

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes

July 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 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

(P) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) 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

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor Pat

(P) McCarthy, Pierce County Executive Joe

(P) McDermott, King County Council Vice Chair

(P) Ed Murray, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(P) Mike O'Brien, Seattle Councilmember

(P) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary (Amy Scarton attended as designee)

(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 present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Boardmember Request to Participate via Teleconference

Vice Chair Roberts asked to participate in the meeting by telephone. The Board Rules and Operating Procedures allow members to attend meetings by teleconference with a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members in attendance.

It was moved by Vice Chair Strickland, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Vice Chair Roberts be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mike Harbour, Acting CEO, announced that Community Transit CEO Joyce Eleanor is retiring after 20 years of leadership with Community Transit. He congratulated Ms. Eleanor for her career achievements. Boardmember Earling, a member of the Community Transit Board, also complimented Ms. Eleanor for her work.

Mr. Harbour provided an update regarding the underground mobile wireless project, a project to acquire cellular service in current and future Link stations, including the Downtown Transit Tunnel. Sound Transit has issued an RFP that requires the selected vendor to complete a "proof of concept" in the Beacon Hill tunnel and station before being awarded a system-wide contract.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

East Link Extension Update

Ron Lewis, Executive Project Director East Link, provided an overview of the project financial information, project schedule, property acquisition and community outreach activities. A video was shown displaying animated light rail vehicles in motion along portions of the East Link Extension.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Loren Simmonds, Lynnwood Council President
Jennifer Robertson, Bellevue City Councilmember
John Chelminiak, Bellevue City Councilmember
Andrea Duffield
April Putney
Shefali Ranganathan
Betty Spiette-Croll
Mark Sparks
Rob Aigner
Will Knedlik
Mark Hallenbeck

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. R2014-12: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire or lease certain real property interests, including acquisition by condemnation and to pay eligible relocation and re-establishment benefits to affected owners and tenants as necessary for the East Link Extension

Motion No. M2014-58: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a lease amendment with SREH 2014, L.L.C. to extend the lease term for office space for the Transit Systems Group through February 2020 in the amount of \$1,022,000, for a new total authorized lease agreement amount not to exceed \$1,604,832

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion No. M2014-59: Authorizing the chief executive officer to amend the Funding and Cooperative Agreement with the City of Seattle for the Implementation of the First Hill Streetcar Connector Project, by changing the method of funding operations and maintenance

It was moved by Boardmember Enslow, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-59 be approved.

Motion No. M2014-51: (1) Identifying the preferred site for the Link Operations Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) Final Environmental Impact Statement, and (2) approving Gate 3 – Identifying Preferred Alternative within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process

Chair Constantine commented that siting the Link Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) is a challenging issue and that difficult decisions come with siting a major infrastructure facility. The Chair also discussed the importance of building the OMSF to the future of transit in the region.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember McCarthy that Motion No. M2014-51 be approved.

Boardmember Butler announced that the action was before the Capital Committee on July 10, 2014. The Committee decided that a full Board discussion is an important part of this decision. Therefore, the Committee forwarded the motion to the Board without identifying a preferred site.

It was moved by Boardmember McCarthy and seconded by Vice Chair Strickland to amend Motion No. M2014-51 to insert "the BNSF Site" as the preferred site.

Boardmembers discussed the need for the OMSF project, the importance of transit-oriented development, locating the OMSF at the BNSF site, and the process for moving the project forward.

The motion to amend Motion No. M2014-51 carried by majority vote, with Boardmember Balducci, Boardmember Upthegrove, and Boardmember von Reichbauer voting in the minority.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Marchione to amend Motion No. M2014-51 by inserting a third paragraph in the Motion section as follows:

During the Preliminary Engineering phase of work on the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility preferred alternative for the Final EIS, staff is directed to prioritize and incorporate Agency and Community Transit-Oriented Development consistent with the Sound Transit TOD Policy (Resolution No. R2012-24) and based on the following:

- Maximize TOD on the site and in the vicinity of the OMSF.
- Minimize the effect of the OMSF on the transit-oriented development potential in the areas within the vicinity of the OMSF and design the project to maximize compatibility with the Bel-Red plan.
- Provide opportunities to activate transit-oriented development concurrent with project implementation.
- Consider the site modifications recommended by the Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel and the response to those recommendations developed by the OMSF design team as potential mitigation measures to reduce OMSF environmental impacts, including the potential for constructing over a portion of the OMSF site.
- Consider value engineering recommendations based on the conceptual engineering plans developed as part of the Draft EIS.
- Obtain and carefully consider input from a series of stakeholder workshops that will include the City of Bellevue, King County Metro, area developers and landowners, citizens and other interested parties with the goal of developing a preliminary design that integrates the OMSF with the surrounding land uses.

Boardmember Phillips asked about formal reports to the Board on maximizing the opportunities for transit-oriented development. Chair Constantine indicated that those reports would start at the August Board meeting.

Secretary Peterson commented that she would like to include information about how to apply lessons learned from the site-selection process, particularly land-use issues and performance measures. Boardmember Butler noted that the last bullet of the amendment provides the opportunity through the stakeholder workshops and meetings to capture such information and to provide recommendations.

The motion to amend Motion No. M2014-51 carried by unanimous vote.

There were no further amendments; Chair Constantine conducted the vote on the main motion.

The motion to approve Motion No. M2014-51 as amended carried by majority vote. Boardmember Balducci, Boardmember Upthegrove, and Boardmember von Reichbauer voted in the minority.

Boardmember Balducci offered a motion related to a process for resolving issues associated with the East Link and the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility.

Motion No. M2014-60: Authorizing the Board Chair to appoint up to three Sound Transit Boardmembers to work with Sound Transit staff and members of the Bellevue City Council to facilitate resolving issues of concern associated with East Link and the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility. The Board Chair should inform the Board about the results of this effort.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember McDermott, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-60 be approved as presented on green paper.

Following the approval of Motion No. M2014-60, Chair Constantine appointed himself, Vice Chair Roberts, and Boardmember Butler to work with Sound Transit staff and members of the Bellevue City Council to facilitate

resolving issues of concern associated with East Link and the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility. Vice Chair Roberts and Boardmember Butler accepted the appointment.

Resolution No. R2014-13: Amending the Adopted 2014 Budget to increase it by \$4,271,574, from \$32,556,531 to \$36,828,105 for the Link Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility Project.

Michael Williams, Deputy Executive Director for Capital Project Development, presented the staff report.

It was moved by Boardmember McCarthy and seconded by Vice Chair Strickland that Resolution No. R2014-13 be approved.

Budget actions require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire Board. Chair Constantine called for a roll call vote.

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Fred Butler	Pat McCarthy	Paul Roberts
Dave Earling	Joe McDermott	Marilyn Strickland
Dave Enslow	Mary Moss	Dave Upthegrove
John Lovick	Ed Murray	Peter von Reichbauer
John Marchione	Larry Phillips	Dow Constantine

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-13 carried by unanimous vote of 15 Boardmembers presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

A Long-Range Plan Workshop is scheduled for July 31, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is:
Thursday, August 28, 2014
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on September 25, 2014, JAT