

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
May 8, 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

(A) Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, Bellevue Mayor

(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(P) John Marchione, Redmond Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Mike O'Brien, Seattle Councilmember

(A) Dave Uptegrove, 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 mentioned that items 7.H. and 7.G. would be taken in reverse order.

Committee Chair Butler announced that the Capital Committee will take a new approach for accepting public comment in order to be more consistent with the rules during Board meetings and Operations and Administration Committee meetings. Those who want to address the committee are asked to fill out a public comment sign-up sheet prior to the start of meetings. Agendas will include an item for public comment on items before the committee for final action. Due to public interest, the Committee would hear comments regarding the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility report and the two items regarding Interstate-90, although they are not before the Committee for final action.

DEPUTY CEO REPORT

Mike Harbour, Deputy Sound Transit CEO, announced that Sound Transit will host two open houses to review specific options for improving transit rider access to the Sumner and Puyallup Sounder stations, and to gather public input. The first open house will be held on Tuesday, May 13 from 4pm to 7pm at Sumner City Hall, and the second will be held on Wednesday, May 14 from 4pm to 7pm at Puyallup High School.

The University of Washington's Board of Regents approved an amendment to a Master Implementation Agreement between the University of Washington and Sound Transit at its meeting earlier in the day. The amendment to the Master Implementation Agreement is item 7.I. on today's Capital Committee agenda.

Mr. Harbour recognized Cam Cote, Sound Transit employee. Mr. Cote is leaving Sound Transit after working with the agency for eleven and a half years.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility Update

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Planning Environmental and Project Development, and Michael Williams, Deputy Executive Director of Planning Environmental and Project Development, provided the report.

Mr. Ilgenfritz explained that the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) project will allow Sound Transit to provide operations and maintenance services to Link light rail vehicles as the number of vehicles in the system grows. In 2013, the Board decided to examine four potential sites in the DEIS. Following release of the DEIS, there will be a 45-day public comment period, including public hearings in Lynnwood on June 3 and Bellevue on June 5. The site requires 25 acres to support up to 96 light rail vehicles. Finding a qualified location is a challenge given the geography of the Puget Sound region. The four alternatives identified in the DEIS all have significant trade-offs.

Mr. Williams provided an overview of the OMSF schedule, which has a targeted project completion date of 2020. One potential site is located in Lynnwood and three are located in Bellevue. All four sites will require a conditional use permit. Sound Transit contracted with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to gather additional information about the four potential sites. ULI is a national panel of experts that provides independent and candid assessment of land use options. In developing its analysis, ULI conducted interviews with stakeholders and considered a range of criteria related to each potential site. ULI's final report will be provided to Sound Transit in approximately two weeks.

Boardmembers discussed the difficulty in finding a location for this site that does not have drawbacks, noting that each of the four proposed options have positive and negative aspects. Boardmember Balducci expressed interest in hearing directly from members of the ULI panel during a Board or Committee meeting prior to selecting a site. Deputy CEO Mike Harbour indicated that staff would work to set up a time when ULI panel members can address Boardmembers during a meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Comments on file with the Board Administration)

Alex Zimmerman
Loren Simmonds
Stewart Mhyre
James Bender
Rob Aigner
Greg Pardee
Betty Spieth
Will Knedlik

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action:

Minutes of the April 10, 2014 Capital Committee meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that the April 10, 2014 Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2014-31: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. to complete program requirements and related documents for a design-build procurement for the Sounder Yard Expansion project in the amount of \$1,224,755, with a 10% contingency of \$122,476, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$4,141,291, contingent upon Board approval of Resolution No. R2014-07 to amend the project budget

Jon O'Hare, Project Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-31 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board:

Resolution No. R2014-07: (1) Amending the Adopted 2014 Lifetime Budget for the Sounder Yard Expansion project from \$835,000 to \$5,422,000 for costs related to creating program requirements, updating plans and reports for design-build procurement, and for construction management services; and (2) amending the Adopted 2014 Annual Budget from \$0 to \$1,695,000

Jon O'Hare, Project Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2014-07 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2014-32: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole-source contract with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway for railroad required flagging and inspection services on existing and future Sounder projects consistent with the Board-adopted project budgets

Jon O'Hare, Project Manager, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-32 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2014-33: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a purchase and sale agreement with the City of Tacoma to replace the purchase and sale agreement authorized under Motion No. M2013-76 to reflect the transfer of six remnant parcels instead of four remnant parcels to the City of Tacoma

Eric Beckman, Deputy Executive Director of Business and Construction Services, provided the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-33 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2014-08: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire, 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

Kent Melton, Senior Real Property Agent, presented the staff report.

Mr. Melton explained that of the 40 parcels involved in this property acquisition, 38 are partial acquisitions and two are full parcel acquisitions. Sound Transit staff has been in contact with all affected property owners.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2014-08 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2014-09: (1) Adopting the I-90 Two Way Transit and HOV Stage 3 Baseline schedule and budget by a) establishing the Baseline Cost estimate at \$225,648,485, and b) amending the project lifetime budget from \$64,221,888 to \$225,648,485, and c) amending the adopted 2014 Annual Budget for the project from \$9,210,000 to \$63,397,065, and d) amending the Regional Express Bus Program Reserve project lifetime budget from \$27,125,899 to \$0; and (2) approving Gates 5 and 6 within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process adopting May 31, 2017 as the project completion milestone

Jim Edwards, Deputy Executive Director of Design and Engineering, provided the staff report.

Approximately 155,000 vehicles cross the I-90 bridge each day. Transit carries approximately 15% of riders traveling in the peak direction and carpools comprise approximately 15% to 22% of total peak hour traffic. A key issue is upgrading the Fire and Life Safety system, and these upgrades have been approved by the Seattle Fire Department, the Mercer Island Fire Department, and the Federal Highway Administration.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2014-09 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2014-34: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the existing task order agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for final design services for the I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations, Stage 3 Project in the amount of \$2,085,000, plus a Sound Transit-controlled contingency in the amount of \$550,000, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$20,675,000

Jim Edwards, Deputy Executive Director of Design and Engineering, provided the staff report.

The contingency for this project will be controlled by Sound Transit and is a higher proportion than most task order agreements due to the complexity of this project.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-34 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2014-35: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the Master Implementation Agreement with the University of Washington to establish new vibration and magnetic field level thresholds that Sound Transit will meet during operation of light rail transit under University property, confirming the University's approval of the University Link and Northgate Link Extensions final design, mitigation plan, and monitoring plan, and including compensation to the University of Washington in the amount of \$43,300,000 to relocate or otherwise mitigate anticipated impacts to sensitive research labs and activities

Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director, and Tracy Reed, Rail Activation Manager, provided the staff report.

Boardmember McCarthy noted for the record that the Link facility at the University of Washington is a great asset to the University, and will enhance the research projects that the University is engaged in.

It was moved by Boardmember McCarthy, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-35 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2014-10: (1) Amending the Initial Segment of the light rail system Lifetime Budget from \$2,090,518,000 to \$2,091,768,000, and (2) amending the Initial Segment of the light rail system Adopted 2014 Annual budget from \$287,384 to \$1,537,384

Ahmad Fazel, DECM Executive Director, provided the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2014-10 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 2014
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

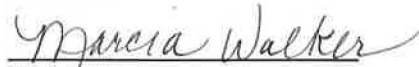
ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on June 12, 2014, JAT