

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
July 9, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:43 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

(A) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

(P) *Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember*

Boardmembers

(P) *Julie Anderson, Tacoma Deputy Mayor*

(P) *Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember*

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

(A) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President*

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

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

(A) *Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary*

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

(P) *Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor*

(P) *Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive*

(P) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember*

(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

(P) *Kurt Triplett, 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

- The Central Link Light Rail Readiness and Launch report would be delayed until after Board consideration of the action items due to the need for a supermajority on Resolution No. R2009-14, and two Boardmembers will be joining by phone.
- Welcomed King County Executive Kurt Triplett to his first Sound Transit Board Meeting.
- Sound Transit Link light rail service debut is eight days away. Chair Nickels toured Central Link light rail with members of the media on July 8, 2009 to demonstrate how to use the system.
- On Monday, July 6, 2009 Chair Nickels represented Sound Transit at an event with US Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, US Senator Patty Murray, and Governor Gregoire at the Sound Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility to highlight the Recovery Act and the jobs it has created, including work on University Link.

Chair Nickels indicated that Boardmembers Julia Patterson and Dave Enslow had requested to participate in the meeting by telephone and asked for a motion.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marine, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Boardmembers Patterson and Enslow be allowed to join the Board meeting by telephone.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

- The May ridership report shows that ST Express bus service is up approximately 0.5% while Sounder ridership is down. The Sounder ridership drop follows the drop in April, showing the impact of the recession. The impact is more evident on the South line compared to the North line.

- Finance Committee and Central Link Oversight Committee meetings on July 16, 2009 are cancelled.

(Boardmembers Patterson and Enslow joined the Board meeting via telephone.)

Public Comment

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke
Will Knedlik

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the May 28, 2009 Meeting
Minutes of the June 11, 2009 Meeting
Voucher Certification for June 1, 2009 through June 15, 2009

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

Action Items

Chair Nickels confirmed that Boardmembers Patterson and Enslow were on the phone and that they could hear and be heard. With Boardmembers Patterson and Enslow in attendance, the Board had the required supermajority to consider R2009-14.

Items referred by Finance Committee

Resolution No. R2009-14 – Amending the Adopted 2008 Budget for ST Express from \$95,079,794 to \$96,679,794

CEO Joni Earl explained the reasons for the amendment to the Adopted 2008 Budget. ST Express purchased transportation costs were higher than budget due to higher fuel prices, the impacts of unforeseen operational changes in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel, and higher than planned parts costs from King County Metro. With the final cost for bus operations identified, this budget amendment is necessary to enable Sound Transit to pay its year-end obligations to service agreement partners for 2008 actual costs.

Sound Transit Chief Financial Officer Brian McCartan stated that Sound Transit is working with King County Metro to prevent this issue from occurring again.

CEO Joni Earl noted that Sound Transit is obligated by contracts with transit providers to pay for all costs and that Sound Transit has always faced this reconciliation issue, but never before with a lack of adequate contingency funds.

(Boardmember Larry Phillips arrived.)

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Burleigh that Resolution No. R2009-14 be approved as presented.

Chair Nickels asked Ms. Walker to conduct a roll call vote.

<u>Ayes</u>		<u>Nays</u>
Julie Anderson	Joe Marine	Claudia Thomas
Mary-Alyce Burleigh	Pat McCarthy	Kurt Triplett
Fred Butler	Julia Patterson	Greg Nickels
Dow Constantine	Larry Phillips	
Dave Enslow	Paul Roberts	

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2009-14 carried by unanimous vote of thirteen members present.

Motion No. M2009-60 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute the University Link Construction Services Agreement with the City of Seattle to reimburse the City for project-related services in support of University Link construction work in the amount of \$5,451,569 with a 10% contingency of \$545,157, for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$5,996,726

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marine, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2009-60 be approved as presented.

(Boardmembers Enslow and Patterson left the meeting.)

Central Link Light Rail System Readiness and Launch

Michael Williams, Rail Activation Manager for Sound Transit presented on Central Link's system readiness and the remaining outstanding items to be completed before getting certification prior to passenger service. Completed system readiness includes; staff training, end-to-end testing, readiness reviews with Federal Transit Administration partners and the Project Management Oversight Consultant, peer review by Phoenix transit agency officials, security and fare enforcement, and certification drills. Mr. Williams stated that Sound Transit is a self-certifying agency and that once all safety elements are completed, Joni Earl will sign the certification.

Mr. Williams described post-launch activities: the transition of projects from construction to operations, fine-tuning operations based on operating experience, volunteers working with the public, preparations for Airport Link's December opening, and closing out of contracts.

Joni Earl described Central Link light rail's opening weekend activities detailing the inaugural ride, the opening-weekend operations, volunteer staffing of the stations, crowd management, advertising, and event promotion.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

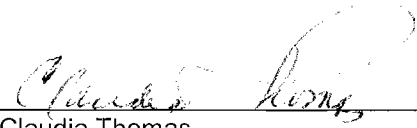
None.

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 2009
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

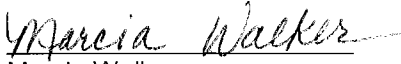
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.



Claudia Thomas
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator