

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
July 10, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 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*

(A) *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.

Report of the Chair

Chair Nickels announced that he had received a phone call from Senator Murray to tell him that \$28.8 million for Sound Transit's Link Light Rail Initial Segment has been included in the FY2009 appropriations bill and that it will complete the Full Funding Grant Agreement for that project. He also announced that \$100 million was included for the second Full Funding Grant Agreement for the University Link segment of Link Light Rail.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Joni Earl, CEO announced that golden spikes have been distributed to the Boardmembers today to celebrate the completion of the Track and Signal Project with BNSF. She announced that a celebration would be held at the end of the meeting to commemorate the completion of that project.

She reported that the I-90 Independent Review Team met with the Joint Transportation Committee at its meeting on June 18, 2008 and released a draft report on July 7, 2008. The review team confirmed that issues with adding light rail to the I-90 bridge can be addressed and that the review team would continue to look at how Sound Transit is budgeting for the project. The review team also recommended that Sound Transit work on a transition joint prototype so that the design can be fine-tuned. Ms. Earl reported that the report findings were being reviewed with the Independent Review Team prior to its final report in mid-August.

Ms. Earl announced that the Ride Newsletter published by the agency received an award of excellence in the newsletter category as part of the APEX awards for publication excellence.

She also reported that a new tool is available on the Sound Transit website, www.soundtransit.org that allows the public to view the light rail alignment using an interactive map.

Public Comment

(Comments are on file with the Board Administrator)

Mike O'Brien, Sierra Club Cascade Chapter
Scott MacColl, City of Shoreline
Eugene Hoglund
Jonathan Dubman
Kevin Garrett, City of Lynnwood
Will Knedlik

ST2 Plan Discussion

Chair Nickels said that based on Board discussion at the June 26, 2008 meeting, he directed staff to develop revisions to the plan that would address light rail extensions further north and south. Specifically, he asked staff to respond to comments from jurisdictions and citizens. He offered a 15-year plan that would allow light rail to reach Federal Way and Lynnwood faster than the previous plan and would add bus service in the short term. He noted that it represented the second incremental step in a plan that ultimately builds light rail to Everett, Tacoma and Redmond.

He introduced Greg Walker, Chief Policy & Planning Officer, to give a presentation on the greenhouse gas assessment. Mr. Walker presented the greenhouse gas reduction numbers, he also noted that a draft of the full sustainability report would be available at the July 24, 2008 Board meeting.

Mr. Walker responded to questions from Boardmember Sims about the model used to measure vehicle emissions. Boardmember Sims asked that the details of the greenhouse gas assessment be provided for him.

Mr. Walker and Matt Shelden, Senior Planner, went over the details of the 15-year plan. They also discussed the schedule and showed a map of the Sound Transit district showing the completion dates for the various projects.

Boardmember Conlin asked what the financial commitment for the SR520 interchange with the light rail station at the University of Washington under the 15-year plan. Mr. Walker responded that Sound Transit will be providing a significant amount of bus service for the corridor. The plan does not contain a capital contribution to the interchange but does contain capital investments for expansion of the bus fleet and the operations and maintenance base to support the bus fleet. Boardmember Conlin also asked about the \$120 million capped contribution on the First Hill connector and the overall budget for that project. Mr. Walker responded that the capped contribution reflects what City of Seattle engineers estimated would be needed to construct the First Hill street car project.

Boardmember Hammond asked if the 15-year plan contains a decrease in SR 520 bus service once light rail is operating on I-90; Mr. Walker responded that there is no reduction in SR 520 bus service in the 15-year plan.

Boardmember Reardon asked about Snohomish County bus service levels in the 15-year plan; Mr. Walker responded that the 15-year plan assumes a 10% increase early in the plan, and another 10% increase approximately five years later; both would be incremental roll-outs as maintenance base capacity was available.

Boardmember Anderson asked about the sequencing of the plan and whether projects that are ready to proceed can go forward in advance of their original schedule. Ms. Earl responded that project implementation involves balancing cash flow, but that flexibility exists and is based on the overall financial capacity of the agency. Boardmember Anderson also asked about the Sounder implementation schedule and why the planned increase in capacity is scheduled for 2015. Ms. Earl responded that due to the D-M Street project not being completed, layover space needed for an increase in Sounder trains is not available until 2015.

Boardmember Enslow asked about advanced right-of-way purchase in South King County and Pierce County. Mr. Walker responded that 50% of the total estimated right-of-way purchase costs are included for advanced right-of-way purchases in Pierce County in the 15-year plan. Mr. Walker explained that because some of the land is owned by the Washington State Department of Transportation strategic acquisition will not be necessary; the available funds should be sufficient to purchase property at the station locations.

Boardmember Butler asked whether crowded ST Express bus routes would receive increased service; Mr. Shelden responded that service will be added as funds are available and will be targeted at providing quality service.

Boardmember Dawson asked how a 10% increase in bus service would affect Snohomish County; Mr. Shelden responded that the 10% increase is not route specific, but represents a 10% increase in service hours and that the number of added buses would depend on how that increased service was programmed. Boardmember Dawson also asked about the amount programmed for the Mukilteo and Edmonds Sounder improvements and strategic acquisition between Lynnwood and Everett. Mr. Walker noted that if light rail extends to Lynnwood, the agency would not have additional funding for right-of-way acquisition north of Lynnwood or acquisition of additional land around stations; however preliminary engineering and work for an EIS would be included. Boardmember Dawson also asked about money for flexible access to the Ash Way, Everett and Mariner stations; Mr. Walker responded that money for access to those stations has been used to extend light rail to Lynnwood. Mr. Walker also responded to Boardmember Dawson's questions about Sound Transit's contribution to bus base expansion in Snohomish County; he said that Sound Transit will provide around \$30 million for the base and fleet expansion under the 15-year plan.

Boardmember Sims asked about the number of additional busses and when they would be brought into service under the 15-year plan. Mr. Shelden responded that the plan assumed 25 new buses would be brought into service as soon as possible, and an additional 25 buses would be brought on when a maintenance base is completed. The plan assumed an additional 90,000 hours.

Boardmember Ladenburg asked why less bus riders are estimated towards the end of the plan; Mr. Shelden responded that the plan assumes a decrease in ridership as people transfer to rail.

Boardmember Reardon asked about the financial plan; Mr. Walker responded that the Finance Committee will be reviewing the Financial Plan at the July 17th meeting and confirmed that all the revenue raised in Snohomish will be used in that county.

Chair Nickels thanked Sound Transit staff for all their work on the draft plans; he also acknowledged the work of the Boardmembers.

Boardmember Hammond asked about the schedule for the Expert Review Panel plan review. Mr. Ilgenfritz confirmed that the Expert Review Panel has reviewed the .4 and .5 percent 12-year plans, and have been in regular contact and are aware of the new developments. A letter from the panel is expected on July 24th or shortly after.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for May 16, 2008 through May 31, 2008

Minutes of the May 8, 2008 Meeting

Minutes of the May 22, 2008 Meeting

Minutes of the June 12, 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

Items referred by the Finance Committee

Motion No. M2008-60 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma to permit Sound Transit to construct track and signal improvements at the L Street Layover facility on Tacoma Rail's right of way to increase track capacity to store a fourth Sounder train.

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. M2008-60 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2008-63 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Incorporated to provide final design services for the D-to-M Street Track & Signal Project in the amount of \$9,903,882, with a 10% contingency of \$990,388, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$10,894,270.

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. M2008-63 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2008-07 – (1) Amending the 2008 Administrative Capital lifetime and annual budget to provide an additional \$715,000 to procure Recommend Suite, software and related implementation services that will allow Sound Transit to meet state and federal electronic discovery and document preservation requirements; and (2) amending the 2008 Agency Staff budget to add \$100,000 to the Finance and Information Technology department for maintenance of the Recommend Suite and associated infrastructure.

It was moved by Vice Chair Reardon, seconded by Boardmember Butler that Resolution No. R2008-07 be approved.

Boardmember Butler offered an amendment to the resolution to change the word Recommind to eDiscovery so that a class of software is identified and not a specific vendor, he provided alternate language for the proposed action to read as follows:

(1) Amending the 2008 Administrative Capital lifetime and annual budget to provide an additional \$715,000 to procure an eDiscovery Suite, software and related implementation services that will allow Sound Transit to meet state and federal electronic discovery and document preservation requirements; and (2) amending the 2008 Agency Staff budget to add \$100,000 to the Finance and Information Technology department for maintenance of the eDiscovery Suite and associated infrastructure.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. R2008-07 be amended.

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2008-07 as amended was carried by the unanimous vote of 17 Boardmembers present.

Celebration of Tacoma to Seattle Sounder Track & Signal Improvements Project

Jim Edwards, Director of Capital Projects described the improvement work on the Tacoma to Seattle Sounder corridor and some of the milestones associated with the project. Eric Beckman, Rail Program Manager described the improvements to the overall system. He also introduced a video that described the project.

Ms. Earl spoke about the partnership between Sound Transit and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF). Walt Smith of BNSF thanked the more than 100 men and women who worked on the project and contributed to its success. He attributed part of the success to the leadership of both organizations and their ability to work out issues that arose.

Chair Nickels invited the public to attend a reception following the Board meeting.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

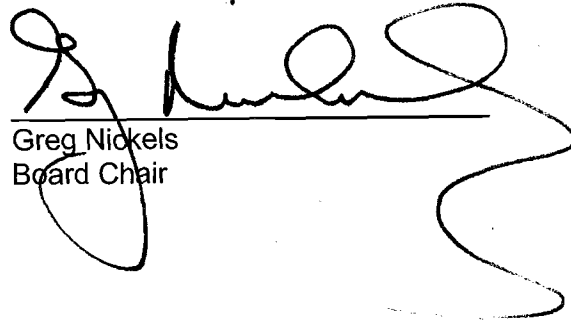
Thursday, July 24, 2008
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Marcia Walker
Board Administrator


Greg Nickels
Board Chair

**Regional Transit Authority
Voucher Certification Approval
May 31, 2008**

Auditing Officer Certification

I, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the expenses listed below represent claims that were just, due, and paid obligations against the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, and further that I am authorized to authenticate and certify said claims paid through the disbursement process.

Auditing Officer:



Kelly Priestley, Controller

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority's Auditing Officer.

Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks *	70754 - 71068*	11,721,977.50
Treasurer Checks		0.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	18	33,626,133.00
Voided Checks	58401, 58437, 58548, 59080 59313, 59318, 59322	(32,469.27)
Total Claims	325	\$45,315,641.23

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	1	8,640.00
Total Claims	1	\$8,640.00

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	8034 - 8052*	\$30,873.45
Direct Deposit	877	\$1,540,540.07
Voided Check /EFT	1	(\$1,004.55)
Payroll Taxes	1	\$177,201.36
Total Payroll	896	\$1,747,610.33

* Check 70857 was not issued

*Payroll check 8043 was not issued

Total certified vouchers from May 16, 2008 through May 31, 2008 are \$47,071,891.56.