

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
May 8, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Chair Greg Nickels, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

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 Councilmember
(P) Dow Constantine, King County Council Vice Chair
(P) Deanna Dawson, Edmonds Councilmember
(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor
(A) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

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

Ms. Katie Weiss, Board Coordinator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Chair Nickels announced that Boardmember von Reichbauer requested to attend today's meeting by teleconference. He explained the Board operating rules allow 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 Vice Chair Thomas, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Boardmember von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

Chair Nickels also announced that a Reality Check conference took place at the University of Washington that was hosted by the Urban Land Institute, the Cascade Land Conservancy and other organizations. The conference focused on challenges to the region including regional transportation, growth management and land use challenges.

Chair Nickels told the Board he had an opportunity to take a Hi-Railer tour from the Tukwila station to the McClellan station and hopes the other Boardmembers are able to experience that as well.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Joni Earl, CEO announced that the Tukwila guideway and station won a 2008 Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association award for excellence in concrete construction in the

category of public works transportation structures. The C755 project was also recognized as a runner up in the category of public works bridges and Lakewood station was also a runner up for one of the awards. She congratulated the construction team who worked on the Tukwila guideway and station and the City of Tukwila and WSDOT.

Ms. Earl also announced that the Kingsgate Park & Ride opening was a big success and that Boardmember Burleigh was there to MC the event.

Ms. Earl gave a report on the first quarter service delivery, she announced that the numbers were great system wide over last year's numbers for the first quarter, with increases of 15% overall for a total of 3.6 million passengers and over 50,000 daily boardings on average. She also announced that ST Express was up 13% and carried 2.7 million passengers, with an average weekday ridership of 38,000 not including the ride free zone. On Sounder commuter rail, there was an increase of 30% on the South corridor and an increase of 18% on the North Corridor. Tacoma link is showing a 1% increase.

Public Comment

Tracy Hills
Robert Scheuerman
Will Knedlik

Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment Construction Update

Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director Link Light Rail and Joe Gildner, Deputy Executive Director Light Rail, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the construction progress and challenges for the Link Light Rail initial segment.

Mr. Fazel explained that the Central Link Oversight Committee receives monthly updates on the construction schedule of the Initial Segment and the Board receives quarterly updates.

Mr. Gildner gave an overview of the current activity and challenges. Mr. Fazel reported that a continuous track from the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT) to Tukwilla will be completed next month and also outlined challenges for the DSTT, Beacon Hill and Rainier Valley.

Ms. Earl spoke about the schedule float remaining and pointed out that while the float is down to 9 days, the float time has remained constant for 3 to 4 months and is being closely monitored by staff. Mr. Fazel also pointed out that since the sequential excavation has been finished the risk has been reduced.

Mr. Fazel also outlined the lifetime budgets for each segment and the amount of contingency used on the project.

In response to Boardmember Butler's question; Mr. Fazel confirmed that money for claims has been included in the financial information that was presented to the Board.

Boardmember Anderson asked which of the challenges are most critical; Mr. Fazel responded that the Beacon Hill schedule is the most critical.

ST2

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director, Policy Planning & Public Affairs, and Geoff Patrick, Media Relations & Public Info Manager presented a PowerPoint outlining the public outreach work that is being planned.

Boardmember Thomas asked about television coverage of the public outreach effort; Mr. Patrick responded that the agency would try to get as much coverage as possible.

Chair Nickels asked if there were any other areas of the ST2 plan that Boardmembers wanted staff to look at more closely.

Boardmember Butler asked that the cost of what is being proposed and the financing be clearly expressed so that some of the confusion over the costs in Proposition 1 can be avoided in a future plan. He asked that clarified costs and estimates about when the taxes could be rolled back be presented during the public outreach process.

Boardmember Burleigh asked that information on the eastside BNSF corridor be presented during the public outreach, and Boardmember Roberts asked that information in the I-90 corridor be included as well. Boardmember Butler asked that information on what is being planned for both the I-90 and SR-520 and the sequencing be presented.

Mr. Ilgenfritz responded that staff is working on developing a financial plan and are also working on responding to Boardmembers' requests on the I-90 corridor and the BNSF Eastside Rail corridor.

Mr. Ilgenfritz responded to Boardmember Anderson's question about working with jurisdictions and outside agencies on scoping projects for a future plan.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the March 27, 2008 Meeting

Minutes of the April 10, 2008 Meeting

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

Action Items

Items referred by Committee

Motion No. M2008-46 - Ratifying a sole source agreement with Catholic Community Services to provide administrative and management services for the Regional Special Needs Transportation Coordination Plan Volunteer Programs project for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$107,837.

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-46 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-47 – Ratifying a sole source agreement with Hopelink to provide administrative and management services for the Regional Special Needs Transportation Coordination Plan Volunteer Programs project for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$163,246.

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-47 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-48 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole source contract with Rail Systems, Inc. to provide locomotive automatic engine start/stop system application, equipment and installation services for the Sounder Fleet Program in the amount of \$209,633, with a 10% contingency of \$20,963, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$230,596.

Boardmember Enslow asked what could be done in addition to the engine start/stop system to save on energy costs; staff responded that when the endpoint wayside facilities are completed there will be wayside power and the generators can be shut down, there are also plans to create a temporary solution in Tacoma until the Lakewood Station is accessible.

Boardmember Roberts spoke in support of the clean air agency that gave grant money to Sound Transit to pay for this project.

Boardmember Anderson pointed out the reductions in CO2 and other savings and congratulated the agency on making this reduction.

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Motion No. M2008-48 be approved as presented.

Chair Nickels explained that he received a request from staff that Motion No. M2008-49 be delayed, he asked Ahmad Fazel, Link Light Rail Executive Director to explain the reasons for the delay. Mr. Fazel told the Board that word was received yesterday that one of the key individuals on the team would not be available because of personal reasons. He explained that because the contract selection is based on the qualifications of the team he would like additional time to review the replacement individual's resume and conduct an interview. Mr. Fazel said that based on that review, he would come back and report to the Board.

Chair Nickels announced that the item would be postponed.

Executive Session

At 2:18 p.m., Chair Nickels announced that the Board would convene a 20-minute executive session authorized under RCW 42.30.110 to discuss potential litigation and labor relations for Tacoma Link.

Chair Nickels reconvened the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

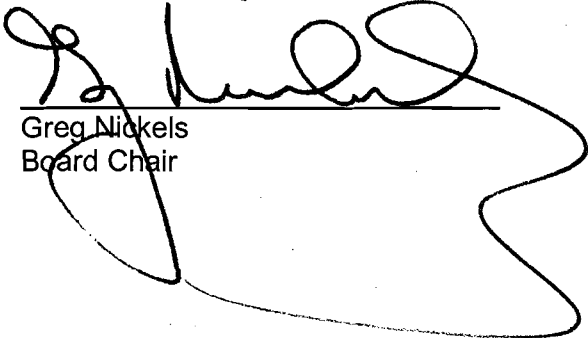
Thursday, May 22, 2008
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Greg Nickels
Board Chair