

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes

February 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chair Dow Constantine, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(A) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Boardmembers

(A) Claudia Balducci, City of Bellevue Mayor

(P) Fred Butler, City of Issaquah Mayor

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Mayor

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive

(A) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(A) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Council Vice Chair

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Ed Murray, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mike O'Brien, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

(P) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

(P) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

(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

Chair Constantine announced that President Obama will release the FY 2015 budget in the near future and that Sound Transit anticipates the budget to include \$76 million for the University Link project. He met with the Federal Transit Administration's Deputy Administrator Therese McMillan in Washington, DC and thanked the FTA for continuing to fulfill its commitment in the U-Link Full Funding Grant Agreement. Sound Transit will be seeking a third Full Funding Grant Agreement from the FTA for the Lynwood Link Extension. The FTA just granted Sound Transit "Project Development" authority for this extension, and Sound Transit is working through the New Starts grant process.

Chair Constantine announced that he had appointed three Boardmembers to represent Sound Transit on the three subarea transportation boards in King County. These boards are forums for sharing information and building consensus to solve common transportation problems, and are comprised of elected officials and transportation agency representatives, including Sound Transit Board representatives. Chair Constantine reported that he has appointed Boardmember Butler to represent Sound Transit on the Eastside Transportation Partnership, Vice Chair Roberts to represent Sound Transit on SeaShore, and Boardmember McDermott to represent Sound Transit on the South County Area Transportation Board.

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mike Harbour, Deputy CEO, discussed how the recent Seahawks Super Bowl parade affected Sound Transit service. In order to transport as many people as possible, Sound Transit used additional transit equipment to meet demand, including additional buses and every available rail vehicle. Although Sound Transit riders experienced some delays, overall it was a successful day. Light rail carried more than 70,000 passengers, whereas the average weekday ridership is approximately 30,000 riders. Sounder carried approximately 20,000 passengers, whereas average weekday ridership is approximately 11,000 riders. ST Express provided more than 86,000 rides, whereas the typical weekday ridership is approximately 56,000 riders. In total, Sound Transit provided approximately 200,000 rides, nearly double Sound Transit's typical total weekday ridership.

Mr. Harbour announced that the Puget Sound Engineering Council has awarded Sound Transit engineer Richard Sage the Government Engineer of the Year award, its highest award for engineers working in government agencies. Mr. Sage is Sound Transit's Director of Construction Management and has 47 years of experience in construction, including 14 years with Sound Transit.

Mr. Harbour provided an overview of Sound Transit's 4th Quarter System Performance and Ridership Report. Sound Transit carried a record number of passengers in 2013, with more than 30 million boardings and an overall eight percent ridership increase from 2012. ST Express bus ridership increased nearly eight percent from the year before, Central Link light rail ridership increased approximately 14 percent during the quarter and 11 percent for the year as a whole, and Sounder ridership increased approximately eight percent during 2013. Tacoma Link is the only transit mode that did not experience ridership growth from the year before.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

East Link Extension Update

Ron Lewis, Executive Project Director for East Link, Don Billen, East Link Deputy Project Director, and Victor Obeso, King County Metro Service Development Manager, provided the staff report.

Mr. Lewis commented that the Board has adopted a \$760.8 million budget for the Final Design phase of the East Link Extension, which is the current phase of the project. Approximately \$248 million has been committed and approximately \$168 million has been incurred. The project is currently on-schedule to begin service in 2023. Community outreach is an important part of the process, and Sound Transit continues to engage with the community during Final Design.

Mr. Lewis presented an animated simulation video of the expected path of East Link light rail, including station locations and grade of rail along the path.

Mr. Billen explained that there are opportunities for partnerships and integrating transit services as light rail extends throughout the 50-mile regional light rail system to help riders access the system. Along the I-90 corridor, light rail will directly serve Mercer Island and South Bellevue. To the east of South Bellevue are areas of high transit demand that are currently served by express bus service. Sound Transit is studying opportunities to integrate current transit services with the planned light rail system.

(Marcia Walker, Board Administrator, noted that a quorum was present at this time.)

Update on Long Range Plan (SEIS updates)

Karen Waterman, Planning and Development Manager, and Karin Ertl, Senior Environmental Planner, provided the staff report.

Ms. Waterman explained that the Long-Range Plan is financially unconstrained, but that information developed in the Long-Range Plan can be used to create a new financially constrained system plan for Sound Transit to add to the existing ST2 and Sound Move system plans. Over the past week, Sound Transit has met with approximately 50 jurisdictional staff members and ongoing jurisdictional collaboration is planned.

Ms. Ertl provided an outline of next steps for the Long-Range Plan. Staff expects to complete the Draft SEIS during June of this year, followed by public review and a public comment period during the summer. Staff plans to complete the SEIS during September through November so that the Board can consider changes to the Long-Range Plan during December 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Constantine reviewed the rules and expectations for public comment.

Will Knedlik
Sam Bellomio
Alex Zimmerman
Paul W. Locke
Paula Revere

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the January 23, 2014 Board Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

Motion No. M2014-10: Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contingency for the contract with CA Carey Corporation to provide construction services for the Mukilteo Station – South Platform project in the amount of \$1,100,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,145,500

Motion No. M2014-12: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Harbor Pacific/Graham, a Joint Venture, to design and construct a parking garage and plaza next to the Angle Lake Station within the South 200th Link Extension in the amount of \$29,978,000, with an 8% contingency of \$2,398,240, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$32,376,240

Resolution No. R2014-01: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire or lease certain real property interests, including acquisition by condemnation and to reimburse eligible relocation and reestablishment expenses incurred by affected owners and tenants as necessary for the East Link Extension

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Resolution No. R2014-02: (1) Approving Gates 2 and 3 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process for the Tacoma Trestle Track and Signal project, (2) amending the Adopted 2014 Lifetime Budget for the Tacoma Trestle Track and Signal project from \$10,254,520 to \$11,454,520 by increasing the preliminary engineering phase budget by \$1,200,000, and (3) amending the Adopted 2014 Annual Budget from \$5,474,000 to \$10,674,000 by increasing (a) the Preliminary Engineering phase from \$3,020,000 to \$4,220,000 and (b) the Right-of-way phase from \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000

Resolution No. R2014-02 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Earling.

Boardmember Butler commented that the Capital Committee approved this resolution during their February meeting. The Tacoma Trestle Track and Signal project will upgrade the current train track and trestle to create a new double-track trestle structure and upgrade the track and signals. Sound Transit received a \$10 million federal TIGER grant to fund a portion of this project and accelerate the project schedule. Sound Transit is scheduled to complete this project in 2017. The proposed budget amendment provides additional funding of \$1.2 million for the Tacoma Trestle project to complete preliminary engineering and environmental review. The project will need to complete the following added technical activities to support the preliminary engineering design phase: geotechnical investigations, archaeological testing and monitoring, structural bridge engineering report, advance scope of design quality and safety certification requirements. The budget amendment also increases the Right Of Way phase by \$4 million. The \$4 million was originally in the 2013

annual budget and will be shifted to the 2014 annual budget due to a delay in closing the purchase and sale agreement.

Amending the annual and lifetime budgets requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board, which is 12 members. Chair Constantine called for a roll call vote.

| <u>Ayes</u> | | <u>Nays</u> |
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| Fred Butler | Mary Moss | Paul Roberts |
| Dave Earling | Ed Murray | Dave Upthegrove |
| Dave Enslow | Mike O'Brien | Pete von Reichbauer |
| John Lovick | Lynn Peterson | Dow Constantine |
| Joe McDermott | Larry Phillips | |

It was carried by the unanimous vote of 14 Boardmembers present that Resolution No. R2014-02 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2014-11: Identifying the Tacoma Link Expansion light rail alignment(s) to advance into environmental review

Motion No. M2014-11 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Earling.

Boardmember Butler explained that the Capital Committee approved this motion during their February meeting, identifying alignment A1 for Segment A and B1 for Segment B as the Tacoma Link Extension alignments for environmental review. These alignments would connect downtown Tacoma to dense residential and employment areas and are consistent with those favored by the Tacoma City Council, which unanimously approved a resolution supporting alignments A1 and B1 on February 4.

Sue Comis, Light Rail Project Manager, provided a staff report regarding the proposed light rail alignments.

Alignment A1 runs along Stadium Way and alignment B1 operates on two tracks along Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Sound Transit has explored potential cost savings options and has conducted extensive public outreach regarding this project from November 2013 through January 2014. Outreach activities included hosting two open houses and two Stakeholder Roundtable meetings, providing an online survey, and organizing more than 11 community briefings. This project requires an expansion of the existing Maintenance Facility, which is located near the Tacoma Dome. Sites near the existing facility will be evaluated and one or more sites will be studied during environmental review.

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-11 be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Boardmember Peterson introduced Amy Scarton, WSDOT's new Assistant Secretary of Community and Economic Development, a new division within WSDOT.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2014
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

It was moved by Boardmember Moss, seconded by Boardmember Phillips and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on March 27, 2014 JAT