

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
January 29, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 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*

(A) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember*

(P) *Dow Constantine, King County Council Chair*

(P) *David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor*

(P) *Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary*

(P) *John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor*

(P) *Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive*

(P) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair*

(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

(A) *Ron Sims, King County Executive*

(A) *Peter 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 introduced the Somali Youth & Community Services organization. Youth from the organization helped with the Link Safety Fair in the Rainier Valley by distributing and translating flyers and participated in fair events. He recognized and thanked the youth in the audience and presented a certificate to organization leader Ahmed Hassani. Mr. Hassani and his translator Abdul Yusuf spoke about the organization's work and expressed a desire to continue working with Sound Transit in the Rainier Valley.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Earl noted that four Sound Transit projects have been recognized by the American Council of Engineering Companies for outstanding transportation engineering. Gold awards were given to Parsons Brinkerhoff for their ST2 plan work and to Hatch Mott MacDonald for work on design and engineering of the Link segment between South Boeing Access road and South 154th street. Both projects will advance to a national competition. Two other projects received bronze awards, HDR Inc. for the South Everett Freeway Station and the other to David Evans and Associates, Inc. for the Totem Lake Freeway Station.

Ms. Earl provided information on the economic stimulus package that just passed in the House of Representatives and is being reviewed by the Senate and explained that both versions of the bill would use the Puget Sound Regional Council to distribute transit funding. She noted that Sound Transit has identified many projects that could qualify for additional funding or anticipate receiving federal funding. She recognized Sound Transit Grants Manager Lisa Wolterink for keeping Sound Transit projects in the process.

Ms. Earl gave an update on the State Legislature. Sound Transit is monitoring a variety of bills related to transit. Legislation has been introduced covering improper conduct on trains (existing legislation covers buses only) and fare enforcement on rail platforms. There is a bill tied to transit oriented communities and Sound Transit is watching potential amendments. One possible amendment would make surplus property around stations available for low-income housing.

Sound Transit and PSRC have fulfilled the requirements of HB 3224, which required a feasibility study on BNSF Eastside Corridor. The study will be submitted to the legislature by the February 1, 2009 deadline.

Ms. Earl introduced Ron Klein, Sound Transit's new Director of Communications and External Affairs. He previously worked with Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy and former Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg. Executive McCarthy commented that Mr. Klein is an excellent asset to Sound Transit.

Citizen Oversight Panel Year-End Report

Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) Chair Dick Chapin presented the Panel's 2008 Year-End report. Mr. Chapin highlighted ST2 and ridership as major successes and noted that 2008 also included many challenges.

Mr. Chapin reviewed areas of concern including the timing of state funding for the R8A project, an agreement with WSDOT for use of the I-90 bridge center roadway, funding the D to M Street project in Tacoma and noted that the Panel asked for an independent review of the Smart Card security system.

The Panel is concerned about operating costs and asked that the operating agreements with transit partners be negotiated with Boardmembers' assistance. COP noted Tacoma Link and Central Link maintenance costs in comparison to peer agencies. The Panel expressed concern that alternatives for security and ticket vending machine decisions were not presented to the Board. Clarity between costs attributable to increases in costs and those attributable to increases in services would make the budget a more effective management tool. He noted that the COP has created a new task force to look at cost issues.

The Panel's concerns with East Link system expansion include potential impacts of selecting an unfunded underground alignment in Bellevue, cost of right of way acquisition for the Overlake to Redmond segment, and the close proximity to each other of the two proposed stations in the Bel-Red corridor. COP suggested the Board's use its scope control policy in determining how to implement the system access program.

Chair Nickels thanked Mr. Chapin and the COP for their work and the agency record they have created. Boardmember Patterson asked how responding to the report will be handled. Ms. Earl indicated she would be working with Chair Nickels to develop a response. She noted that a security audit is planned to review Smart Card security and Sound Transit will request the security issue raised by the COP be included.

Public Comment

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Robert Scheuerman
Will Knedlik

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification for December 1, 2008 through December 15, 2008
Voucher Certification for December 16, 2008 through December 31, 2008
Minutes of the January 15, 2009 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. M2009-09 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute options to the contract with Motor Coach Industries for the purchase of three 45-foot commuter buses in the amount of \$1,700,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,081,000.

Ms. Earl noted that these buses would be used to add 100,000 bus hours programmed as part of ST2. In addition, the Transit Operations Task Force is reviewing future Sound Transit fleet make-up.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-09 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-12 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Condon Johnson and Associates Inc., to provide construction services at the Interstate-5 undercrossing site within the University Link project in the amount of \$19,687,810, with a contingency of \$2,950,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$22,637,810, which includes costs reimbursable to Sound Transit from the Washington State Department of Transportation for betterments.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-12 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-13 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole source contract with ThyssenKrupp Elevator to provide maintenance service for elevators and escalators at the SeaTac/Airport Station for four years following the 12-month warranty period, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$300,000.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-13 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2009-14 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a one-year sole source contract extension with HDR/Pharos Corporation (successor to Pharos Corporation) to provide appraisal, acquisition, and relocation services for the Sounder Commuter Rail and Regional Express projects yet to be completed under Sound Move, in the amount of \$1,219,500 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$7,385,385.

In response to a question from Chair Nickels, Boardmember Butler explained that this action would finish the appraisal, acquisition and relocation services work remaining for Sound Move projects. A procurement process for these services for ST2 projects is underway.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Anderson, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-14 be approved as presented.

Other Business

None.


Next Meeting

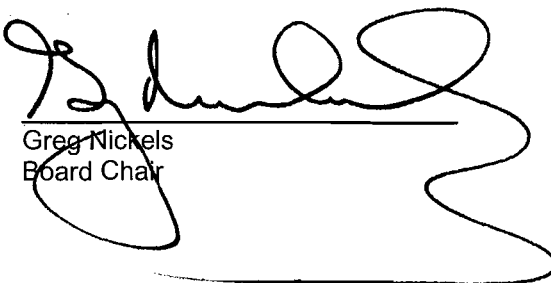
Thursday, February 12, 2009
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Greg Nickels
Board Chair

**Regional Transit Authority
Voucher Certification Approval
December 15, 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 *	74669 - 74947*	10,458,492.62
Treasurer Checks	1255	3.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs	20	47,033,941.98
Voided Checks	74259	(7,883.42)
Total Claims	295	\$57,484,554.18

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers		0.00
Total Claims	0	\$0.00

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	8165 - 8170	\$9,042.03
Direct Deposit	458	\$837,073.14
Voided Check /EFT		0.00
Payroll Taxes	1	\$186,255.09
Total Payroll	465	\$1,032,370.26

* Accounts Payable checks 74681, 74685, 74770 and 74777 were not issued.


Total certified vouchers from December 1, 2008 through December 15, 2008 are \$58,516,924.44.

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

Auditing Officer Certification

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Claims Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
A/P Checks *	74948 - 75161*	7,415,956.71
Treasurer Checks		0.00
Wire Transfers, Credit Cards, ACHs.	20	14,319,730.37
Voided Checks	70162, 70890, 71012	
Voided Checks	71054, 71061, 71283, 71447	(1,015.50)
Total Claims	224	\$21,734,671.58

Smart Card Central Payments:	Numbers	Amounts
Wire Transfers	4	148,467.54
Total Claims	4	\$148,467.54

Payroll Vouchers:	Numbers	Amounts
Payroll Checks	8171 - 8175	\$5,330.18
Direct Deposit	456	\$899,056.39
Voided Check /EFT	1	(800.00)
Payroll Taxes	1	\$212,756.17
Total Payroll	462	\$1,116,342.74

* Accounts Payable checks 74949, 75062 and 75144 were not issued.

Total certified vouchers from December 16, 2008 through December 31, 2008 are \$22,999,481.86.