

## **SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Summary Minutes**

**August 11, 2011**

#### **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

(A) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

Boardmembers

(A) *Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember*

(P) *Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember*

(P) *Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President*

(A) *Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor*

(P) *Jake Fey, Tacoma Councilmember*

(A) *Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember*

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

Boardmember McDermott arrived after roll was called.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Committee's usual practice is to hear public comment only on actions within its authority. The three items on the agenda today require Board action. Therefore, public comment will be taken at the Board meeting.

#### **CEO REPORT**

On August 5, 2011, Sound Transit had its 51<sup>st</sup> quarterly meeting with the Federal Transit Administration to discuss Sound Transit projects and potential risks such as Federal funding.

CEO Joni Earl met with new University of Washington President, Michael Young. President Young is committed to continue the Sound Transit-UW partnership. He is knowledgeable about Sound Transit and a fan of light rail.

#### **REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

University Link

Joe Gildner, Link Light Rail Deputy Executive Director, provided a status update on the University Link Project.

University Link is a 3.15-mile extension of Central Link north to the UW campus. There will be a Capitol Hill Station and a UW Station. Design is substantially complete, and construction is well underway. The target for the start of revenue service remains September 24, 2016, and the schedule contains 172 days of project-wide float. The Project budget is \$1.948 billion.

Challenges for the project include the two tunnels under the Mountlake Cut. The tunnels will travel through interesting and challenging geotechnical areas. Sound Transit will continue to work with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to carefully monitor the tunneling underneath I-5. The Capitol Hill Station will have three major contractors coordinating their work while simultaneously onsite. A Rail Activation program similar to Central and Airport Link will be completed prior to revenue service.

## East Link

Ms. Earl noted that on August 8, the Bellevue City Council voted 6-1 in favor of the term sheet. She signed the term sheet with the City of Bellevue on August 10, 2011.

Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director for Design and Engineering, and Jim Edwards, Deputy Executive Director for Design and Engineering, presented a report on the East Link Project.

With the publication of the FEIS in July, preliminary engineering work complete, the anticipated binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bellevue and Federal Record of Decision, Sound Transit is ready to move forward to final design.

Phase Gate 4 establishes the readiness of the project for final design, and obtains the authority of the CEO and the Board to enter into final design. Phase Gate 5 will baseline project costs when final design is roughly 50-60% complete. Phase Gate 6 will begin construction, and Phase Gate 7 will mark service launch. Sound Transit staff plans a seamless transition from the Planning, Environment and Project Development (PEPD) Department to the Design, Engineering, and Construction Management (DECM) Department for the implementation of Phase Gate 4 work. Department leadership will change, but key PE staff will stay involved in matrix roles.

Sound Transit staff plan to seek formal Board approval for Phase Gate 4 in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Sound Transit staff has identified a final design approach that benefits from the Agency's experience in previous projects. The East Link Project will procure three contracts during the final design phase. The 14-mile extension will be broken into two civil design contracts, one from Seattle to South Bellevue along I-90, and the other from South Bellevue to the Overlake Transit Center. The third will be a corridor-wide system design contract.

Procurement for the South Bellevue to Overlake Transit Center segment contract would begin in the fourth quarter of 2011, with the contract awarded in the second quarter of 2012. Procurement for the Seattle to S. Bellevue (I-90) segment would begin in the first quarter of 2012 and awarded in the fourth quarter of 2012. The corridor-wide systems contract would begin procurement in the first quarter of 2012 and be awarded in the third quarter of 2012.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### Minutes of the July 14, 2011 Capital Committee Meeting

**It was moved by Boardmember Marine, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that the July 14, 2011 Capital Committee Minutes be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2011-12 - Increases the Sounder M Street to Lakewood Track and Signal Project Lifetime Budget by \$2,911,274 from \$78,630,327 to \$81,541,601.

Eric Beckman, Capital Projects Rail Program Manager, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Boardmember Fey, seconded by Boardmember Marine, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2011-12 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Resolution No. R2011-11 – 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 to South 200<sup>th</sup> Street Project.

Roger Hansen, Link Light Rail Real Property Manager, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Boardmember Fey, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2011-11 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2011-66 - Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with KPFF Consulting Engineers to provide final design services for the permanent Tukwila Sounder Station in the amount of \$830,500 with a 10% contingency of \$83,050, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,216,494.

Barry Alavi, Capital Projects Rail Program Manager, presented the staff report.

**It was moved by Boardmember Marine, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2011-66 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, September 8, 2011  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Fred Butler  
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:

  
Alex Herzog  
Board Coordinator

APPROVED on September 8, 2011, AH