

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

March 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 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 Mayor

Vice Chair

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Mayor

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) John Marchione, Redmond Mayor

(A) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Mike O'Brien, Seattle Councilmember

(A) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

Joe Timmons, Board Coordinator/Policy Analyst, announced that a quorum of the Committee was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Committee Chair Butler welcomed Sound Transit CEO, Joni Earl, who recently returned from medical leave. He discussed the rules for providing public comment during Capital Committee meetings.

CEO REPORT

Ms. Earl complimented Boardmembers and Deputy CEO Mike Harbour for their leadership during her medical leave. She introduced Craig Davison, new Executive Director of Communications and External Affairs.

Last week Sound Transit hosted a panel of outside experts from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to assist in efforts to develop the Link Operations & Maintenance Satellite Facility to support ST2 light rail system operations. When the Board gave direction last fall on the alternatives to look at in the DEIS, the Board requested that an independent review be conducted of the sites under consideration. ULI put together a team of experts from New York, Washington DC, Los Angeles, Denver and Dallas to look at potential sites and provide advice regarding how each site might be integrated into surrounding land uses. The ULI experts spent two days touring the sites, interviewing stakeholders and developing ideas for the Board to consider. Last week, the ULI experts reported their findings, which included recommendations on how to maximize opportunities at potential sites, but did not include preferences regarding potential sites. Sound Transit is scheduled to publish the draft EIS in May, which will be followed by a 45-day public comment period.

Sound Transit has a lot of activity going on in the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) program. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued last month in coordination with the Seattle Office of Housing that focused on developing affordable housing at a surplus property near the Othello Station. Two proposals have been received and are currently in the evaluation process. Last month Sound Transit also issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) from developers interested in pursuing TOD at the Capitol Hill station location and Sound Transit expects to receive responses by the end of the month. Once teams are pre-qualified, the next step in the process will be issuing the RFP itself, with the goal of completing the evaluation process and identify winning proposers in late 2014.

Although not all of Sound Transit priority bills were approved by the State Legislature this year, Sound Transit is pleased that two top priority bills are going to the Governor for signature. The first authorizes Sound Transit to use the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) method and make changes to

how that alternative form of contracting works for heavy civil projects. The bill came through the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB). The second bill relates to Sound Transit's fare enforcement. Because Sound Transit's fare enforcement officers are on foot and very mobile, Sound Transit sought legislation to make changes to the size and format of the tickets issued by officers. The legislation that passed the House and Senate provides statutory changes that meet Sound Transit's needs.

Last week, President Obama published a proposed FY 2015 budget. Ms. Earl reported that the proposed budget includes \$89 million of federal funding for University Link. Sound Transit staff will work closely with the Washington State Congressional delegation to support the President's request to ensure that these funds are appropriated. Additionally, the Lynnwood light rail extension was also included in the President's proposed budget as being in the FTA's New Starts pipeline. The New Starts process is rigorous and competitive, and the Lynnwood extension was identified in ST2 as being well-suited to compete for these highly competitive federal funds.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action:

Minutes of the February 13, 2014 Capital Committee meeting

It was moved by Vice Chair McDermott, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that the February 13, 2014 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2014-16: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering review services for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$537,619 with a 10% contingency of \$53,762 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$591,381.

Matt Shelden, Lynnwood Link Project Development Manager, provided a staff presentation.

Under this task order, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will continue to review the Lynnwood Link Extension engineering work for those facilities that will be constructed on WSDOT rights of way. WSDOT will coordinate work between the state and Sound Transit, as well as with the Federal Highway Administration.

Motion No. M2014-16 was moved by Boardmember Balducci and seconded by Boardmember Marchione.

Public Comment:

Paul W. Locke
Alex Zimmerman

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-16 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2014-17: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill, Inc. to provide professional services for Phase 2 of the Tacoma Link Expansion in the amount of \$2,424,075, with a 10% contingency of \$242,408, totaling \$2,666,483, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,765,012.

Sue Comis, Light Rail Project Manager, provided a staff presentation.

The Phase 2 work for the Tacoma Link Expansion is expected to take about 13 months and includes the preparation of environmental review documents, as well conceptual engineering of the alignment that was identified by the Board in February 2014.

Motion No. M2014-17 was moved by Vice Chair McDermott and seconded by Boardmember Balducci.

Public Comment:

Paul W. Locke
Alex Zimmerman
Will Knedlik

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-17 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2014-15: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment for Phase 3 with Haddad Drugan, LLC to provide artwork fabrication and installation services for the Angle Lake Station within the South 200th Link Extension in the amount of \$360,000, with a 10% contingency of \$36,000, totaling \$396,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$483,000.

Barbara Luecke, Art Program Manager, provided a staff presentation.

The proposed art project for the Angle Lake Station is consistent with the station theme of "Environment in Motion", which was requested by the City of SeaTac. The "Cloud" art project will be approximately 20-foot tall, 14-wide and 40-foot long, and will serve as a landmark for the area. Materials for this project are being thoroughly tested in various weather conditions to ensure its stability.

Motion No. M2014-15 was moved by Vice Chair McDermott and seconded by Boardmember Balducci.

Public Comment:

Paul W. Locke

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-15 be approved as presented.

In response to a question from Chair Butler, Ms. Luecke commented that the maintenance costs for art projects are considered during the evaluation process since Sound Transit's art program is also responsible for maintaining art projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 10, 2014
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on April 10, 2014, JAT