



SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

November 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Committee Chair Fred Butler, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Deputy Council President

Vice Chair

(P) Richard Conlin, Seattle Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Councilmember

(P) Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(A) Pete von Reichbauer, King County

(A) Mike McGinn, Seattle Mayor

Councilmember

Katie Flores, Board Coordinator, announced that a quorum of the Committee was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Butler recognized Boardmember Paul Roberts as being in attendance at the meeting.

Chair Butler announced that the committee's usual practice is to only hear public comment on action items that fall within the committee's authority, however the committee will take public comment on the Lynnwood Link Extension due to substantial public interest.

CEO REPORT

CEO Joni Earl reported positive news about recent meetings she attended in Washington, D.C. She met with the Board of Directors and Board of Advisors (of which she is a member) of the Eno Center for Transportation. She also met with Peter Rogoff, Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and with Karen Hedlund, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

None.

2014 BUDGET: PROJECT DELIVERY BUDGET AND TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

Motion No. M2013-94: Forwarding the Project Delivery portion of the Proposed 2014 Budget as amended by the Committee and the Proposed 2014 Transit Improvement Plan to the Executive Committee for consideration

Brian McCartan, Executive Director of Finance and Information Technology, Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Planning Environmental and Project Development, Ahmad Fazel, Executive Director of Design, Engineering and Construction Management, and Pete Rogness, Director of Budget and Financial Planning, provided a staff report.

Mr. McCartan explained that Sound Transit is experiencing a transition in the capital program. Sound Move projects are mostly complete. Although Sound Transit has been working on ST2 projects for a

number of years, most work has been environmental and design based, whereas construction of ST2 capital projects is beginning.

The 2013 Transit Improvement Plan (TIP) was \$9,442 million. The proposed 2014 TIP is \$9,281 million, and included two new projects that require funding. One project is the Regional Parking Pilot project to study ways to reduce congestion at parking facilities through methods such as implementing a parking permitting system and providing real-time information to users about parking availability. The other new project involves purchasing radios for all ST Express buses operated by Pierce Transit to bring them buses in compliance with FCC regulations that are mandated by 2016.

Mr. Ilgenfritz explained that Sound Transit's ability to develop and advance the Lynnwood Link Extension project is dependent upon securing federal funding and that maintaining such funding will continue to be an agency priority. Construction of the First Hill Streetcar is nearing completion and is expected to open in 2014. Prior to the Streetcar opening, Sound Transit needs to work with the City of Seattle to resolve administrative issues regarding streetcar fare policy, fare administration, and fare collection.

Mr. Fazel provided an update regarding Sound Transit projects that are in the final design and construction stages. University Link Extension is making progress. However, if Sound Transit encounters unanticipated setbacks, there is a risk that integrating University Link systems with current Link operating systems could result in scheduling interruptions for current Link service. Tunneling for the Northgate Link Extension project will begin in the first half of 2014, posing multiple risks in the near future that are standard with tunneling projects.

Boardmembers McCarthy and Phillips requested that staff come back to the Board with more details about the level of risk associated with each risk outlined so that boardmembers better understand where to place attention.

Budget Amendments

The Committee decided not to take action at the meeting in order for boardmembers to have adequate time to review and understand the amendments.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion No. M2013-95: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a five year contract with KPFF Consulting Engineers to provide on-call transit-oriented development services to Sound Transit for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$4,800,000

Scott Kirkpatrick, TOD Manager, presented a staff report. This motion implements the TOD policy that the Board recently adopted.

It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-95 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2013-96: Identifying the preferred light rail routes and station locations for the Lynnwood Link Extension Final Environmental Impact Statement

Matt Shelden, Light Rail Development Manager, presented a staff report. Mr. Shelden went over the various options for locations to study in the Lynnwood Extension Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Public Comment

Kyoko Wright
Gunar Sreibers
Keith McGlashan
David Kleitsch
Chris Eggen

Motion No. M2013-96 was moved by Boardmember Conlin and seconded by Boardmember Phillips.

In response to a question from Boardmember Phillips, Mr. Sheldon explained that additional stations for the Lynnwood Link Extension that are not included in ST2 would be funded by the North King County or Snohomish County subareas, depending upon the station location. Additional stations would create a need to purchase more trains than the 180 vehicles assumed in the ST2 program. Because these additional vehicles would serve the entire light rail system, costs for these vehicles would be incurred by all subareas with light rail service.

Boardmember Conlin offered an amendment on yellow paper to fill in the blanks, denoted by "to be determined", for Segment A, Segment B and Segment C with preferred alternatives. The amendment also lists additional areas that Sound Transit would continue to study in the FEIS. He noted that Vice Chair Roberts was in attendance in support of the amendment, although Vice Chair Roberts is not a member of the committee so he can not vote.

Mr. Sheldon explained that the amendment replaces the "to be determined" language in the motion with specifics of a preferred alternative. The preferred alternative for the FEIS will run mostly adjacent to I-5 with stations in the Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood areas. Heading north from Northgate, the alignment runs mostly at-grade on the east side of I-5 to the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center before moving to the west side of I-5 and continuing to the Lynnwood Transit Center. Potential station sites are at 145th Street, 185th Street, and the Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood transit centers. Staff is directed to study options for stations at 130th Street in Seattle and 220th Street in Mountlake Terrace, and to examine running trains in the I-5 median between Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood.

Boardmember Conlin spoke in favor of the amendment, saying that it creates a preferred alternative that comes as close as possible to meeting the needs of all parties while staying within budget. This amendment allows stations at 130th Street and 220th Street to move forward into the FEIS. Boardmember Conlin emphasized that although this amendment outlines preferred alternatives; all options are still open to Board consideration following completion of the FEIS.

It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote to amend Motion No. M2013-96 with the amendment language on yellow paper.

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-96 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation as amended.

Motion No. M2013-97: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with North Corridor Transit Partners, LLC to provide engineering, environmental, and community development services for Phase 3 of the Lynnwood Link Extension project in the amount of \$18,550,205, with a 10% contingency of \$1,855,020, totaling \$20,405,225, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$40,209,710

Matt Sheldon, Light Rail Development Manager, presented a staff report. This motion amends the consultant contract to add the scope of services, schedule, and budget to complete the preliminary engineering and FEIS outlined in Motion No. M2013-96.

It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-97 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2013-98: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with International Electronic Machines Corporation to provide wheel flat, vibration and magnetic field monitoring and detection systems for the University Link Extension in the amount of \$4,999,400, with a 10% contingency of \$499,940, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,499,340

Pete Brown, Principal Construction Manager, presented a staff report. This contract includes work to design, furnish, install, test and commission the following activities: wheel flat detection instrumentation on the Link Initial Segment required for University Link monitoring, vibration monitoring instrumentation in the University Link tunnels and in select University of Washington campus buildings, and magnetic field instrumentation in existing boreholes located in the vicinity of the University of Washington Station.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember Phillips, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2013-98 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2013-26: 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 South 200th Link Extension

Roger Hansen, Director of Real Property, and Eric Lee, Senior Real Property Agent, presented a staff report. Road improvements are needed along 28th Avenue South and South 200th Street in SeaTac due to the additional capacity that will be generated by the new station at South 200th Street. This action will authorize property acquisition in order to make these road improvements.

In response to a question from Boardmember Balducci, Mr. Lee commented that both commercial and residential properties have been identified for possible acquisition. In response to a question from Boardmember Conlin, Mr. Lee explained that the majority of the 21 parcels identified are for temporary rights during construction, and that no identified property will need to be entirely acquired.

It was moved by Chair McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-26 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2013-27: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests in the Overlake Village/Overlake Transit Center neighborhood of Redmond, 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, Director of Real Property, presented a staff report. This resolution authorizes the acquisition of seven properties near the Overlake Village and Overlake Transit Center stations. Boardmember Balducci commented that she has heard from property owners that will be affected by this acquisition and that they are pleased to be moving forward on this project.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-27 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2013-28: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, dispose, or lease certain real property interests in the South Bellevue/Downtown neighborhood of Bellevue, 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, Director of Real Property, presented a staff report. This resolution authorizes property acquisition of seven parcels in the South Downtown Bellevue area where the south tunnel portal will be constructed.

It was moved by Boardmember Conlin, seconded by Chair McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2013-28 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 12, 2013
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on February 13, 2014, JAT