

SOUND TRANSIT FINANCE COMMITTEE
Summary Minutes
February 21, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chair Aaron Reardon in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chair

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Pete von Reichbauer, King Co. Councilmember

Jason Suzaka, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the committee was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

None.

Chief Financial Officer's Report

None.

Items within Finance Committee Authority for Final Action

Motion No. M2008-20 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a three-year contract with two one-year options to extend with Springwood Associates to provide on-call environmental monitoring services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,320,000

Senior Environmental Planner Chris Townsend presented the staff report. In response to questions from the committee, he described the competitive bidding process that was used to select the consultant team for these services. He also discussed Springwood Associates' small business participation goals and the manner in which they will be assigned task orders.

Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-20 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-21 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a three-year contract with two one-year options to extend with ESA Adolfson Associates to provide on-call environmental services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,860,000

Mr. Townsend presented the staff report. In response to questions from the committee, he described the manner in which the consultant team will be assigned task orders. He and Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl emphasized that while the range of environmental services that could be provided under this contract is very broad, the scope of task orders that staff would request will be very specific.

Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Boardmember Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-21 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-22 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with INCA Engineers, Inc. to provide additional environmental documentation services for the Kirkland Transit Center/3rd Street project in the amount of \$99,349, with a 10% contingency of \$9,935 totaling \$109,284, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,133,563

Project Manager Mark Johnson presented the staff report. Boardmember Burleigh offered comments in support of the project and discussed some of the issues that the Kirkland City Council faced throughout the project's development.

In response to questions from Vice Chair Butler, Mr. Johnson discussed the project budget and stated that the phase level shortfall will be addressed through use of project contingency.

In response to a question from Chair Reardon, Mr. Johnson explained the next steps in the environmental evaluation process. In response to a question from Boardmember Enslow, Mr. Johnson stated that the noise impact methodology is used by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). The data gained from performing the additional environmental work could help defend against a SEPA appeal, should one be filed.

Public Comment

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It was moved by Boardmember Burleigh, seconded by Boardmember Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-22 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-23 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the agreement with the City of Renton to reimburse the City of Renton for \$2,500,000 towards Sound Transit's portion of the costs incurred to rebuild and lengthen the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad trestle over Rainier Avenue

Project Manager Paul Cornish presented the staff report. Boardmember Enslow expressed his concern with Sound Transit's financial contribution towards the project. Mr. Cornish explained that Sound Transit's interest is in the planned Business and Transit (BAT) lanes. However, in order to accommodate these lanes, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe trestle must be widened. If the BAT lanes are not constructed, Sound Transit's \$2.5 million capped contribution to the project will be returned with interest.

Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the majority vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-23 be approved as presented, with Boardmember Enslow voting in the minority.

Motion No. M2008-26 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Raul V. Bravo + Associates to provide consulting services for the Sounder Commuter Rail Vehicle Maintenance Strategy project in the amount of \$84,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$283,980

Sounder Operations Program Manager Martin Young presented the staff report. In response to questions from Boardmember Enslow, Mr. Young explained that the results of this project will help Sound Transit develop strategies in making Sounder operations more cost effective.

Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-26 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Resolution No. R2008-03 – Amending the Adopted 2008 Budget to: (a) increase the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th Project lifetime budget from \$76,262,591 to \$80,338,777, and to adopt revised phase level budgets consistent with the project budget increase; (b) increase the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th Project Adopted 2008 Annual Budget from \$110,433 to \$3,175,522 and (c) amend the Adopted 2008 Lifetime Budget for the Regional Express East King County Program Reserve from \$22,801,958 to \$18,725,772

Motion No. M2008-24 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to 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 \$3,865,171 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$61,086,267

Project Manager Hank Howard presented the staff report for both Resolution No. R2008-03 and Motion No. M2008-24.

Boardmember Burleigh offered comments in support of the proposed resolution and motion. In response to questions from Chair Reardon, Agnes Govern, Executive Director of Operations, Projects, and Corporate Services, provided a history of the project in regards to

the design flaws and Sound Transit's attempts to seek reimbursement from the Washington State Department of Transportation.

It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2008-03 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-24 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2008-25 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole source contract with Quilite International, Inc. to provide Quilite panels to be installed in the passenger shelters and pedestrian walkway roof system for the Totem Lake Freeway Station/NE 128th project in the amount of \$375,000, with a 15% contingency of \$56,250, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$431,250

Mr. Howard presented the staff report. In response to questions from the committee, Mr. Howard described the plans for procuring and installing the Quilite panels. He added that WSDOT is processing a change order with the contractor that would credit Sound Transit for deleting Quilite from the construction contract.

Mr. Howard addressed concerns from Boardmember Enslow regarding the ability of Quilite to provide the replacement panels, should they be needed. He mentioned that the company is under new ownership and appears to be financially viable. Sound Transit will purchase extra panels for the freeway station; in addition, one of the advantages of using these panels is their ability to withstand vandalism and breakage.

Boardmember Burleigh offered comments in support of the motion.

It was moved by Boardmember Burleigh, seconded by Boardmember Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-25 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2008-04 – Amending the Adopted 2008 Budget to (a) revise the Airport Link lifetime budget to \$269.1 million; (b) add a project for the light rail segment from South 176th to South 200th with a budget of \$3.767 million; and (c) treat as property for resale and record separately from the Airport Link project budget the previously authorized \$4.1 million acquisition costs for the “kiss-and-ride” facility at the Airport Link Station

Link Executive Director Ahmad Fazel presented the staff report. Ms. Earl advised that during the 2008 legislative session, Congress directed the FTA to amend the \$500 million Full Funding Grant Agreement that was originally executed in 2001. This allows Sound Transit to apply funds not used for the Central Link Initial Segment to be applied towards Airport Link.

In response to questions from Vice Chair Butler regarding the Regional Fund, Chief Financial Officer Brian McCartan provided a status report and explained the policies on using money contained in the fund. He confirmed that the South King County subarea would be borrowing money from the fund, which would be repaid with interest by 2012.

In response to questions from Boardmember Thomas, Mr. Fazel discussed the current bid climate, particularly in regards to services for mechanical and electrical contractors. The

climate is still particularly tough, with many projects around the region competing against one another.

In response to questions from Boardmember Enslow, Mr. McCartan confirmed that this action does not impact Sound Transit's protective acquisition funds.

It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2008-04 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2008-27 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to an existing and previously authorized negotiated sole source contract with Mowat Construction Company for the construction of station finishes elements of the SeaTac/Airport Station in the amount of \$37,226,000, with a contingency of \$1,000,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$74,026,000

Mr. Fazel presented the staff report. Vice Chair Butler offered comments in support of the motion and suggested that the decision making process on the project be documented.

Mr. Fazel described some of the budget and schedule risks for the committee, noting that the station finishes project is on the critical path for Airport Link. He also noted that the last contract for the Initial Segment has been awarded, so there is no risk that another bid could come over budget.

It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Boardmember Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-27 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2008-05 – 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 construction, maintenance and operation of a light rail tunnel between the University of Washington Station and the Pine Street Stub Tunnel

Real Estate Manager Roger Hansen presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Burleigh, seconded by Boardmember Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2008-05 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.


Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 6, 2008, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle WA.

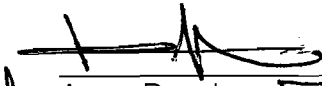
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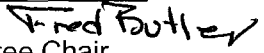
There was no other business; the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Jason Suzaka
Board Coordinator



Aaron Reardon
Finance Committee Chair

Fred Butler
Vice