



SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

February 2, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Committee Vice Chair Julia Patterson, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(A) *Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive*

Vice Chairs

(P) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

(A) *Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive*

Boardmembers

(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President*

(P) *Dow Constantine, King County Executive*

(P) *David Enslow, Sumner Mayor*

(A) *Paula Hammond, Washington State Secretary of Transportation*

(A) *Mike McGinn, Seattle Mayor*

(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Vice Chair Patterson announced that she was presiding in Chair McCarthy's absence.

CEO REPORT

Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the Strander Boulevard Project groundbreaking event in Renton. Boardmember Butler attended and commented that he was pleased with the multi-agency partnership and cooperation of the project.

Last week, CEO Earl spoke at the City of Kent Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and Federal Way Kiwanis.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Briefing on Project Labor Agreements

Ms. Earl explained that Sound Transit's Project Labor Agreement (PLA), has been in place since 1999. The PLA applies to Sound Move light rail construction and certain commuter rail station construction projects. The current PLA covers Sound Move projects only; ST2 projects are not addressed. Therefore, the PLA would end once all Sound Move Link and Sounder station construction projects are completed.

The agency contracted with Agreement Dynamics in October 2010 to conduct an independent study of the PLA's performance against the objectives the Board set in 1999. The study results would give the Board information on past performance before making a decision on whether to use a PLA for ST2 projects.

Rhonda Hilyer, of Agreement Dynamics, summarized the study which assessed whether the goals established by the Board in 1999 were met through the implementation of the PLA.

Sound Transit's PLA protects the agency against labor disputes, standardizes compensation and working conditions and increases jobs for minorities, women and disadvantaged populations. Opponents of PLAs believe the goals can be met without a PLA, proponents believe that the goals cannot be met without one. The study details how each Board-established goal was met and how Sound Transit's PLA compared and contrasted to other regional project labor agreements. In addition, the consultants surveyed stakeholders about possible improvements to the PLA.

The Committee considered three options: (1) the Board may finish current projects covered under the agreement, discontinue the PLA after completion of the projects, (2) renegotiate the PLA and (3) direct and authorize the CEO to add scope and construction projects to the PLA without any further changes. CEO Earl stated her recommendation that only light rail construction projects be added to the PLA. The Committee recommends ST2 light rail construction projects be added to the PLA's scope. Staff will prepare an action for Board consideration consistent with the Committee's discussion.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes from the December 1, 2011 Executive Committee meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Constantine, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by unanimous vote that the minutes of the December 1, 2011 Executive Committee be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2012-02: Establishing a policy for naming Sound Transit facilities, including stations, maintenance bases, portals and other facilities and a naming structure for Link system lines and extensions

Brooke Belman, Community Outreach Director, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Constantine, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2012-02 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 1, 2012
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Pat McCarthy
Executive Committee Chair

APPROVED on March 1, 2012, MW