

SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 6, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chair Greg Nickels in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) *Greg Nickels, Seattle Mayor*

Vice Chairs

(P) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(P) *Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember*

(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President*

(P) *Julia Patterson, King County Council Chair*

(P) *Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember*

(P) *John W. Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive*

(A) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*

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

Report of the Chair

None.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer Joni Earl announced that yesterday the tunnel boring machine completed the second tunnel underneath Beacon Hill. Board Chair Nickels and Boardmembers Butler, Patterson, and Phillips were among those in attendance.

Discussion Item – Regional Ticket Vending Machine Fare Collection Systems and Services

Project Manager Brian Brooke gave a staff presentation. He indicated that staff was looking for a sense from the Committee whether or not to pursue a role as regional provider of fare collection systems and services. He advised that many of Sound Transit's partner agencies are interested in ticket vending machines (TVM) for bus rapid transit fare collection and self-service smart card vending kiosks. Under the proposal, Sound Transit would be the lead agency in coordinating the regional fare system, and all of the participating agencies would share in the operating and maintenance costs. Some of the advantages include shared lower costs and an improved customer experience through the use of a similar TVM design and interface.

Mr. Brooke described the procurement, costs, and staffing needed to implement such a plan. The committee discussed policy questions such as whether Sound Transit should pursue a regional provider role of TVM fare collection systems and services; whether it should pursue a sole source contract with the vendor; and whether it should attempt to recover sunk costs of back end infrastructure investments related to the TVM equipment. Chair Nickels concluded the discussion with a comment that staff should continue to pursue.

Minutes from the February 7, 2008 Executive Committee meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Ladenburg, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the February 7, 2008 meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Action Item

Item for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2008-29 – Establishing a Transit Operations Task Force of the Board with membership appointed by the Board Chair

Agnes Govern, Executive Director of Operations, Projects, and Corporate Services, and Transportation Services Director Bonnie Todd presented the staff report.

In response to questions from the committee, Ms. Govern elaborated on some of the issues that the task force would be asked to consider; such as parking capacity, reviewing the ST Express business model, and Sounder maintenance services.

Chair Nickels added that upon approval of the motion by the full Board, he would ask for volunteers to serve on the task force.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2008-29 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Other Business

Chair Nickels announced that he has appointed Boardmember Richard Conlin to the Finance Committee.


Next Meeting

Thursday, April 3, 2008
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom


Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Greg Nickels
Executive Committee Chair