



## **SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**

### **Summary Minutes**

**April 25, 2013**

### **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 Council Vice Chair

(A) 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

(P) Mike McGinn, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(A) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

(A) 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 von Reichbauer asked to participate in the 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 Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by majority vote that von Reichbauer be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

CEO Joni Earl announced that the 2013 Transit Improvement Plan was in Boardmembers' packets.

Ms. Earl reported that she was in Washington, D.C. earlier in the week. She and Ann McNeill, Sound Transit's Government Relations Director, met with the Congressional delegation and officials from the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. She provided a status report on University Link Extension; the Obama Administration's proposed FY 2014 budget includes \$110 million for University Link Extension, which is consistent with the FTA grant signed in 2009. She updated the delegation on the Agency's work to secure a FTA New Starts grant for the Lynnwood Link Extension and a Small Starts grant for the extension of Tacoma Link, since both projects are contingent on those FTA grants. They met with the Federal Railroad Administration to discuss Positive Train Control requirements for Sounder vehicles and efforts to increase ridership on the Sounder North Line.

The regular session of the State Legislature ends on or before Sunday but a special session is expected to finish work on the state budget. The legislature has not yet finalized a transportation budget or transportation funding package; both could over into a special session as well.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the South 200<sup>th</sup> Link Extension will be on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. This project extends Link from the airport to the Angle Lake Station in the City of SeaTac. It is scheduled to open in late

2016, at the same time as University Link. U.S. Senator Patty Murray, Governor Jay Inslee, SeaTac Mayor Tony Anderson, and members of the Sound Transit Board will attend.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### Sustainability Report

Amy Shatzkin, Sustainability Manager presented the 2012 Sustainability Progress Report. The full report was in Boardmembers' packets. Three areas make up the sustainability framework, People - increasing the availability and use of regional transit to enable people to move freely through the region, Planet – promoting environmental stewardship by conserving natural resources, and Prosperity - enabling people and businesses to save time and money, including maximizing the Agency's operating efficiency. 80% of the 2012 sustainability targets were achieved; the targets that were not achieved have been carried into 2013.

### Customer Satisfaction Survey

Ron Klein, Executive Director of Communications and External Affairs and Ian Stewart of EMC Research presented the survey results. Mr. Stewart explained that the survey is conducted to help Sound Transit compare its performance against its own benchmarks, determine where the agency can improve its customer satisfaction, and protect areas where satisfaction could decline.

Customer satisfaction among Sound Transit riders is consistent for 2012 and prior years. The overall grade has consistently been in the A minus to B plus range.

### Northgate Link Extension Station Update

Don Davis, Executive Project Director North Link and Ron Endlich, North Link Deputy Project Director presented the update. The goal for the Northgate Station is to improve access for Link, pedestrian and bike access, Metro bus and ST Express service, future transit-oriented development (TODF) connections, passenger drop-off and pick-up zones, and park and ride facilities.

An executive steering committee of senior managers from King County Metro, City of Seattle, and Sound Transit formed in 2011. The committee's goals include integrated inter-modal transit facilities, timely implementation of TOD development plans, and to maintain/achieve ridership goals before and after station and TOD development.

A memorandum of agreement with King County Metro, Seattle Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Transportation, and Sound Transit is being prepared to document agreement on design assumptions, bus and traffic operations, and funding for additional parking garage access.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke  
Lincoln Vander Veen, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce  
Patrick Bannon, Bellevue Downtown Association President  
Elton Mason  
David Miller

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### Minutes of the January 24, 2013 Board Meeting

Motion No. M2013-19: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to an agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to provide signal maintenance services at King Street Station in the amount of \$192,372, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$154,451,372.

Motion No. M2013-13: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a cross lease agreement between Sound Transit and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to lease each other's rolling stock (locomotives and/or passenger cars) in emergency circumstances.

Motion No. M2013-20: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the lease with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency for the ambient air monitoring station located at the Kent Sounder Station until Sound Transit requires use of the land in the amount of \$1,750 per year with annual increases based on the consumer price index.

Motion No. M2013-22: (1) Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a two-year contract with one one-year option to extend with Berschauer Phillips Construction Company for Job Order Contracting Construction Services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, and (2) authorizing the chief executive officer to execute individual work orders in amounts up to \$350,000 each.

Motion No. M2013-23: (1) Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a two-year contract with one one-year option to extend with Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. for Job Order Contracting Construction Services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,000,000, and (2) authorizing the chief executive officer to execute individual work orders in amounts up to \$350,000 each.

Motion No. M2013-24: Authorizing the chief executive officer to (1) request the disbursement of remaining funds in escrow in accordance with an escrow agreement between Sound Transit and Amtrak in equal parts for projects that are beneficial to Sound Transit and Amtrak, and (2) enter into any agreements with Amtrak to accomplish the purpose of distributing the remaining escrow funds to Sound Transit and Amtrak.

Motion No. M2013-25: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Absher Construction Company, to construct the Tukwila Station Project in the amount of \$15,600,715, with a 10% contingency of \$1,560,071, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$17,160,786.

Motion No. M2013-26: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Development and Transitway Agreement with the City of SeaTac for the South 200th Link Extension in the amount of \$2,989,700, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$6,432,000.

**It was moved by Vice Chair Patterson, seconded by Boardmember Strickland, and carried by unanimous vote that the consent agenda be approved as presented.**

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Resolution No. R2013-08: (1) Amending the Adopted 2013 Lifetime Budget for the Security Enhancements project from \$1,787,286 to \$2,416,566 and (2) amending the Adopted 2013 Annual Budget for the Security Enhancements project from \$260,286 to \$889,566.

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 Roberts, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote of fifteen Boardmembers that Resolution No. R2013-08 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2013-09: Selecting the route, profiles, and station locations for the East Link Light Rail Project, and superseding Resolution No. R2011-10.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Balducci that Resolution No. R2013-09 be approved as presented.**

Boardmember Butler explained that the Board action selecting the East Link cost savings options culminates sixteen months of collaboration with the City of Bellevue and the community. Sound Transit considered a cost savings solution to shift Bellevue Way west and bringing light rail to the surface to allow the City of Bellevue to move forward with an HOV project. Earlier this week, the Bellevue City Council decided that the city is not ready to move forward on the HOV project and recommended keeping the East Link alignment in a retained cut near the Winter's house. The Council resolution makes it clear that if the City of Bellevue moves forward on the HOV project, no funding will be required from Sound Transit unless mutually agreed upon. On 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, the Bellevue City Council recommended both the road over rail design and an at-grade alignment at SE 4<sup>th</sup>. These alternatives are consistent with the Joint Steering Committee recommendation and provide better design and noise mitigation for the neighborhood. The Joint Steering Committee also recommended the NE 6<sup>th</sup> station instead of an underground station. The advantages of the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street station include reduced construction risks and impacts as well as cost savings. The NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street station does change some access to neighborhoods, but provides the same level of connectivity to the Bellevue Transit Center and the NE 6<sup>th</sup> pedestrian corridor as the subsurface station the Board selected earlier. Nearly 90% of jobs in downtown Bellevue will be within a 10-minute walk of the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street station. The City will invest up to \$5 million to pedestrian access and weather protection improvements for the station. Boardmember Balducci noted that the action will provide certainty to the community and allows Sound Transit to move forward with design and

construction of the project. She also spoke in favor of City of Bellevue plans to improve access to the NE 6th Street station.

Ms. Earl reviewed the cost savings included in the alignment being proposed. The cost savings total between \$30 to \$53 million. The goal of the collaborative design process was to achieve \$60 million. The Memorandum of Understanding between Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue is not changed by this action. The following action, Motion No. M2013-27 updates the MOU to reflect the action taken by the Board in Resolution No. R2013-09. Once Sound Transit completes the final design process in early 2014, Sound Transit staff will return to the Board with updated cost estimates and baseline the project. At the point of baselining, the City of Bellevue will need to sign an agreement with Sound Transit to reimburse for up to \$60 million, reduced by any cost savings within the City of Bellevue. Final reconciliation of costs between Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue will take place after construction of the tunnel. Ron Lewis, Executive Project Director for East Link noted that the City of Bellevue will be contributing \$100 million in project costs in addition to an amount up to \$60 million.

Boardmembers thanked the Joint Steering Team members and Sound Transit staff for their work. Boardmembers felt the alignment represents a balanced approach with many positives and spoke in favor of adopting the alignment.

**The motion to adopt Resolution No. R2013-09 was carried by unanimous vote.**

Motion No. M2013-27: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute amendments to two agreements with the City of Bellevue regarding the East Link Project alignment: (1) the Umbrella Memorandum of Understanding for Intergovernmental Cooperation; and (2) the Transit Way Agreement.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-27 be approved as presented.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:03, Chair McCarthy announced that the Board would go into executive session that is expected to last for 10 minutes and would not take any action afterward. The Executive Session is authorized under RCW42.30.110, Section 1 (b) to consider acquisition of real estate when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

Chair McCarthy resumed the regular Board meeting at 3:09.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday May 23, 2013  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom


## **ADJOURN**

**It was moved by Boardmember McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Moss and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

  
Julia Patterson  
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on June 27, 2013, KWF  
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