draft changes in the financial policies affecting the role of the Citizen Oversight Panel.

It was moved by Ms. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-41 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-42 - Reappointing Dick Chapin, East King County, Miriam Helgeland, South King County, Bill LaBorde, Pierce County and Karen Miller, Snohomish County to the Citizen Oversight Panel, to serve a second term of four years each beginning April, 2007 and expiring April, 2011

It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-42 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2007-40 – Approving the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2007-2012 and 2006 Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation

Mr. Jim Moore, Project Manager, Transportation Services presented the staff report.

It was moved by Mr. Marin, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2007-40 be approved as presented.

Mr. Olson announced that Board member Pete von Reichbauer 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 von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

Items referred by Committee

Resolution No. R2007-07 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a purchase and sale agreement with the Korean Women's Association for the parcel located east adjacent to the Federal Way Transit Center for a proposed low-income senior housing transit-oriented development project

Board members Thomas, Anderson and von Reichbauer offered comments in support of the motion.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Marin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2007-07 be approved as presented

Motion No. M2007-39 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to (1) increase the contingency for GCA 3361 Task Order Agreement A-5 with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th project in the amount of \$2,178,519, for the purpose of funding corrective work required because of design errors, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$57,221,094, and (2) seek reimbursement of the repair costs through the established contractual process in accord with Federal Transit Administration grant requirements

Mr. Olson announced that the letter was distributed to the Board in their meeting packets. A copy of the letter is on file with the Board Administrator.

Ms. Anderson expressed her disagreement with WSDOT's position inferred in the letter. She stated the purpose of her support of the motion is to prevent the public from being penalized by project delays.

Ms. Patterson announced her frustration with WSDOT, contrasting the historical support by local public transportation agencies to support WSDOT projects. Mr. Olson announced that Mr. Ladenburg and Secretary MacDonald have been meeting to discuss this issue.

Mr. McIver expressed his objection to the position taken by WSDOT to correct the project's design error. He further requested that the language "to seek reimbursement of the repair costsshould be stated "to obtain reimbursement of the repair costs.... He stated he would vote against the motion.

Ms. Burleigh expressed her disappointment with WSDOT's position expressed in the letter, but spoke in favor of the motion with the intent of improving the traffic in the Totem Lake area. She stated that it is inexcusable for the state not to step up to the plate.

Mr. Enslow expressed his objections to the position taken by WSDOT as contained in the letter and requested assurances from staff that Sound Transit will aggressively seek compensation from WSDOT for reimbursement from the state.

It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Burleigh, and carried by the majority vote of ten Board members present that Motion No. M2007-40 be approved as presented. Voting in the minority was Mr. McIver.

Ms. Thomas requested that the minutes reflect comments from Board members objecting to WSDOT's position expressed in the letter from Secretary MacDonald dated March 9, 2007 to provide background justification for the majority support of Motion No. M2007-40.

Public Comment

Anthony Trifiletti
Mr. Will Knedlik
Mr. Paul W. Locke

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

Mr. Marin announced his attendance at the APTA conference in Washington D.C. and receipt of a First Ridership Improvement award on behalf of Community Transit.

Workshop

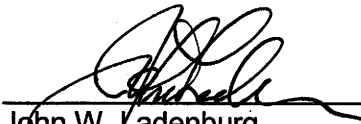
Thursday, March 29, 2007
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Next Meeting

Thursday April 12, 2007
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

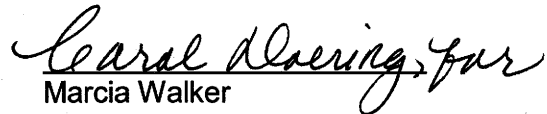
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator