



SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

September 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:46 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

(A) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

(A) Jake Fey, Tacoma Councilmember

(P) Joe Marine, City of Mukilteo Mayor

(A) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

(P) 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

None.

CEO REPORT

Sound Transit joined King County Metro in a national "Safe Place" program that helps young people in crisis connect to community resources. Special Safe Place decals on King County Metro and Sound Transit buses operating in King County let young people know that we can get them to a safe place. National Safe Place has been in operation for nearly 30 years and thousands of public agencies and private businesses across the country display the organization's logo.

Sound Transit is participating in a national moment of silence on the tenth anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

North Corridor Transit Project – Alternatives Analysis Results Identification

Matt Shelden, Light Rail Development Manager, presented a report on the North Corridor Transit Project – Alternatives Analysis Results Identification.

The North Corridor Project is participating in the FTA New Starts process. To be eligible for the New Starts program, Sound Transit must follow a formal process which includes three phases of New Starts project development: Alternatives Analysis, the current phase, Preliminary Engineering and Final Design.

New Starts projects must undergo evaluation by the FTA throughout the project development process. Projects are evaluated according to a variety of criteria. Based on evaluations, the FTA determines the projects to move forward, from preliminary engineering to final design, to annual funding recommendations to Congress, and to the execution of a Full Funding Grant Agreement.

There are two promising alternatives at this point: an I-5 at-grade alignment and an elevated SR 99 alignment. Cost, population growth centers, passenger capacity and travel time of each alignment are being evaluated. Project delivery is scheduled for 2023.

North Link Update

Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director, Design, Engineering and Construction Management, and Ron Endlich, Light Rail Program Manager, gave an update on North Link.

North Link final design began in October 2010 and is on schedule. Revenue service is targeted for fall 2021. The Board will consider baselining the budget and schedule in the first quarter of 2012. The first major construction work is scheduled to begin in 2013.

The tunnel route between a Roosevelt station and a UW station design is over 60% complete. The tunnel route between the Portal and Roosevelt station is being refined. The demolition/site preparation for the stations is 90% complete. Final design for the Brooklyn and Roosevelt stations is over 30% complete and the Northgate station will reach 30% completion this fall.

Challenges to the project include construction risks associated with geo-technical issues, proximity of residents/businesses at Brooklyn and Roosevelt construction sites, Northgate parking displacements during construction, UW vibration and mitigation requirements.

Next steps include the design process, construction planning, a value engineering and risk review workshop, noise variance applications, construction open houses, Northgate station and portal 30% design open house, completing 60% design at Roosevelt and Brooklyn stations at 60% design and awarding a demolition contract.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes of the August 11, 2011 Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Marine, seconded by Boardmember McGinn, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that the August 11, 2011 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2011-70: Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contract contingency with MidMountain Contractors, Inc. for the construction of the D Street to M Street Track and Signal project in the amount of \$8,000,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$63,855,509.

Eric Beckman, Capital Projects Rail Program Manager, and Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director of Design, Engineering and Construction Management, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Marine, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2011-70 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2011-13: Authorizing the chief executive officer (1) acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property by negotiated purchase, by condemnation to the extent permitted by law (including settlement of condemnation litigation), or by entering into administrative settlements, and (2) to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for property interests needed for construction, operation and maintenance of the light rail tunnels and stations between University of Washington and Roosevelt stations within the North Link – University of Washington Station to Northgate Project, all in the City of Seattle.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2011-13 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2011-71: Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contract contingency with Vetch Construction for additional work on the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel South Access Security project in the amount of \$100,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$343,100.

Don Davis, Deputy Executive Director, Project Management and Construction Management, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Marine, seconded by Boardmember McGinn, and carried by unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2011-71 be approved as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 6, 2011
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Alex Herzog
Board Coordinator

APPROVED on October 13, 2011, AH