



## **SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Summary Minutes**

**October 3, 2013**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Board Vice Chair Paul Roberts in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### Chair

(A) *Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive*

#### Vice Chairs

(A) *Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember*

(P) *Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember*

#### Boardmembers

(P) *Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council  
President*

(A) *Dow Constantine, King County Executive*

(A) *David Enslow, Sumner Mayor*

(P) *John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive*

(P) *Lynn Peterson, Washington State Secretary of  
Transportation*

(P) *Mike McGinn, Seattle Mayor*

Marcia Walker, Board Administrator announced that a quorum was not present at roll call however a quorum of the committee was expected.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Roberts stated that he was chairing the meeting in Chair McCarthy's absence. He announced that Boardmembers John Marchione and Larry Phillips were in attendance.

### **CEO REPORT**

Joni Earl, CEO, talked about the federal government shutdown impact to Sound Transit. The agency works closely with the FTA and other federal agencies; at this time there are no immediate impacts. We have to submit for grant funds so a prolonged shutdown could have an effect on drawing down grants. We rely strongly on the federal partnership so we work closely with the congressional offices to keep them informed if there are any issues. Sound Transit submitted the Lynnwood Link project development letter to the FTA regional office and FTA accepted the letter right before the shutdown began. The agency will continue to monitor the situation.

The transition joint for the I-90 Bridge is undergoing extensive testing in Pueblo, Colorado. The extension joint was built by Jesse Engineering in Tacoma. The joints will be located where land meets the bridge going east. Ms. Earl, Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director for Design, Engineering, Construction Management, Paul Dennison, Light Rail Operations Director, and John Sleavin, Technical Design Manager were in Pueblo the day before the Executive Committee meeting to see the testing. One of the concerns has been vehicles going 55 mph over the transition joint and the joint is passing that testing with flying colors.

Ms. Earl announced that the scoping period for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for updating the Regional Transit Long-Range Plan begins on October 25<sup>th</sup> and ends on November 25, 2013. Staff will report on the Long-Range Plan at the October 24, 2013 Board meeting.

## **REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

### 2014 Tax Revenue Forecast

Brian McCartan, Executive Director of Finance and IT and provided an overview of the financial plan. The long-term financial plan is maintained through 2050. The plan is not adopted by the Board, rather it is a planning tool that gives the Board a sense of where the agency is heading financially and confidence that a long-term financial plan that supports the budget is in place. The committee will review the full financial plan in November. The Executive Committee reviews the financial plan prior to Board adoption of the budget in December.

Mr. McCartan introduced Shahnaz Ghazi, Senior Financial Analyst in the Budget Division. Ms. Ghazi provided an overview of revenue forecasting for sales and use tax, motor vehicle excise tax, and rental car tax. Total revenue from those taxes through July 2013 was \$11,180,000, \$11,069,000 through July 2012, and \$115,742,000 through July 2008. The tax forecast update is part of the annual financial plan.

Chair Roberts announced that there was only one action item on the agenda and asked the committee to consider it at this time.

### Minutes from the June 6, 2013 Executive Committee meeting

**It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Lovick, and carried by unanimous vote that the minutes of the June 6, 2013 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.**

## **REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE (continued)**

### Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Council Report

Ms. Earl explained that the King County Council created the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) as a coalition of owners to study the corridor formerly owned by and make recommendations to the King County Council. The corridor had been owned by BNSF Sound Transit is a part-owner of the corridor and serves on RAC along with King County, City of Redmond, City of Kirkland, and Puget Sound Energy. RAC has completed a draft report of its preliminary recommendations; the recommendations are advisory in nature. King County Council is scheduled to formally adopt the report later in the month.

Ms. Earl introduced Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Planning, Environmental, and Project Development and John Howell with Cedar River Group. Mr. Howell is the facilitator for RAC.

Mr. Howell described the eight preliminary recommendations: develop a shared regional policy framework, develop a federal agenda, develop a state agenda, develop a long-term regional approach for planning together, develop the corridor's regional legacy, begin identification of shared corridor guidelines, provide initial guidance on constraints and opportunities, and enlist support. The owners agreed that the collaborative planning process begun by RAC be continued.

Mr. Ilgenfritz described Sound Transit's participation.

Boardmember Phillips spoke about a potential need for a governance structure as the planning process moves forward.

Ms. Earl explained that as a member of the RAC, her signature would be on the cover letter that would accompany the report. She asked whether the committee would be comfortable with her signing it or should the presentation be given to the full Board. The Board will be provided with all of the materials and the committee agreed that a presentation was not needed. The committee indicated it was comfortable with Ms. Earl signing the letter.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 7, 2013  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.



Pat McCarthy  
Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:



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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on December 5, 2013, MW