

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**August 25, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:41 p.m. by Vice Chair, Claudia Thomas, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

Chair

(A) 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

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Jake Fey, Tacoma Councilmember

(A) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(A) 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

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(A) 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**

None.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The United States Department of Transportation held Safety Day at Union Station last week. Boardmember Constantine and Chair Reardon spoke about their respective county's safety and transportation. Sound Transit was presented an award for small business utilization successes.

In addition, last week, approximately 100 transit service planners and schedulers from across the U.S. and Canada met in Seattle for an American Public Transportation Association workshop. Besides sessions on technological advances, scheduling and redesigning routes, attendees experienced the region's transit systems and saw Sound Transit in action.

The new Burien Transit Center Parking Garage will open Saturday, August 27, 2011 with more than 460 parking stalls, ten of which are electric vehicle charging stations. ST was the major funder, contributing more than \$14.7 million of the \$20.5 million budget. This is the first capital structure completed under ST2.

Ridership continues to increase on all modes, with total boardings up 10% during the second quarter of 2011. On June 11, 2011, the agency implemented the ST Express service reductions the Board approved in the 2011 SIP. Increased boardings on other ST Express routes have offset the loss of ridership and overall productivity is expected to improve.

The effect of mudslide-related service disruptions on Sounder North lingered into the second quarter. The disruptions affected several performance metrics including ridership, the percentage of trips operated, and the cost per boarding.

A summer seasonal pattern has been noted in Link ridership. More people have been riding Link to SeaTac Airport and to major events and festivals. If last year's ridership numbers were repeated, there would be a

slight decrease in ridership during fall and winter months. The total number of Link boardings continues to increase when ridership for each calendar month is compared with the same month a year ago.

The Sounder Station Access and Demand Study has been underway for the past eight months to determine potential improvements for better access to and from stations by foot, car, bike, or transit. The study includes a series of open houses in January. Beginning in September Sound Transit will hold open houses at the south corridor Sounder stations. In the next few weeks, staff will seek feedback from local jurisdictions.

Included in Boardmembers' packets is an informational page titled "ST in the Region". "ST in the Region" details the meetings hosted by the agency, fairs and festivals and other events Sound Transit attends.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### Financial Report

Brian McCartan, Finance and Information Technology Executive Director, gave the financial report

Sound Transit's credit ratings have been strong. State and local government S&P ratings are often higher than the federal government. The updated 2012 draft financial plan will be presented to the Executive Committee in October or November.

### East Link Project Discussion: Getting Ready for Final Design

Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, Ahmad Fazel, Director of Design, Engineering and Construction Management Department, and Jim Edwards, Director of Capital Projects, gave a presentation on the East Link Project.

On July 28, 2011, the Board selected a preferred alternative for East Link. Sound Transit continues to work with federal partners toward getting a Record of Decision. The term sheet with the City of Bellevue has been signed by all parties. Discussions with the City on the memorandum of agreement also continue. In October, the Board is scheduled to consider entering into final design (gate 4 of the phase/gate process). Phase Gate 4 is the process by which the CEO and the Board authorize a project to move from PE into Final Design. Phase Gate 4 confirms the baseline project scope, involves an in-depth review of the cost estimate and the underlying assumptions and commitments; and establishes the budgets for final design and ROW acquisition.

Design will be broken into three contracts, two civil and one systems. There will be one civil design contract for a south segment from Seattle to a point south of South Bellevue Transit Center, along I-90, primarily within WSDOT right of way. The other civil design contract will cover the east segment from that transition point in South Bellevue to the Overlake Transit Center. Both segments are approximately seven miles. The systems design contract is for the power, communications and control systems for the entire 14-mile corridor.

### Phase Gate Edmonds Station: Transition from Construction to Operations

Jodi Mitchell, Project Manager, gave a presentation on the Edmonds Station Project transition from construction to operations.

The Edmonds Station project constructed a permanent Sounder platform, lighting, landscaping, a passenger drop-off area, a drainage system and 150 parking stalls. The project budget was \$12.9 million and the estimated cost is \$11.5 million. There was a six-month gap in the projected construction completion and actual completion due to longer-than-anticipated negotiations with BNSF for use of right-of-way. There is a transit center on the site as well. Community Transit has primary ownership, operation and maintenance rights to the transit center, but Sound Transit has reserved the right to operate Regional Express at the facility in the future.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator.)

Will Knedlik

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Voucher Certification for June 16, 2011 through June 30, 2011

Voucher Certification for July 1, 2011 through July 15, 2011

Voucher Certification for July 16, 2011 through July 31, 2011

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 200th Street Project.

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.

Motion No. M2011-67: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the existing lease with SB Eternity Inc. dba Lynnwood Transit Café to extend the term of the lease.

**It was moved by Boardmember Marine, seconded by Boardmember Enslow and carried by unanimous vote that that the consent agenda be approved as presented.**

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

**It was moved by Vice Chair Butler and seconded by Boardmember Enslow that Resolution No. R2011-12 be approved as presented.**

Vice Chair Thomas called for a roll call vote because amending the Budget requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board, which is 12 members.

**Resolution No. R2011-05 vote:**

<u>Ayes</u>			<u>Nays</u>
Claudia Balducci	Joe Marine	Pete von Reichbauer	
Fred Butler	Pat McCarthy	Larry Phillips	
Dow Constantine	Joe McDermott	Paul Roberts	
Dave Enslow	Julia Patterson	Claudia Thomas	
Jake Fey			

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R2011-05 carried by unanimous vote of the 13 Boardmembers present.**

Motion No. M2011-69: Reappointing Mr. Joseph D. Wessling to the Citizen Oversight Panel to serve a second term of four years beginning September 2011 and expiring September 2015.

**It was moved by Boardmember Enslow, seconded by Vice Chair Butler and carried by unanimous vote that that the Motion No. M2011-69 be adopted as presented.**

Motion No. M2011-64: Authorizing travel and approving payment of expenses for Boardmember Dave Enslow to attend Rail~Volution in Washington, D.C. from October 16 to October 19, 2011 on behalf of Sound Transit.

**It was moved by Boardmember McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Fey and carried by unanimous vote that that the Motion No. M2011-64 be approved as presented.**

**It was moved by Vice Chair Butler and seconded by Boardmember Fey to amend Motion No. 2011-64 by inserting,**

Authorizing travel and approving payment of expenses for Boardmember Dave Enslow and Boardmember Joe Marine to attend Rail~Volution in Washington, DC from October 16 to October 19, 2011 on behalf of Sound Transit.

**The motion to amend Motion No. M2011-64 was approved by unanimous vote.**

**The motion to approve Motion No. M2011-64 as amended carried by unanimous vote.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**


Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, noted that Congressman Rick Larsen rode Sounder with her and talked about the status of Sound Transit on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, September 22, 2011  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Fred Butler  
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on October 27, 2011 MW