

## **SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**

### **Summary Minutes**

**March 24, 2011**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:43 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

(P) Claudia Thomas, Lakewood Councilmember

##### Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(A) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Jake Fey, Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

(A) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) 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**

Boardmember von Reichbauer requested to participate in the meeting by telephone. Board Rules and Operating Procedures allow members to attend meetings by teleconference. Procedurally, Board members' requests are acted on by motion prior to consideration of action items and require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the members who are physically in attendance.

**It was moved by Vice Chair Thomas, seconded by Vice Chair Butler, and carried by the unanimous vote of 15 members present that Boardmember von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.**

Chair Reardon announced that a ribbon cutting was held at the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station last Thursday. The event marked the completion of the last bus-related Sound Move capital project. Mr. Reardon spoke at the event along with Boardmember Marine, Community Transit Board Chair Dave Gossett, Mountlake Terrace Mayor Pro Tem Laura Sonmore, and Regional Administrator for WSDOT Lorena Eng. Pat McMahan was also recognized for his service to the City of Mountlake Terrace and South Snohomish County and his support for Sound Transit's Sound Move and ST2 plans.

A motion to approve the transmittal of the Transit Development Plan 2011-2016 and 2010 Annual Report is on the consent agenda. Chair Reardon asked Vice Chair Thomas to report on the public hearing that was held on that document last Thursday in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom. Ms. Thomas reported that Sound Transit received comments from three individuals along with a handout from one of the individuals. The handout is included in Boardmember packets.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Celia Kupersmith, Deputy CEO reported that CEO Joni Earl has been released from the hospital following surgery and is doing well.

The Puget Sound Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) held its annual Scholarship and Awards Gala on Tuesday. WTS honored Boardmember and WSDOT Secretary Paula Hammond as the 2010 Woman of the Year. Sound Transit received the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award. Leslie Jones, Diversity Program Director, accepted the award on behalf of Sound Transit. The award was given for outstanding and extraordinary efforts in developing opportunities for women and minorities in the transportation industry, as well as promoting diversity and cultural awareness. Ms. Kupersmith reported that she served on a panel with Secretary Hammond and Seattle City Council member Sally Bagshaw. Boardmembers Fred Butler, Dow Constantine, Richard Conlin, and Joe Marine were also at the event.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### Financial Report

Brian McCartan, CFO gave an update on the 2010 revenue numbers. Sound Transit ended the year close to the forecast for 2010, slightly below budget by .7% or \$4.3 million. The Snohomish subarea was ahead of forecast, North King was 1.9% below forecast, South King was 2.5% below forecast, East King was 1.7% below forecast and Pierce was above the forecast by 3.5%. Commodities prices are being tracked and a comparison of current prices against budget assumptions will be presented at a future meeting.

### Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station Project Gate 7 Report

The purpose of the Gate 7 Report is to notify the Board that a project is transitioning from construction into operations. Julian Franco, Project Manager, described the facility which is located in WSDOT's right of way between SR 104 and 220<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The project includes northbound and southbound platforms, transit amenities, direct access ramps and a pedestrian bridge that connects to a Community Transit parking garage. WSDOT owns the facility and Sound Transit is responsible for maintenance. ST Express Routes 511 and 513 and Community Transit Routes 413, 414 and 415 serve the station. ST Express will serve Mountlake Terrace all day, 7 days a week. The baseline budget for the project was \$40.9 million. The 2011 lifetime budget was \$35.3 million and the estimated final project cost is \$34 million.

### East Link Status Update

Chair Reardon announced that comments on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) were presented at the February Capital Committee meeting; the Committee recommended they also be presented to the Board. Don Billen, Light Rail Project Development Manager reported that preliminary engineering is near completion and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is will be provided to the Board in summer 2011. The FEIS will inform the Board's alignment decision later in 2011.

The SDEIS scope covers design changes related to new alternatives for south Bellevue and downtown Bellevue and design modifications in the Bel-Red corridor and Overlake area. The SDEIS was published on November 12, 2010 and the comment period extended through January 10, 2011.

More than 800 comments were received. More than 200 support the preferred alternative along Bellevue Way and 112<sup>th</sup>, 165 comments support the B7 alignment along the BNSF corridor, 220 comments support the C9T tunnel alternative, and 65 comments support an at-grade alternative. In Segment D, nearly all the comments received support the modified preferred alternative at the 120<sup>th</sup> Street station, and the change in Overlake to follow the SR 520 corridor. Comments related to environmental concerns about noise, potential park impacts, traffic impacts and neighborhood affects were also received.

Administrative drafts of the FEIS are under review by Sound Transit, the Federal Transit Administration and WSDOT. Preliminary engineering through 30% design has been completed for the preferred alternative and a cost/risk analysis of potential risks is underway. I-90 corridor activities are in progress, including design of the trackbridge prototype and work with WSDOT on technical issues identified by the State's independent review team. An update on the design progress in Segment D will be presented at the April Capital Committee. In May, the Board will receive the results of the preliminary engineering cost estimate, as well as a risk analysis and schedule update.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

John Niles, Co-Chair of the Coalition for Effective Transportation Alternatives  
Will Knedlik  
Suzanne Baugh, Move Bellevue Forward President  
Connie Marshall, Move Bellevue Forward  
Terry Lukens, Move Bellevue Forward Vice President

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the February 24, 2011 Board Meeting  
Voucher Certification for February 1, 2011 through February 15, 2011  
Voucher Certification for February 16, 2011 through February 28, 2011  
Motion No. M2011-18  
Motion No. M2011-21  
Motion No. M2011-22  
Motion No. M2011-24  
Motion No. M2011-25  
Motion No. M2011-26

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

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Items not referred by Committee

Motion No. M2011-27 - Appointing Ms. Karen Mask to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning April 2011 and expiring April 2015.

Kathy Albert, Executive Programs Advisor gave the staff presentation. Boardmember McCarthy asked that the qualifications for the COP position be sent to the Board.

**It was moved by Boardmember Patterson, seconded by Vice Chair Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2011-27 be approved as presented.**

Item referred by the Executive Committee

Motion No. M2011-19 - Implementing the performance evaluation and salary provisions of the chief executive officer's existing employment agreement.

Chair Reardon announced the Executive Committee reviewed the CEO's performance toward achieving the 2010 milestones and the strategic objectives outlined by the Board in an executive session at its March 3, 2011 meeting. Following the executive session, the Executive Committee took action to recommend that the Board approve a 3% increase to Ms. Earl's base salary effective January 1, 2011 and a \$6,000 performance award for work in 2010. Her last salary increase was three years ago; in 2008 and 2009 she declined salary increases. Ms. Earl has achieved all the objectives for 2010.

**It was moved by Vice Chair Butler, seconded by Vice Chair Thomas, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2011-19 be approved as presented.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**


Thursday, April 28, 2011  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

  
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Aaron Reardon  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on April 28, 2011, KWF