

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
July 15, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Committee Chair Fred Butler, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

Roll Call

Chair

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

Vice Chair

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(A) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Jan Drago, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Jake Fey, City of Tacoma Deputy Mayor

Mr. Adam Bartz, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Chair Butler moved agenda item #6, Public Comment on East Link: 112th Avenue & Hospital Station Design Options, ahead of agenda item #5, the staff presentation on East Link: 112th Avenue & Hospital Station Design Options.

Boardmember Enslow is attending the Capital Committee meeting today.

CEO Report

Joni Earl, CEO, announced that the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing awarded Sound Transit an "Outstanding Agency Accreditation Award." The three-year accreditation for the Procurement and Contracts Division recognizes that Sound Transit operates under best practices. Sound Transit is the first agency in the Northwest to receive the award.

At the July 2010 Board meeting, the Board will consider purchasing four commuter rail easements over the next four years to allow Sound Transit to add four weekday round trips to the Sounder service between Lakewood and Seattle. In addition to the purchase and sale agreement, the Board will consider amending the existing Service Agreement with BNSF and a new Joint Use Agreement with BNSF. The agreements are going directly to the Board because the July 2010 Operations and Administration Committee meeting has been cancelled.

Sound Transit will be conducting jet grouting work on Pine Street that involves closing the eastbound lane between 9th and Boren Avenues. The closure is just east of the Paramount Theatre. Sound Transit staff met with the Paramount Theatre last week, and they did not have any concerns about the work. Outreach staff will share the information sheet included in today's Board packets with businesses along Pine Street later this week.

Public Comment on East Link: 112th Avenue & Hospital Station Design Options

Chair Butler acknowledged the numerous letters and emails Boardmembers have received regarding the East Link project. Chair Butler recognized that there is some community support for various East Link alternatives, but noted that public comment would only be taken on the design options for 112th Avenue and the Hospital Station location. All alternatives contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

will be carried through the Final EIS, and there will be opportunities to comment on other alternatives during the public comment period for the Supplemental EIS in Fall 2010.

(Comments on file with Board Administration)

Mary Colette Wallace, Carriage Hills Condos
William Biggs, Hospital District
Scott Rodgers, Carriage Place Condos
Paul Boothe, Carriage Place Condos
Bill Thurston, Bellevue Club
Joe Shephard, Bellevue Club
Sean DeButts, Citizens for Responsible Transit
Betina Finley
Anders Raman, TSE Architecture
Bob Bengford, Makers Architecture and Urban Design
Richard Barbieri, Red Lion Hotels
Kevin Paulich
Rebecca Sears
Tom Jones, Cascadia Center
Sharon Lee, Low Income Housing Institute
Scott Lampe, Surrey Downs East Link Committee
John Hempelmann
Brett Lever
Gary Ritner
Jack McCollough, Lincoln Office Center

Reports to the Committee

East Link: 112th Avenue & Hospital Design Options

Ric Ilgenfritz, PEPD Executive Director, stated that staff is seeking direction on where to focus preliminary engineering (PE) efforts on the 112th Avenue segment that connects to a tunnel alternative, on the 112th Avenue segment that connects to an at-grade alternative, and the location for the Hospital Station. These are the remaining elements requiring direction within the preferred alternative adopted by the Board in April 2010. If preferred options for the 112th Avenue segment and the Hospital Station location are identified by the Board, East Link PE can be completed by the end of 2010. The Board will make a final East Link alignment decision in Spring 2011.

Don Billen, Light Rail Development Manager, provided an update on work that has occurred since the Board adopted the preferred alternative in April 2010. The outreach process was a three-phase process. The first phase included door-to-door canvassing, stakeholder interviews, briefings, and neighborhood drop-in sessions. Phase two included three community workshops and phase three included a public open house.

Mr. Billen detailed the construction risk, duration and disruption for the 112th Avenue options. Option 4, the eastside retained cut option has the highest construction risk and the westside running options have the lowest construction risks.

Vice Chair Patterson requested input from the Bellevue City Council on the Council's preferences for 112th Avenue and the Hospital Station location. Boardmember Balducci stated that the City Council is scheduled to discuss the design options at the July 19, 2010 City Council meeting and that Bellevue Mayor Don Davidson requested that Sound Transit not make a decision on the design options until the City Council meets.

Chair Butler stated that the Board has already identified B2A as the preferred alternative in Segment B. Segments A, C, D and E have preferred alternatives identified and preliminary engineering work has begun. The Committee's task is to limit the design option choices available for Board consideration.

Boardmember Enslow expressed interest in receiving input on the design options from the Bellevue City Council.

Boardmembers discussed the 112th Avenue design options and expressed support to forward Options 2, 4, and 6 to the Board for consideration.

Chair Butler reviewed the Committee discussion and asked staff to prepare a draft motion with Options 2, 4, and 6 for Board consideration at the July 2010 Board meeting.

Mr. Billen presented on the four options for the Hospital Station location. A Hospital Station public meeting was held on July 14, 2010. During the public meeting and the outreach process, the general preference was for the elevated alternatives with Option D not receiving much support due to security concerns, location, and community impacts. The future King County trail in the BNSF corridor may be a grade-separated crossing of NE 8th allowing grade-separated access to the Wilburton neighborhood. The hospitals have expressed interest in an optional pedestrian connection to 116th and NE 10th. Commercial property owners expressed concern about potential displacement and loss of parking.

Mr. Billen responded to a question from Boardmember Balducci stating that to provide light rail and a trail or freight rail through this segment of the alignment, additional property will need to be acquired. Commuter rail in the corridor is also possible, but would also likely require additional property. Purchasing additional property for potential commuter rail will not be a part of the East Link project.

Mr. Billen responded to a question from Chair Butler stating that there is no compelling reason to shift the location of the Hospital Station. Boardmember Balducci stated that the Bellevue City Council has discussed the Hospital Station location and all options but Option D have been supported by the community.

Boardmembers expressed support for including Options A, B, and C for consideration in the draft motion.

Business Items

Routine Item

Minutes of the June 10, 2010 Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that the minutes of the June 10, 2010 Capital Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Non-Routine Items

Motion No. M2010-65 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with EnviroIssues to administer community outreach and public involvement activities for the North Corridor High Capacity Transit project in the amount of \$1,082,585 with a 10% contingency of \$108,258, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,190,843

Brooke Belman, Community Outreach Director, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2010-65 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2010-70 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with URS Corporation to provide planning consulting services for the station access and demand study in the amount of \$698,194 with a 10% contingency of \$69,819, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$768,013

Val Batey, Senior Transportation Planner, explained that the study will provide information to the Board and Sound Transit staff on ST2 projects that will allow prioritization of projects.

It was moved by Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Drago, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2010-70 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2010-12 – (1) Creating a new capital project, the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT) South Access Security project and (2) amending the Adopted 2010 Budget to (a) establish the lifetime budget for the DSTT South Access Security project of \$1,000,000; (b) establish an Annual 2010 Budget for the DSTT South Access Security project of \$600,000; (c) revise the lifetime budget for the Central Link Switch Heater project to \$2,452,530 and (d) revise the Central Link Switch Heater project Annual 2010 Budget to \$1,815,801

Don Davis, DECM Deputy Executive Director, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Boardmember Drago, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2010-12 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2010-67 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Funding and Cooperative Agreement with King County for the Burien Transit Center Expansion project in the amount of \$14,730,000

Greg Walker, Planning and Development Director, gave the staff presentation. Boardmember Drago noted that the King County Council will consider approval of the agreement the week of July 19, 2010.

It was moved by Boardmember Drago, seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2010-67 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2010-68 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole source contract with Johnson Controls, Inc. to provide, install and program proprietary control devices for the facilities management system at Beacon Hill Station within the Central Link Initial Segment project in the amount of \$104,608, with a 10% contingency of \$10,462, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$115,070

Richard Sage, Principal Construction Manager, gave the staff presentations for Motion No. M2010-68 and Motion No. M2010-69. Mr. Sage confirmed that the Federal Transit Administration has concurred on the use of a sole source procurement.

It was moved by Boardmember Fey, seconded by Boardmember Drago, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2010-68 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2010-69 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole source contract with Major Electric for electrical modifications and changes to the facilities management system and other related systems for the Beacon Hill Station and Tunnels within the Central Link Initial Segment project in the amount of \$212,462, with a 10% contingency of \$21,246, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$233,708

It was moved by Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Drago, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2010-69 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2010-13 – Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property by negotiated purchase, by condemnation (including settlement of condemnation litigation), or entering into administrative settlements, and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for construction staging and station facilities for the Brooklyn Station and for tunnel easements within the North Link – University of Washington Station to Northgate project

Roger Hansen, Real Property Director, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Drago, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2010-13 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

None.


Next Meeting

Thursday August 12, 2010
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVED ON August 12, 2010.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator