

## SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

### Summary Minutes

June 27, 2013

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by 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*

(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

#### Boardmembers

(A) *Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember*

(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Council President*

(A) *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*

(P) *Larry Phillips, King County 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 not present at roll call.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Vice Chair Patterson announced that the Board was working from a revised agenda. The agenda was revised to include a report on Tacoma Link Fares. Also, Motion No. M2013-35 is being removed from the Consent Agenda, and is now item 8.B. under the Business Items.

#### Boardmember request to call in

Vice Chair Patterson announced that Boardmember Peterson and Boardmember Roberts 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 Strickland, seconded by Boardmember Moss, and carried by the unanimous vote of 9 members present that Boardmember Peterson and Boardmember Roberts be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.**

Vice Chair Patterson also noted that the Snohomish County Council appointed Mr. John Lovick as County Executive at the beginning of this month; the Council is also scheduled to consider Mr. Lovick's appointment to the Sound Transit Board.

(Boardmember Earling arrived at this time).

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

#### Tukwila Sounder Station Groundbreaking

Joni Earl, CEO discussed the groundbreaking for the permanent Tukwila Sounder Station. This station will nearly double the amount of parking, improve transit connections, provide storage for 76 bicycles and provide charging stations for four electric vehicles. The station currently serves 10,000 riders a day, and is the second

most popular station on the South Sounder line. The temporary station will remain open during construction, and the permanent facility is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2014.

United States Representative Adam Smith, Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph Szabo, State Representative Steve Bergquist, Tukwila City Council President Kathy Hougardy, and Boardmembers Julia Patterson and Dow Constantine all attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

### **Legislative Update**

Ms. Earl gave a report on recent developments in Washington, D.C. and Olympia that affect Sound Transit. The US Senate approved the nomination of Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx as the new Secretary of Transportation. Secretary Foxx will lead the department through the reauthorization of MAP-21, which expires next year.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2014 transportation bill, including full funding of the New Starts program and with it, the annual installment of \$110 million for University Link. The Senate bill also provides \$550 million for TIGER grants. The House Appropriation Committee approved their version of the spending bill, approving existing Full Funding Grant Agreements, including University Link. However, the House bill does not fund TIGER.

In Washington State, the House took up a transportation package yesterday but it did not pass. A motion to reconsider was approved, and another vote on the package might happen today. The House package includes funding for Sound Transit 2 projects that have been impacted by the recession and our program realignment. The funding would include \$33 million for the Auburn parking garage, \$17 million for preliminary engineering from Kent/Des Moines to Federal Way, \$63 million for the Renton HOV project, which is a partnership with WSDOT, and \$5 million for the Bothell Transit Center garage. The House package also includes local option authority for King County, Pierce Transit and Community Transit, and over \$200 million for transit statewide to be distributed by formula.

### **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

#### **Discussion on Tacoma Link Fares**

Brian Brooke reviewed a discussion item that was included in Boardmember packets. He reviewed preliminary analysis work that has taken place looking at Tacoma Link fares and the qualifications for fare-free service under existing Board policy. Mr. Brooke also reviewed potential preliminary fare structure options.

As a result of the analysis, Sound Transit has determined that Tacoma Link no longer meets criteria for continued operation as fare-free service per Resolution 99-2. Extensive community outreach, including a Title VI analysis as required by the Federal Transit Administration, will be required to inform a future Board decision on fare implementation.

Boardmember Strickland asked that increasing parking fares in Tacoma be considered when looking at fare implementation on Tacoma Link.

There were no Boardmember concerns with beginning public outreach on Tacoma Link fares.

#### **Northgate Link Extension Project Update**

Don Davis, Executive Project Director for Northgate Link Extension, provided a status update on the project. Mr. Davis reviewed the main project elements and the milestones that have been achieved to date. The project was baselined in June 2012 with a budget of \$2.1 billion dollars in year of expenditure dollars. The Northgate Link Extension is scheduled to open in September 2021.

The design process has been underway for the past two years, five design contracts are at 60% or 90% design. Two design contracts are completed and one contract is approaching 30% design. All demolition and site preparation work has been completed at the Roosevelt Station. Utility relocation work is also complete for

Roosevelt Station. Demolition work has begun at the U District Station site and is scheduled to be complete in fall 2013. The Northgate Link Extension tunnel contract will include 3.5 miles of tunnel from the University of Washington Station to the Maple Leaf neighborhood. Six bids were received for the tunneling contract. JCM Northlink LLC was the apparent low bidder and is \$154 million under the engineer's estimate. Sound Transit is evaluating the bids and a Board action to award a contract for the tunnel work is scheduled for August 2013. Mr. Davis reviewed permits and agreements required for the Northgate Link Extension and provided status updates. He also reviewed real estate required for the project. Sound Transit has completed 160 tunnel easements; only 19 tunnel easements remain to be acquired.

Community and stakeholder outreach has included design briefings and open houses for each of the station locations. Sound Transit also continues to be involved in community meetings and special events.

Mr. Davis reviewed major risks and challenges for the project, including unforeseen inflation and commodity prices. The bid price has reduced risks in that area.

Ron Endlich, Northgate Link Extension Deputy Project Director, reviewed upcoming Board actions for the project. To prepare for construction, Sound Transit will hold open houses prior to tunneling work beginning this fall, and noted various groups who are working with outreach and community engagement with the community. Mr. Endlich noted that one group, the U District Livability Partnership is reviewing Sound Transit's business mitigation plan and is seeking additional financial assistance from Sound Transit.

Mr. Endlich reviewed 60% station design for the Northgate Station including the site and station plans and drawings. The site plans include a proposed new garage for replacement parking at Northgate. Artist renderings of various station views were reviewed. 15,000 daily boardings are anticipated at the Northgate Station. The Northgate Station Access Study results were reviewed. Fifteen minute travel sheds were evaluated. The study showed that completion of the I-5 bridge and other pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the Northgate area would increase ridership by 6%. The mode share data showed that 20% would access the station by using the park-and-ride, 11% by being dropped-off, 28% by feeder bus service, 4% by bicycle, and 37% by walking. Next steps include preparing a letter of concurrence to document decisions on design assumptions, bus and traffic operations and funding for a third garage entrance. An open house to review the Maple Leaf Portal construction is planned for fall 2013. Another open house will take place in early 2014 to share the Northgate station 90% design.

#### Phase Gate 7 Report: Lakewood Layover

Jodi Mitchell, Project Manager, gave the report on the Lakewood Layover transitioning to operations. Cost and budget for Lakewood Layover project is \$30,400,000. The project is currently in the process of administrative construction contract closeout.

#### Phase Gate 8 Report: Close Out of 19 Completed Projects

Pete Rogness, Budget Director, gave the report on 19 projects that have been completed and can be removed from the 2014 Budget. The phase gate report was presented on green paper. Of the 19 projects, two projects came in over budget, the Ashway Transit Access Project, and Canyon Park Freeway Station. In total, all projects came in \$11 million under baseline budgets.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Paul W. Locke  
Justin Dean and Thomas Hurst, Mars Hill Church  
John Phipps, Simon Properties  
Clark Nichols, Perkins Coie, LLP

## CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the April 25, 2013 Board Meeting

Voucher Certification for April 16, 2013 through April 30, 2013

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

Voucher Certification for May 16, 2013 through May 31, 2013

Motion No. M2013-36: Authorizing the transfer of operation and maintenance of ST Express route 560 from King County Metro to Pierce Transit, effective September 28, 2013

Motion No. M2013-37: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a five-year contract with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. to provide system-wide security services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$41,422,000

Resolution No. R2013-14: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests including acquisition by condemnation, and pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for the East Link Extension

Resolution No. R2013-15: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests, including acquisition by condemnation, and pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for the Northgate Link Extension

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

## BUSINESS ITEMS

Items referred by the Operations and Administration Committee

Resolution No. R2013-12: (1) Amending the Adopted 2013 Lifetime Budget for the Sounder ST2 Fleet Expansion project from \$16,296,000 to \$49,530,000 and (2) amending the Adopted 2013 Annual Budget for the project from \$4,196,000 to \$15,196,000 to provide funding to purchase nine Sounder passenger vehicles.

Boardmember Marchione spoke in favor of Resolution No. R2013-12 and related Motion No. M2013-35 as recommended by the Operations and Administration Committee.

**Resolution No. R2013-12 was moved by Boardmember Marchione and seconded by Boardmember Butler.**

Vice Chair Patterson 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  
Dow Constantine  
Dave Earling  
Dave Enslow  
John Marchione

Joe McDermott  
Mike McGinn  
Mary Moss  
Julia Patterson  
Larry Phillips

### Nays

Marilyn Strickland  
Pete von Reichbauer

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R2013-12 was carried by unanimous vote of 12 Boardmembers present.**

Motion No. M2013-35: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Bombardier Transportation, Inc. for the purchase of nine passenger cab cars in the amount of \$31,296,367, with a 5% contingency of \$1,564,818 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$32,861,185, subject to Board adoption of Resolution No. R2013-12, which would provide the funding for this procurement.

**It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Boardmember Strickland, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-35 be approved as presented.**

Items referred by the Capital Committee

Resolution No. R2013-13: (1) Amends the Adopted 2013 Lifetime Budget for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility Project from \$6,911,902 to \$6,076,902, (2) amends the Adopted 2013 Annual Budget for the Sounder Yard & Shops Facility project from \$3,418,000 to \$2,583,000, (3) creates the new Sounder Yard Expansion project with a project Lifetime and Annual Budget of \$835,000, and (4) approves Gates 1 and 3 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

Boardmember Butler spoke in favor of Resolution No. R2013-13 and related Motion No. M2013-41 as recommended by the Capital Committee.

**Resolution No. R2013-13 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Phillips.**

Vice Chair Patterson 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  
Dow Constantine  
Dave Earling  
Dave Enslow  
John Marchione

Joe McDermott  
Mike McGinn  
Mary Moss  
Julia Patterson  
Larry Phillips

Nays

Marilyn Strickland  
Pete von Reichbauer

**The motion to approve Resolution No. R2013-13 was carried by unanimous vote of 12 Boardmembers present.**

Motion No. M2013-41: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. to complete preliminary engineering for the Sounder Yard Expansion project in the amount of \$448,717, with a 10% contingency of \$44,871 totaling \$493,589, for an authorized contract amount remaining at \$2,794,060.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-41 be approved as presented.**

Items not referred by Committee

Motion No. M2013-42: Appointing David Berger and Matthew Jarvis to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning July 2013 and expiring July 2017.

Vice Chair Patterson noted that the Executive Committee recommended the appointment of David Berger and Matthew Jarvis to the Citizen Oversight Panel. Mr. Berger and Mr. Jarvis are both residents of Federal Way.

Mr. Berger has over 35 years of experience in the private and public sector in government and large project construction management. He served as the City Manager or Assistant City Manager at of a number of cities in California over the last 30 years and currently works as a part time local government consultant.

Mr. Jarvis will bring financial expertise to the panel and currently works as managing partner of a financial services firm. He formerly served on the Board of the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Federal Way Rotary.

**It was moved by Boardmember Strickland, seconded by Vice Chair Patterson, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-42 be approved as presented.**

Mr. Berger was present at the meeting and thanked the Board for the appointment to the Citizen Oversight Panel.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

Board Workshop  
Thursday, July 18, 2013  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

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

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator



Pat McCarthy  
Board Chair

APPROVED on August 22, 2013 KWF