

SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

May 2, 2013



CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Board 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

(A) Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive

Boardmembers

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council
President

(P) Lynn Peterson, Washington State Secretary
of Transportation

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

(P) Mike McGinn, Seattle Mayor

(P) David Enslow, Sumner Mayor

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

None.

CEO REPORT

State Legislature Update

The legislature adjourned sine die on Sunday, but because an operating budget was not passed, the Governor called a 30-day special session to begin on May 13th.

Also, the Governor signed HB 1420 on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. The bill authorized Sound Transit and other public agencies to continue entering into agreements with WSDOT to mutually waive overhead costs on projects such as East Link and the Point Defiance Bypass project. The legislation also aligns state contracting requirements with federal rules.

The legislature passed a transportation budget which benefits Sound Transit in two ways: continuing the distribution of fee revenue to all transits for operating, and allocating \$5 million in Regional Mobility Grant funds for the purchase of higher capacity hybrid buses. The budget does not fund the Tacoma Trestle replacement project, but agency staff are working with legislators to explore other possible funding opportunities.

The House Transportation Committee passed a funding proposal that provides \$120 million for four Sound Transit projects: preliminary engineering for the Federal Way Transit Extension, the Renton HOV Direct Access Project, the Bothell Park and Ride Expansion and station improvements in Auburn.

One Bus Away

The One Bus Away application for mobile devices started as a project from University of Washington to predict when King County Metro routes would arrive at stops. One Bus Away includes services and schedule information from Sound Transit, King County, Community Transit, Pierce Transit and Intercity Transit and the application is available for iPhone, Android and Windows phones.

Starting in the summer of 2013, Sound Transit will take over hosting and maintenance of the data for One Bus Away, giving it a long-term home. Independent developers will continue to maintain and support the actual applications.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Excess Property Update

Joni Earl, CEO, provided background for the Excess Property Update.

At the December 2012 Board meeting, when the Board passed the Transit-Oriented Development Policy, the Board also discussed Sound Transit's property disposition policies. During that meeting, Boardmembers expressed an interest in discussing the agencies property disposition policies. The currently property disposition policy was passed in 1999. There may be opportunities to improve the current policies.

Roger Hansen, Director of Real Property and Brooke Belman, Chief of Staff of the Design, Engineering and Construction Management Department gave the Excess Property Update.

Sound Transit has acquired over 2,000 properties since 1999 when the current property disposition policy was passed. The current policy is very broad, and covers many topics concerning disposition, including surplus property declaration, disposition methods, leases and incidental uses. The current policy provides flexibility, combines policy with procedures, is complex, and contains out-of-date federal requirements and competing goals. The clarity and transparency of the policy may be improved if procedural language is removed, priorities and goals are established, and the Board receives regular updates on the agency's properties and their disposition.

Some areas of interest in relation to the property disposition policy relate to transit-oriented development, categorizations of real property, excess property management and reducing the complexity of the policy and increasing transparency of the policy and the agency's processes.

Committee members discussed the process and purposes for acquiring properties during project development and the current and potential future policy's relationship to transit-oriented development. Also, the Committee discussed the objectives of the agency as related to property acquisition which includes building the light rail spine throughout the region, and obtaining fair market value when disposing of property. Committee members agreed that a half-day workshop on the topic of updating the agency's property disposition policies should be scheduled for later this summer.

Totem Lake HOV Direct Access Ramp

David Beal, Planning and Development Director, and Karen Waterman, Planning and Development Manager, gave a presentation on the Totem Lake HOV Direct Access Ramp.

The Totem Lake HOV Direct Access Ramp was completed in 2007. The FTA contributed \$25 million toward the project. The ramp is currently only accessible by transit and HOV vehicles.

WSDOT is currently building Express Toll lanes on 17 miles of I-405, and plans to open the lanes for use in 2015. WSDOT has requested that Sound Transit seek approval from the FTA for "incidental use" of the ramp for toll-paying vehicles. If allowed, the FTA requested transit remain the primary use of the ramp, and incidental use would be granted under certain conditions, such as unimpeded transit operations, continued control of the ramp by Sound Transit, and toll revenue to be considered for transit purposes.

An agreement for incidental use of the ramp is tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Board in July 2013.

CITIZEN OVERSIGHT PANEL APPLICANT DISCUSSION

Katie Flores, Board Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) and the process to fill the Panel's four vacant seats, one in North King County, two in South King County, and one in East King County subareas.

Six applications were received for the vacancies representing the East King and North King County subareas, five of which were for the vacancy in East King County, and one for the vacancy in North King County.

Boardmember Butler recommended Fred G. Auch be appointed to the Panel, an applicant from the East King County subarea. Staff was asked to prepare an action to appoint Mr. Auch for consideration by the Board at its May 2013 meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes from the March 7, 2013 Executive Committee meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by unanimous vote that the minutes of the March 7, 2013 Executive Committee be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2013-28: Adopting a deferred compensation plan under IRS Code section 457(f), authorizing a grantor trust with respect to such plan that complies with the requirements of IRS Revenue Procedure 92-64 and associated actions required to establish and manage such plan.

It was moved by Boardmember Enslow, seconded by Boardmember Butler, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-28 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2013-10: Revising and amending Sound Transit's legal boundary description to correct scrivener's errors and include City annexations for the following cities: Sammamish; Issaquah; Everett; Renton; and Kent

Mike Strong, GIS Analyst, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-10 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 6, 2013
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Pat McCarthy
Executive Committee Chair

APPROVED on June 6, 2013, MW