

SOUND TRANSIT FINANCE COMMITTEE
Summary Minutes
November 19, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. by Chair Aaron Reardon in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

Boardmembers

(P) Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Kirkland Councilmember

(P) Joe Marine, Mukilteo Mayor

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor

(P) Pete von Reichbauer, King Co. Councilmember

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

Report of the Chair

Chair Reardon announced that today's meeting is scheduled 30 minutes later than normal because two public hearings took place earlier today on the Draft 2010 SIP and the Proposed 2010 Budget.

Chief Financial Officer's Report

None

Budget Discussion

Pete Rogness, Budget Manager, noted that responses to budget questions asked during prior meetings and during briefings are included in today's packet (copy on file with Board Administration). He asked that any additional questions be sent to him so that they could be answered before the Finance Committee and Board do their final review of the 2010 Budget.

Draft Amendments

A draft list of proposed amendments to the budget was reviewed (copy on file with Board Administration). The amendments would revise some areas that have changed since the budget was developed earlier this year. Mr. Rogness noted that the list is still in draft form, the final list may include some additional amendments.

Boardmember Butler noted that if the additional 37 positions budgeted for 2010 were delayed one quarter, a savings of \$850,000 would be achieved; he asked what the impact of that delay would be. Boardmember Butler also asked about the impact of not adding the Sustainability Manager position until 2011. Ron Tober, Deputy CEO responded that the impact of a delay in filling those positions will be reviewed. Chair Reardon asked that the information on the impact for delaying positions be forwarded to the entire Finance Committee as soon as possible.

Item within Finance Committee Authority for Final Action

Motion No. M2009-99 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a two-year contract with a one-year option with Point B to provide document management services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$462,160.

Brian McCartan, CFO, presented the staff report; he noted that the contract covers the cost of developing a work plan, but not the implementation costs. Mr. McCartan explained that this contract will help the agency improve efficiency in document management and improve electronic document organization.

Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Burleigh, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2009-99 be approved as presented.

Item for Recommendation to the Board

Resolution No. R2009-21 – Amending the Adopted 2009 Budget for Central Link from \$31,611,739 to \$50,611,739.

Brian McCartan, CFO, presented the staff report; he explained that depreciation of assets is done as a percentage and is included in the budget. The trains have a shorter useful life than budgeted for, so the depreciation on the Light Rail system needs to be increased.

Boardmember Conlin asked how the shorter useful life factors in to replacement capital expenditures. Mr. McCartan responded that to date the capital replacement costs have been based on gross planning estimates, better estimates need to be completed and will be brought back to the Board next year.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R2009-21 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

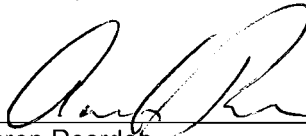
(Boardmember Enslow arrived at this time).

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 3, 2009, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle WA.

Adjourn

There was no other business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.



Aaron Reardon
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Katie Flores
Board Coordinator