

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**February 14, 2008**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Greg Nickels, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Chair Nickels introduced new Sound Transit Boardmembers Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember, and John Marchione, Redmond Mayor.

**Roll Call**

Chair

(P) *Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor*

Vice Chairs

(P) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(P) *Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember*

(P) *Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Councilmember*  
(P) *Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember*  
(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President*  
(P) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President*  
(P) *Dow Constantine, King County Council Vice Chair*  
(P) *Deanna Dawson, Edmonds Councilmember*  
(P) *David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor*  
(P) *Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary*

(P) *John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive*  
(P) *John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor*  
(P) *Julia Patterson, King County Council Chair*  
(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair*  
(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*  
(A) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*  
(P) *Pete von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember*

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Chair Nickels announced that Boardmembers Anderson and von Reichbauer requested to attend today's meeting by teleconference. He explained the Board operating rules allowing members to attend meetings by teleconference. Requests to attend are acted on by motion prior to action taken on the first item of business and require a 2/3 affirmative vote of members who are physically in attendance.

**It was moved by Boardmember Burleigh, seconded by Boardmember Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Boardmember Anderson and Boardmember von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.**

**Report of the Chair**

Chair Nickels announced that a press conference was held to announce that Sound Transit has received ISO (International Standards Organization) certification for its environmental and sustainability practices. He noted that Sound Transit is one of only six transit agencies in the nation to receive this certification and congratulated Ms. Earl on Sound Transit's achievement.

Mr. Nickels also announced that Sound Transit dedicated the new Mercer Island Park and Ride on February 8, 2008. Boardmembers Burleigh and Butler were among the attendees.

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

Ms. Earl announced that the Performance Audit Corrective Action Plan has been drafted; the document was written in response to the Link Light Rail Performance Audit Report performed by the State Auditor's Office in September 2007. She announced that the State Auditor's Office plans another performance audit on Link Light Rail, potentially as early as March 2008. Ms. Earl also advised that staff is examining the Port of Seattle performance audit to determine if there are any best practices that would be appropriate for Sound Transit.

Ms. Earl gave an update on the legislative session. A Governance bill (Senate Bill 6772) was not brought up for a vote by the Senate Transportation Committee because a lack of support. However, Senate Bill 6771 was narrowly passed by the committee. The bill originally repealed multi and single-county Regional Transportation Investment Districts, but was amended to instead prevent any from going to the ballot in 2008. She emphasized that the bill does not affect Sound Transit's ability to go to the ballot with a transit package in 2008.

House Bill 1493, regarding Sound Transit Local Impact Fees, passed out of the House and has been referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. However, the Sound Transit Fuel Tax Exemption Bill was denied a hearing in the House and it does not appear that it will go anywhere.

Ms. Earl also announced that Sound Transit received three awards: 1) a design award by the American Council of Engineering Companies for the C700 elevated guideway (near the Operations and Maintenance Facility); 2) the 2008 Marvin M. Black Excellence in Partnering national award from the Association of General Contractors for the C510 Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Retrofit and Pine Street Stub Tunnel Project; and 3) the Vision 2020 award from the Puget Sound Regional Council for the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride Project.

Boardmember Ladenburg complimented Ms. Earl for her work in helping draft a comprehensive plan that eventually led to the awarding of the US Amateur and US Open Golf Tournaments to Chambers Bay Golf Course in Pierce County.

### **Public Comment** (Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

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### **Airport Link Station Finishes Contract**

Link Executive Director Ahmad Fazel and Link Deputy Director Ron Lewis gave the staff presentation. Mr. Lewis provided an update on the Seatac/Airport Station, which is split into two separate contracts; one for the station concrete and track work, and one for station finishes.

Mr. Fazel discussed two options for moving forward with the station finishes package and the advantages and disadvantages for each option. The first is to complete negotiations with Mowat Construction and issue a change order for the station finishes package. The second option is to rebid the package. Both options would require a budget amendment.

In response to questions from Boardmember Conlin, Mr. Fazel discussed some of the factors that could have led to the project receiving only one bid. Some of the factors include the challenging bid climate and the complexity of the project.

The Board discussed the project schedule and coordination with other parties, and how they would be affected if the station finishes package were to be rebid. They also discussed the South King County subarea's financial capacity to help fund the project.

Chair Nickels announced that information regarding negotiations on the contract would be discussed in executive session following the completion of the meeting's action items; the Board would then provide direction to staff in open session.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the December 13, 2007 Meeting  
Minutes of the January 10, 2008 Meeting

**It was moved by Vice Chair Thomas, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the consent agenda be approved as presented.**

### **Action Items**

Item referred by the Executive Committee

Resolution No. 81-2 - Revising the Code of Ethics for Board members, officers and employees of the Authority.

Legal Council Desmond Brown presented the staff report. He explained the proposed action would amend the waiting period rule applicable to former employees whose services are required by Sound Transit.

**It was moved by Chair Nickels, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R81-2 be approved as presented.**

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2008-16 – Executing an amendment to the sole source contract with Olympia Technology Group to provide database design and GIS component development for the FindARide.org project in the amount of \$9,625, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$104,625

**It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-16 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2008-17 – Executing a contract change order under an existing contract with ERG Transit Systems (USA) Inc to provide added functionality for smart card dispensing and multiple product purchases from Sound Transit's Ticket Vending Machines, in the amount \$215,000 with a contingency of \$22,000 totaling \$237,000, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$6,881,931. This change order amount is for Sound Transit's capital expense share under the seven-agency Smart Card vendor contract, which will total \$38,975,760 for vendor capital expenses authorized for all seven agencies and an estimated \$67.7 million for capital and ten-year operations and maintenance for all seven agencies

**It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-17 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2008-18 – Executing a contract change order with Scheidt and Bachmann USA, Inc. to upgrade Sound Transit's ticket vending machines and central data collection system for integration into the new Regional Smart Card system in the amount of \$962,000, with a contingency of \$96,200 totaling \$1,058,200, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$16,552,987

**It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-18 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2008-02 – 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 administrative settlement; and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected parties as necessary for the Commuter Rail D to M Street Track & Signal project

**It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2008-02 be approved as presented.**

### **Executive Session**

At 2:07 p.m., Chair Nickels announced that the Board would convene a 30-minute executive session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) – to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (d) – to review negotiation of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs.

At 2:37 p.m., executive session was extended for 20 minutes.

Chair Nickels reconvened the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

### **Airport Station Finishes Contract (continued)**

The Board directed staff to complete negotiations with Mowat Construction and issue a change order for the station finishes package, pending approval of the Board. Boardmember Roberts spoke to the importance of the project schedule.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Next Meeting**

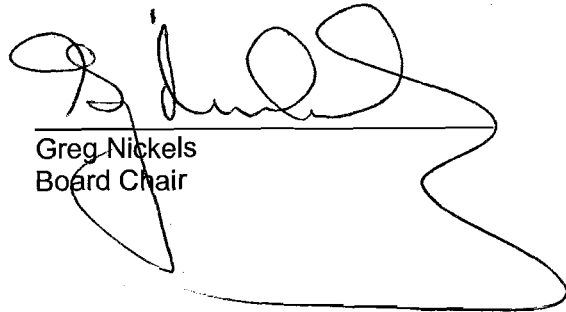
Thursday, February 28, 2008  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
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Greg Nickels  
Board Chair