

## **SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**

### **Summary Minutes**

**August 22, 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

(A) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

#### Boardmembers

(A) 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

(A) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(A) John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive

(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) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

(A) 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 present at roll call.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair McCarthy also announced that today marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tacoma Link opening. Earlier this week the Tacoma City Council proclaimed today as "Tacoma Link Day." Boardmembers Enslow, Strickland and Moss joined Chair McCarthy at one of the Tacoma Link Stations earlier today to pass out mementos. Sound Transit is also holding a "Favorite Tacoma Link Destination" sweepstakes. People can enter the competition online via Facebook or by sending in a postcard entry. The sweepstakes asks people to think about how they use Tacoma Link to get to their favorite destinations in downtown and the Dome District. Boardmember Strickland and Moss added that Tacoma Link was the first light rail in Washington State and it was a great event.

Joni Earl, CEO is out on vacation, so Deputy CEO Mike Harbour will give the CEO report.

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

#### Update on International Paper Property

Mr. Harbour reported that Sound Transit expects to close on the property formerly owned by International Paper the first week in September. The 10.5 acre site in Bellevue became available in late 2011 and represents a portion of land required for two of the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) site alternatives being evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In October 2011, the Board asked staff to pursue purchase of the site as a protective acquisition. The FTA approved the protective acquisition in December 2012. In January 2012, the Sound Transit Board approved a resolution authorizing the CEO to acquire the property and instructed staff to prepare a budget amendment for Board consideration within 60 days of the completion of the acquisition.

The protective acquisition does not mean the Board has selected a site for the OMSF. The Board is expected to identify a preferred OMSF site in the 3rd quarter of 2014.

### Lynnwood Link DEIS comment period

The Board published the Lynnwood Link Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on July 26, 2013. The comment period for the DEIS will continue until September 23<sup>rd</sup>. During the comment period, Sound Transit will host four open houses to inform the public about the project. Two open houses have been held so far and were well attended. Comments are also being accepted through e-mail and mail. Input received during the formal comment period will help inform the Board when it works to identify a preferred alternative this fall.

### Tukwila Station Update

Beginning next Monday, the west side platform at Tukwila Sounder Station will be shut down for approximately 4 weeks. Passengers will be directed to the opposite platform.

Tukwila Sounder riders will enjoy a completely revamped station when construction is finished next year. During the transition, Sound Transit will use signage, on-board rider alerts, the website, social media and Sound Transit representatives at the station to keep passengers informed.

### Second Quarter Ridership Report

A copy of the second Quarter System Performance and ridership report was included in Boardmember packets. Highlights include strong ridership growth, with system-wide ridership increasing by 8%. Sound Transit exceeded 100,000 average weekday boardings for the first time. There were big increases on ST Express ridership on routes crossing I-90 and SR 520 and along the I-5 South corridor. Ridership has started to recover on Sounder North after several service disruptions in April due to mudslides. Work has started on several slide-control projects along the Mukilteo-Everett waterfront. The projects are a joint effort of the Federal Railroad Administration, BNSF, WSDOT, and Sound Transit. The Sounder South Line had strong ridership growth and we expect it will continue to grow with the addition of another round trip in September. Central Link total boardings have increased by 10%.

### 2012 Annual Report

A copy of the 2012 Annual report was included in Boardmember packets. The annual report gives stakeholders and interested parties information about Sound Transit's activities and financial performance during the 2012. The theme of this year's report is 15 Years and Going Strong to celebrate the Agency's 15-year anniversary and the milestones that have been accomplished in that time.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations, Stage 3 Project Update

Jim Edwards, Deputy Director of Design and Engineering gave the project update. Mr. Edwards thanked WSDOT for their partnership on this project. He noted that Mike Cotten, Assistant Regional Administrator for the Northwest Region and Dylan Counts, from WSDOT's Public Transportation Office were in the audience. Last year, the Capital Committee received a briefing on Fire and Life Safety modifications necessary to add lanes on I-90. The project is scheduled to be baselined in early 2014. The project was included in Sound Move with an original project budget of around \$15 million. Through the EIS conducted in 2003, five alternatives were identified and R8A was selected as the preferred alternative. The R8A alternative allows 24-hour a day, seven day a week HOV and transit on I-90. The alternative is best for traffic congestion and mitigation and allows the center roadway to be used for the East Link Extension. The I-90 Two Way Transit and HOV Improvements project was divided into three stages due to funding and cost considerations. Stage 1 Westbound between Bellevue and Mercer Island was completed in 2008. Stage 2 Eastbound between Mercer Island and Bellevue was completed in 2012. Stage 3 is in final design and is between Mercer Island and Seattle. Once completed, East Link will be able to use the center roadway for light rail.

Mr. Edwards reviewed the current configuration of the Homer M Hadley Bridge and Lacey V. Murrow Bridge. The bridges are currently configured in a 3-2-3 configuration, with three 12-foot wide general purpose lanes on each bridge and two reversible HOV lanes in the center roadway. Once East Link is constructed, there will be three 11-foot wide general purpose lanes and one 11-foot wide HOV lane on each of the bridges and light rail on the center roadway.

Since September 2012, Sound Transit has completed 60% design and letters of concurrence have been received from the Federal Highway Administration, Seattle Fire Department and Mercer Island Fire Department for Fire and Life Safety issues. The cost estimate for the project has increased by 3%, or \$6.5 million. An independent Review Team looked at plans, design reports, and construction schedule. The team found that the ventilation design was "solid" at the 60% design level. They recommended coordinating between the cost estimate and schedule and verify construction staging. A detailed system commissioning plan was also recommended. Another expert review will take place following 90% design. Construction is scheduled to be complete in late 2016.

The 60% design cost estimate for the project is \$197.7 million, which includes \$151.5 million for Fire and Life Safety. Costs for Agency Administration, Contingency and work on the East to North ramp increase the cost to \$229.6 million. The agency financial plan currently assumes \$208.9 million for the project, \$20.7 million short of current estimates. The East King County program reserve contains \$26 million that could be used for the project. Mr. Edwards responded to a Boardmember question about tolling on I-90; the earliest that tolling could begin is 2017. WSDOT Secretary Lynn Peterson noted that tolling is an ongoing discussion in the region and final decisions have not been made on when tolling would begin.

### University Link Project Update

Tracy Reed, University Link Deputy Project Director and Christy Sanders-Meena, University Link Principal Construction Manager gave the update on University Link. The University Link Extension is a 3.15 mile light rail extension with a scheduled opening date of fall 2016 and a project budget of \$1.948 billion. Current cost estimates show projected budget savings of \$107 million. The project is 75% complete and still has 169 days of project-wide float. The project has eleven separate construction packages; the two tunneling contracts are substantially complete. Sound Transit is procuring monitoring systems for electronic fields, vibration and wheel flat detection and a design-build contractor for the maintenance of way building at the Operating and Maintenance Facility. The maintenance of way facility was previously deferred but is now moving forward. The facility will include covered outside storage.

Track installation on the southbound segment of the Capitol Hill Station to Pine Street Stub Tunnel began in May 2013 and is 75% complete. Once complete, the contractor will begin installing track on the northbound segment of the tunnel. All track installation should be complete in October 2013. Concrete installation work is taking place at the Capitol Hill Station and work is 16% complete. Completion of the concrete structure is scheduled for March 2014. Building information modeling is being used by the contractor to ensure mechanical and electrical work is integrated. Construction of a pedestrian concourse to the west side of Broadway will begin in January 2014 because work will require lane closures.

Track installation is complete in the tunnels between the University of Washington Station and Capitol Hill Station. Cabling for traction power was also installed. Sound Transit turned over two acres of staging area near the University of Washington station to the University in May 2013. The contractor is completing the last part of the concrete station box. The station construction is 70% complete. Finish work is underway at the station and artwork is being installed in the station mezzanine. The pedestrian bridge and bike path over Montlake Boulevard is 75% complete. The top five risks include civil to civil contract interface, civil to systems contract interface, a systems long-lead item, software development, and systems final design, installation, testing and rail activation. There is one claim related to jet grout that is still being resolved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Mark Dublin  
Elton Mason, Washington State Trucking  
Paul W. Locke

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the June 27, 2013 Board Meeting  
Minutes of the July 18, 2013 Board Workshop

Voucher Certification for July 1, 2013 through July 15, 2013  
Voucher Certification for July 16, 2013 through July 31, 2013

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

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Chair McCarthy noted that Motion No. M2013-63 and M2013-64 are within the authority of the Capital Committee, but they are on today's agenda because the August Capital Committee meeting was cancelled.

### Items not referred by Committee

Motion No. M2013-63: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a three-year contract with two one-year options to extend with Envirolssues, Inc. to provide public involvement consultant services for planning the next phase of high-capacity transit system development for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$800,000.

Ron Klein, Director Communications and External Affairs, and Geoff Patrick, Media Relations and Public Information Manager, gave the staff presentation.

**It was moved by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-63 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2013-64: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the North Link Supplement to the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle to reimburse the City for additional project-related services in support of Northgate Link Extension final design work in the amount of \$356,405 with a 10% contingency of \$35,640 totaling \$392,045, for a new total supplement amount not to exceed \$1,292,730.

Ron Endlich, Northgate Link Deputy Project Director, gave the staff presentation

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-64 be approved as presented.**

Chair McCarthy explained that Motion No. M2013-65, M2013-66, and Resolution No. R2013-16 is coming directly to the Board without a Committee recommendation because the August Capital Committee meeting was cancelled.

Motion No. M2013-65: Authorizing the chief executive officer increase the contingency for the contract with Jacobs Associates to provide final design services for the Northgate Link Extension in the amount of \$6,250,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$91,808,106.

Don Davis, Executive Project Director, gave the staff presentation.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-65 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2013-66: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with KPFF Consulting Engineers for final design activities and additional design services during construction for the Tukwila Sounder Commuter Rail Station Project in the amount of \$234,708, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,451,202.

Eric Beckman, Project Director, gave the staff presentation.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Conlin, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-66 be approved as presented.**

Resolution No. R2013-16: 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

Roger Hansen, Real Property Director, and Kent Melton, Senior Real Property Agent, gave the staff presentation.

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Moss, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-16 be approved as presented.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Boardmember Strickland noted that the City of Tacoma is hosting a military appreciation parade for active duty service members and veterans. Complimentary Sounder service will be offered from Lakewood to Tacoma for the event for people showing military ID.

### **NEXT MEETING**

#### **Board Workshop**

Thursday, September 19, 2013  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

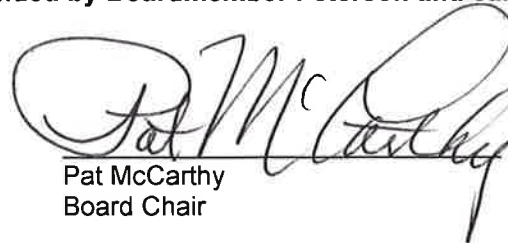
#### **Board Meeting**

Thursday, September 26, 2013  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

### **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Pat McCarthy  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on October 24, 2013, KWF