

**SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**July 14, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 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

(A) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(A) Jake Fey, Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

(A) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

Alex Herzog, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the Committee was present at roll call.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Butler announced that due to the high level of public interest in the East Link project, public comments would be taken following the staff report on the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**CEO REPORT**

CEO Earl reported that Sound Transit will compete for a USDOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for the South Link (200<sup>th</sup> Street) Project. The timing of the grant coincides with the Board's consideration to accelerate the South Link Project grant process. The Agency has already received \$12.2 in federal funding.

**REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

South Link Project

Ron Lewis, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the South Link Project.

The Board will be considering three actions related to the South Link Project: accelerating the project for delivery in 2016; authorizing property acquisition to support the final design and construction; and authorizing a contract amendment with Huitt-Zollars to advance the design of station, architecture, and systems elements. One of the goals for South Link Project includes providing light rail service to South 200<sup>th</sup> Street by September 2016 to meet increased ridership as a result of North Link stations opening in Capitol Hill and the University District.

The South Link Project has three elements of project scope change, two of which transfer scope from ST2 projects further south than South 200<sup>th</sup> Street. Pocket tracks have been added south of the SeaTac/Airport Station to meet design criteria. A tail track has been added immediately south

of the South 200<sup>th</sup> Station. The third element increases the number of parking stalls at the South 200<sup>th</sup> Station Park and Ride from 630 to 1,100.

Under the ST2 Plan, the Project is scheduled for completion in 2020. If the Board approves acceleration, the completion schedule will advance to 2016. The baseline cost estimate is \$383 million; the project budget in the 2011 Transit Improvement Plan is \$365 million. The \$18 million difference is attributed to the three scope changes. Resources from the 2012 budget would be reallocated to make up the difference.

Todd Cutts, SeaTac City Manager, expressed the City's support to accelerate the South Link Project. One of the SeaTac City Council's top five priorities is to assist Sound Transit and expedite the South Link Project.

### East Link Project

Don Billen, Light Rail Development Manager, and Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Planning, Environment & Project Development, gave a report on the East Link Project.

Two significant milestones have recently been met. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been completed and the Federal Highway Administration issued a preliminary finding of engineering and operational acceptability for the conversion of the I-90 center roadway to light rail operations. The environmental process has taken an additional year in order to evaluate many different design and alignment options. The Board is now positioned to select the East Link Project to be built. The Record of Decision from the FTA is expected in October 2011.

The total estimated cost for the preferred at-grade alternative through downtown Bellevue is approximately \$2.5 billion. The cost estimate with the tunnel alternative through downtown Bellevue is approximately \$2.8 billion. There is a \$33 million shortfall with the at-grade alternative and a \$300 million shortfall for the tunnel alternative compared to the 2011 Transportation Improvement Plan and Sound Transit's capital budget assumptions.

There are two considerations in Segment A; reliability impacts to the D2 Roadway of both the joint bus and rail option and the rail-only option. Staff will brief the Operations and Administration Committee on July 21, 2011. The Board has asked staff to evaluate partnerships proposed by the City of Mercer Island to increase park and ride capacity in the city center.

The Segment B decision is whether to adopt the preferred alternative or to select one of the other routes that were evaluated in the FEIS. The Board has directed staff to work with the City of Bellevue on a revised term sheet for consideration at the July 28, 2011 Board meeting. The Board also directed staff to ensure the revised term sheet includes commitment from the City to meet its \$150 million financial commitment.

The Segment C decision is selection of a single alternative, the preferred at-grade or the preferred tunnel, or one of the other eight alternatives that were evaluated in the FEIS. Considerations include whether to add an optional pedestrian path from the north end of Hospital Station, the additional \$48 million for a third tunnel entrance, and the cost of weather protection between the north east entrance to the tunnel and the Bellevue Transit Center.

In Segment D, Board decisions include a retained-cut or at-grade option for the 120<sup>th</sup> Station, deferring either the 120<sup>th</sup> or 130<sup>th</sup> Station, and four route alternatives.

In Segment E, the Board's decision is whether to adopt the preferred alternative as the future project to be built.

### Public Comments

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke  
Bill Stephan  
Sven Goldmanis  
Bill Thurston  
Betina Finley  
Scott Rodgers

Leslie Lloyd  
Jack McCullough  
Loyd D. Jacobs  
Brock Howell  
Sue Baugh  
Irene Plenefish

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### Minutes of the June 16, 2011 Capital Committee Meeting

**It was moved by Boardmember Marine, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that the June 16, 2011 Capital Committee Minutes be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2011-05: A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (1) accelerating the South Link – Airport to South 200<sup>th</sup> Street Project and establishing a project completion schedule milestone of September 2016; (2) approving Gates 4 and 5 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate system; (3) amending the Project Lifetime Budget to increase it by \$341,849,600, from \$41,391,400 to \$383,241,000; and (4) amending the Adopted 2011 Annual Project Budget to increase it by \$500,829, from \$11,338,347 to \$11,839,175

Boardmember Patterson reported that the community is excited about accelerating the project. She noted that accelerating the project would allow South Link and University Link to begin service at the same time.

**It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2011-05 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Resolution R2011-06: A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority 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 the South Link – Airport Station to South 200<sup>th</sup> Street project

**It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2011-06 be forward forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2011-53: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Huitt-Zollars to provide additional design services for the South Link - Airport to South 200<sup>th</sup> Street project in the amount of \$3,513,180, with a 10% contingency of \$351,318, totaling \$3,864,498, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,509,988

**It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2011-53 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2011-54: Authorizing the chief executive officer to amend a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation for design and environmental coordination services for the East Link Project through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$270,359 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$951,516

Mr. Billen explained the amendment provides ongoing technical design work with WSDOT, including the I-90 track bridge, stray current mitigation, and the anticipated umbrella agreement with the State for the use of the center roadway.

**It was moved by Boardmember Marine, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2011-54 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2011-07 – A resolution of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the Adopted 2011 Annual Budget for the Transit Oriented Development Operating Expenses from \$235,000 to \$470,000.

**It was moved by Boardmember Marine, seconded by Boardmember McGinn, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2011-07 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 11, 2011  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.



Fred Butler  
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Alex Herzog  
Board Coordinator

APPROVED on August 11, 2011