

**SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Summary Minutes**  
**March 28, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:41 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 Council Vice Chair

(P) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Council President

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Mayor

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

(A) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) 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 present at roll call.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair McCarthy announced that Boardmember Strickland asked 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 McDermott, seconded by Vice Chair Patterson, and carried by the unanimous vote of 13 members present that Boardmember Strickland be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.**

Chair McCarthy welcomed new Boardmember Lynn Peterson. Lynn was appointed the Secretary of Transportation by Governor Inslee in April. The secretary of transportation is required to serve on the Sound Transit Board per state law. Boardmember Peterson has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee.

Chair McCarthy also announced that Richard McIver, former Seattle City Councilmember passed away earlier in the month. Mr. McIver served on the Sound Transit Board from 1998 to February 2008. He was a member of the Central Link Oversight Committee and was vice chair of the Finance Committee for 2007 and 2008. Richard was instrumental in keeping equity and inclusion an integral part of Sound Transit's projects and services.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

CEO Joni Earl noted that the Adopted 2013 Budget was in Boardmembers' packets. The Board adopted it in December and after the close of FY 2012, the adopted budget was reconciled with the proposed budget.

The 2012 fourth quarter ridership increased from 25 million to over 28 million boardings. ST Express boardings increased by 15 percent. Sounder boardings increased by 11 percent even though there were a number of mudslide-related service disruptions on the North Line in December. However, North Line ridership increased 1 percent for the quarter. The opening of the Sounder Lakewood extension on October

8, 2012 helped the South Line achieve a 13 percent increase in boardings. There was a slight decline in Tacoma Link boardings for the quarter, however total boardings exceeded one million. Average weekday boardings on Central Link increased by 9 percent.

On Tuesday of this week, Sound Transit held a pre-bid meeting and network session for the tunnel contract for the N125 contract Northgate Link Extension. There is a high-level interest from the contracting community; more than 90 people attended. This contract will be the largest single contract with a value in the range of \$500 million. The bid date is May 28, 2013.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### University Link Project Update

Joe Gildner, Executive Project Director presented an update on the University Link Extension. University Link is currently in the construction phase and the estimated final cost is trending approximately \$107 million under budget. The project is roughly 65% complete and the schedule has almost six months of project-wide float. There are four major heavy civil contracts; two are complete and two are active. Both of the major station finishes contracts are active. Two of the three major systems/track contracts are active; the one for EMI/Vibration/Wheel Flat Monitoring is pending. The Maintenance of Way Building contract and the light rail vehicle procurement are pending.

### East Link Update on EIS Addendum

Ron Lewis, East Link Executive Project Director, and Don Billen, Light Rail Development Manager, presented the East Link EIS Addendum update. The SEPA Addendum focuses on the Bellevue cost savings ideas and further refinements of potential pedestrian/bike bridges at the Overlake Village and Overlake Transit Center stations in Redmond. The cost savings ideas are:

On Bellevue Way, the preferred alternative is in a trench alignment in front of the Winters House. The cost savings option would bring the light rail to at-grade on the east side of Bellevue Way SE and shift Bellevue Way SE to the west.

Cost savings on 112<sup>th</sup> could be achieved by building an at-grade alignment instead of a trench.

Cost savings in downtown Bellevue could be achieved with an alignment south of NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street and an above-ground station at NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Mark Dublin  
Paul W. Locke  
Robert Scheuerman  
John Niles

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Voucher Certification for February 1, 2013 through February 15, 2013

Voucher Certification for February 16, 2013 through February 28, 2013

Motion No. M2013-16: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with CA Carey Corporation to provide construction services for the Sounder Mukilteo Station – South Platform Project in the amount of \$6,405,000, with a 10% contingency of \$640,500, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$7,045,500.

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

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Motion No. M2013-17: Appointing Mr. Michael D. Garrity to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning April 2013 and expiring April 2017.

**It was moved by Chair McCarthy and seconded by Boardmember Enslow to approve Motion No. M2013-17.**

Chair McCarthy explained that the Executive Committee is pleased to recommend that the Board appoint Mr. Garrity to COP. Mr. Garrity lives in Tacoma is the conservation director for American Rivers. He is well versed in state and regional land use issues and has experience in public policy.

**Motion No. M2013-17 to appoint Mr. Garrity to the Citizen Oversight Committee carried by unanimous vote.**

Resolution No. R2013-03: Establishing a system access policy for Sound Transit's provision of infrastructure and improvements to facilitate customer access to Sound Transit services, and superseding Motion No. M2002-122.

Chair McCarthy indicated that the Executive Committee discussed the changes to current policy, the new policy elements, and the tools to manage infrastructure and facilities to provide customer access to services at its March 7, 2013 meeting. Representative from Community Transit, King County Metro, Pierce Transit, the Puget Sound Regional Council, and WSDOT were at the meeting. All of the partners are supportive of the policy and agree with the need to work together.

**It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-03 be approved as presented.**

Chair McCarthy announced that the next two items were related to Positive Train Control. She asked Eric Beckman, Project Director, to present both of them.

Resolution No. R2013-06: (1) Amending the Adopted 2013 Budget to increase it by \$13,829,279, from \$39,225,000 to \$53,054,279 for the Positive Train Control project on the Sounder Tacoma to Lakewood rail segment, (2) amending the 2013 Annual Budget from \$10,632,313 to \$18,743,000, and (3) approving Gate 4 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

The resolution to amend the budget requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire Board, which is twelve members.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Moss, and carried by unanimous vote of seventeen Boardmembers that Resolution No. R2013-06 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2013-15: Authorizing the chief executive officer execute a contract with Wabtec Corporation to design, install, test, and commission a Positive Train Control system on the Sounder vehicles and on the Sound Transit-owned Tacoma to Lakewood rail segment in the amount of \$34,064,839, with a 10% contingency of \$3,406,484, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$37,471,323.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-15 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2013-07: (1) Amending the Adopted 2013 Lifetime Budget for the Reservation Junction Track and Signal project from \$1,870,000 to \$6,895,729 to provide funds to the project in order to purchase the rail corridor and (2) amending the Adopted 2013 Annual Budget for the Reservation Junction Track and Signal project from \$654,620 to \$5,354,620.

This resolution to amend the budget also requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire Board.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Moss, and carried by unanimous vote of sixteen Boardmembers that Resolution No. R2013-07 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2013-04: (1) Amending the Adopted 2013 Budget to create the Overlake Village Bridge Project in Redmond and adopting (a) the 2013 Annual Project Budget of \$728,000 and (b) endorsing the Project Lifetime Budget in the amount of \$1,898,000 and (2) approving Gates 1 through 4 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

This resolution also amends the budget and requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire Board.

**It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by unanimous vote of fourteen Boardmembers that Resolution No. R2013-04 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2013-09: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Redmond for the design of the Overlake Village Bridge Project.

**It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-09 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2013-10: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with H-J-H Final Design Partners, a joint venture of HNTB Corporation, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and Hatch Mott MacDonald, for design services of the Overlake Village Bridge Project in the amount of \$1,822,585, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$89,622,585.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-09 be approved as presented.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:18 p.m., Chair McCarthy announced that the Board would convene an executive session for 45 minutes to discuss potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member of acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency and to discuss a potential proposed course of action related to an administrative matter before the state attorney general's office which could result in an adverse risk to the agency. The executive session is authorized by RCW 42.30.110 subsection (1)(i) and (1)(iii).

Chair McCarthy reconvened the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, April 25, 2013  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator



Pat McCarthy  
Board Chair

APPROVED on May 23, 2013, KWF