

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes

October 25, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Chair Pat McCarthy, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

Vice Chairs

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

Boardmembers

(A) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Mayor

(A) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Paula Hammond, WSDOT Secretary

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

(P) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(A) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

(P) Peter von Reichbauer, King County

Councilmember

Ms. Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was not present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair McCarthy announced that United States Congressman Norm Dicks has been invited to the meeting so that Sound Transit can recognize him for his years of service and his positive impact on Sound Transit and the region. Congressman Dicks would join the Board later in the meeting.

Because of the holidays in November and December, Board meetings will be held on the third Thursday rather than the fourth Thursday. On November 29th, the Board will hold a workshop on ST3 from 10:00 am to noon. The workshop will be a precursor for the Board's future discussions on ST3 planning.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joni Earl, CEO announced that Sounder service between Lakewood Station and Seattle began on October 8, 2012, and ridership on the line continues to build. Boardmembers were given souvenirs from the opening celebration.

Ms. Earl reported that she attended the national Rail~Volution conference in Los Angeles along with other Sound Transit staff. The conference focused on TOD and livable communities and participants were able to hear how other communities, transit agencies, and the private sector work together to create TOD opportunities. Boardmember Paul Roberts moderated a panel discussion on how stakeholders can influence transit design. Sound Transit will be the host agency for the 2013 conference next October which will be a great opportunity to showcase the region and the bus and train systems.

Sound Transit received awards for the "Voice of Reason" ridership campaign including an APTA Adwheel Grand prize award, a Pulse award from the Puget Sound chapter of the American Marketing Association and two silver ADDY awards in the Seattle Ad Club competition.

Ms. Earl provided reported on the 2013 budget process. The Budget was introduced to the Board in September. On October 4, 2012, the Executive Committee was briefed on the draft finance plan, the

updated tax revenue forecast, and the toolbox available to the Board to deal with the forecasted tax revenue decrease of 5%. Earlier in October, the Operations & Administration Committee and Capital Committee were briefed on the portions of the budget each committee oversees. Sound Transit staff has also briefed the COP on the service delivery and staff budgets, and are scheduled to brief the panel on the project delivery budgets in November.

In November, the Operations & Administration Committee and the Capital Committee will discuss potential changes to the proposed budget and forward their portions of the proposed budget to the Executive Committee. Public hearings on the Proposed 2013 Budget and 2013 Draft Service Implementation Plan are scheduled on Thursday, November 1, 2012 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

The complete budget comes together in December with the Executive Committee's final review and recommendation to the Board. The Board is scheduled to act on the budget at the December 20th meeting.

The State posted the performance audit this morning. The audit report includes Sound Transit's response and will be discussed at the Audit and Reporting Committee on December 20, 2012.

Chair McCarthy announced that a quorum of the Board was now in attendance.

Chair McCarthy asked for a motion to allow Boardmember von Reichbauer to participate in today's meeting by phone. The Board Rules and Operating Procedures allow members to attend meetings by teleconference with a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members in attendance.

It was moved by Boardmember Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote that Boardmember von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Phase Gate 7 Report: Transition to Operations for the D Street to M Street Track and Signal Project

Eric Beckman, Project Director, presented gave a presentation on the project. This project went into service on October 8, 2012. The project close-out will be completed in early 2013.

Transit-Oriented Development Policy Update

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Planning, Environment and Project Development and Kate Lichtenstein, Senior TOD Specialist, gave a presentation on the draft Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy. A draft policy was reviewed and discussed by the Executive Committee earlier this month.

At its April 2012 retreat, the Board directed staff to consolidate existing TOD policies into a new policy that includes lessons learned. The policy should maintain focus on building the transit system, encourage TOD near stations, conduct TOD analysis early in the planning process and in all phases of development, emphasize cooperation with local jurisdictions and involve the Board at each phase. The policy framework includes purpose, goals and key principles. The policy includes strategies for implementation including new terminology—Agency TOD and Community TOD. Agency TOD is focused on Sound Transit's property and projects. Community TOD includes a larger number of activities that could be lead or supported by Sound Transit to encourage TOD in the area around a station.

The policy includes a section on assessment and coordination that focuses on assessment of TOD potential around stations and in major corridors in cooperation with stakeholders and other jurisdictions. The policy also includes a section on developing transit system plans including corridor studies, long range planning and system plans. Under the policy, TOD would be assessed throughout the project development phases. The Executive Committee asked that the policy align with the agency's phase gate process and incorporate an assessment of TOD interest into early system planning. Sound Transit will incorporate feedback from the Executive Committee and continue to work with stakeholders and jurisdictions to refine the policy. The Executive Committee and Board will consider adoption of the policy in December.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke
Scott Rodgers, Move Bellevue Forward
Kris Liljeblad, Move Bellevue Forward
Betsy Blackstock
Will Knedlik

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion M2012-70: Authorizing the chief executive officer to extend the lease for 73 commuter parking stalls near the Puyallup Station with the Puyallup Daffodil FOE Aerie 2308 (Fraternal Order of Eagles) for two years (to 2014) with options to extend the lease for up to 8 additional years in one or two-year terms for a total of 10 years, in the amount of \$18,000 per year, with a 4% estimated market rent increase each year beyond 2014, for a combined estimated total of \$216,110, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$315,580.

Motion No. M2012-71: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute amendments to the Construction Services Agreement with the City of Seattle to fund final design, design review, construction, construction assistance and management to be provided by the City of Seattle for the Northgate Link Extension in an amount not to exceed \$13,507,800 for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$19,504,526.

Motion No. M2012-74: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. for fabrication and testing of the I-90 track bridge system prototype in an amount of \$10,073,327, with a 20% contingency of \$2,014,673, totaling \$12,088,000 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$16,969,800.

Motion No. M2012-75: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., to provide final design services for the International District Station to South Bellevue segment of the East Link Extension for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$27,885,000.

It was moved by Boardmember Phillips, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Item Recommended by the Operations and Administration Committee

Resolution No. R2012-22: (1) Amending the Adopted 2012 Budget to create the Auburn Garage Lighting Retrofit Project, (2) establishing a lifetime budget of \$220,000, (3) amending the Adopted 2012 Sounder transit operations budget by reducing the budget from \$37,734,104 to \$37,514,104 and (4) amending the Adopted 2012 Service Delivery project delivery budget by increasing the budget from \$388,659,691 to \$388,879,691.

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts and seconded by Boardmember Marchione, that Resolution No. R2012-22 be approved as presented.

Boardmember Roberts spoke in favor of the resolution that was forwarded by the Operations and Administration Committee. Chair McCarthy called for a roll call vote because amending the adopted budget requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board (12 members).

Ayes

Fred Butler
Richard Conlin
Dow Constantine
Dave Earling
Paula Hammond

John Marchione
Joe McDermott
Mike McGinn
Mary Moss
Julia Patterson

Larry Phillips
Aaron Reardon
Paul Roberts
Pete von Reichbauer
Pat McCarthy

Nays

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2012-22 carried by unanimous vote of 15 Boardmembers.

Chair McCarthy welcomed Congressman Norm Dicks and thanked him for his work in supporting the region, the state, Sound Transit and other transit agencies throughout the State of Washington.

Board Administrator Marcia Walker read a resolution honoring Congressman Dicks.

Resolution No. R2012-23: Expressing deep appreciation to Congressman Norm Dicks upon his retirement from the United States House of Representatives. Congressman Norm Dicks will retire from public service at the end of 2012. He has been a distinguished member of the United States House of Representatives for the past thirty-six years where he has been a champion for public transportation and Sound Transit. With this resolution, the Sound Transit Board of Directors thanks Congressman Dicks for his long-time leadership.

It was moved by Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2012-23 be approved as presented.

Boardmembers thanked Congressman Dicks for his service. Congressman Dicks thanked the Board and Sound Transit and was presented with a photo collage and an ORCA card loaded with \$36, one dollar for each year of his service. Congressman Dicks expressed appreciation to the Board and CEO Joni Earl for continued effort in planning and implementing the region's high-capacity transit system.

Items Recommended by the Capital Committee

Motion No. M2012-72: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Turner Construction Company to provide General Contractor/Construction Manager services for Capitol Hill Station within the University Link Extension in the amount of \$104,850,276, with a 5% contingency of \$5,242,514, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$110,092,790.

Joe Gildner, Executive Project Director, gave a staff presentation on Motion No. M2012-72 and Motion No. M2012-73.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-72 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2012-73: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., to provide General Contractor/Construction Manager construction services for the University Link Extension systems construction in the amount of \$112,028,265, with a 5% contingency of \$5,958,372, totaling \$117,986,637, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$125,125,806.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2012-73 be approved as presented.

Item not referred by Committee

Motion No. M2012-76: Endorsing cost savings ideas for further feasibility analysis for the East Link Extension project within the City of Bellevue.

Ron Lewis, Executive Project Director East Link, and Don Billen, East Link Deputy Project Director, gave the staff presentation. Earlier this month, the Capital Committee reviewed the East Link Extension cost savings work plan and directed staff to prepare an action for Board consideration. The motion reflects the steering committee recommendation and actions taken by the Bellevue City Council on Monday. The Bellevue City Council endorsed the steering committee recommendation with one additional concept for consideration. Environmental work needs to take place on the cost savings options. Once environmental work is completed in early 2013, the Board can make a final decision on whether to adopt these changes in the final alignment.

Mr. Billen reviewed the cost savings options including engineering ideas that don't impact the system, and ideas that would change the appearance or operation of the project.

Option 1A would shift Bellevue Way to the west and incorporate the HOV lane the City of Bellevue is considering about constructing. The option shifts the roadway and incorporates the City of Bellevue's HOV

project by bringing light rail to an at-grade alignment in front of the Winter's house. The option could save \$7-11 million and an additional savings for the HOV lane of \$7 million because of the coordination of the work.

Option 2B1 would keep light rail at grade while bringing 112th Avenue SE over the light rail alignment. Access on SE 4th Street would be for emergency vehicles only. The City of Bellevue asked that two additional options continue to be evaluated; maintain the retained cut under SE 4th Street, or add a connection at SE 15th Street if light rail remains at grade.

The station in downtown Bellevue has been optimized to move the north station entry closer to the Bellevue Transit center and change the vents to provide a cost savings of \$6 million. Option 3C would move the station parallel to NE 6th Street. The station would be above ground and allow the tunnel to be shallower and narrower. The option would save \$23 to 39 million in potential savings. The recommendation is to work to enhance access since this option has only one station entry, and look at operation improvements to offset increased travel time due to a slow curve that would be needed for the option.

Next steps include advancing the design of these options in collaboration with the City of Bellevue. Environmental review could be completed in the first quarter of 2013 to allow the Board to make a final decision on the East Link alignment. The action would move forward with options 1A, 2B1 and 3C, along with the retained cut under SE 4th Street remains under consideration because it is included in the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Bellevue. The process would also include enhancements to 3C. The underground station in downtown Bellevue is the current adopted option and will advance in the environmental analysis with the optimizations. Noise impacts and travel times will also continue to be reviewed.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Boardmembers present that Motion No. M2012-76 be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2012
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Vice Chair Butler, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.



Pat McCarthy
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on December 20, 2012, MW