

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
August 28, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 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

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Council Vice Chair

(A) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(A) Ed Murray, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Mike O'Brien, Seattle Councilmember

(A) 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 present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Boardmember request to participate via teleconference

Chair Constantine announced that Vice Chair Strickland and Boardmember Lovick 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 Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Vice Chair Strickland and Boardmember Lovick be allowed to participate in the Board meeting by telephone.

Transit Integration Update

Chair Constantine provided an update on the transit integration effort launched in July. The Sound Transit Board passed a motion directing staff to work on the effort. As King County Executive, he issued an Executive Order asking King County Metro to work on the integration effort as well. The Sound Transit motion asked staff to come back in September and give a report on how the effort was developing.

Work is progressing well, staff has identified a number of short-term, and long-term actions to help operate a more integrated transit system, provide a better customer experience, design stations that better incorporate both bus and rail, and realize benefits through efficiency. This effort will be visible as light rail extensions are opened, starting with U-Link in 2016, and as system-planning work continues in 2015.

The report will be shared with our partner agencies, Pierce Transit, Community Transit, PSRC, WSDOT, Seattle and other local jurisdictions to begin a discussion on extending the effort to their operations as well.

Chair Constantine noted that Boardmember packets included Sound Transit's 2013 Annual Report and the Citizen Oversight Panel's Year-end report for 2013.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mike Harbour, Acting CEO, noted that some of the staff reports in Boardmember packets include revised Fiscal Information sections to reflect requests made by Boardmembers at the Capital Committee meeting earlier this month.

Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility Project Update

The Board identified the BNSF site as the preferred alternative, with direction to look for ways to better integrate the site into the surrounding land uses and to maximize TOD opportunities. The Board also directed staff to set up a series of stakeholder meetings to gain input from with the City of Bellevue, area developers, landowners, and other interested parties.

Two stakeholder meetings have been set for September 18, 2014 and October 9, 2014, at the International Paper site in Bellevue. Invitations have been sent to over 20 individuals representing a wide-range of interests, and most have agreed to attend both meetings.

Quarterly Service Delivery Report

Total Sound Transit ridership continued to increase during the second quarter of this year. Total boardings were up 9.4%, and are trending ahead of 2014 forecasts. Sounder, Link, and ST Express set new quarterly records for average weekday boardings. Link had the highest ridership growth at 16.3%, and surpassed 1 million boardings in June. This was the first time that Link has surpassed 1 million boardings in any given month since service began.

ST Express and Link each hit all of the performance targets for Year to Date 2014. Sounder missed the target for percentage of scheduled trips operated and on-time performance. Sounder continued to see cancellations due to mudslides in the second quarter, which affected the percentage of scheduled trips operated. On-time performance also fell short of the target due to Tukwila Station construction, which has resulted in 45 associated delays through the end of the second quarter. Tacoma Link fell short of the ridership performance targets for the quarter. Tacoma is experiencing effects of losing two major employers in the past 18 months.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

South 200th Link Extension Update

Miles Haupt, Project Director, gave the update and displayed a video of work that recently took place on the project. The South 200th Link Extension runs from the existing SeaTac Airport Station to the new Angle Lake Station and includes a 1050-stall parking garage, public plaza and future retail facilities. Pre-revenue testing is scheduled for spring 2016, with service beginning Fall of 2016. There are approximately 5 months of project schedule contingency. The project budget is \$383 million and \$295 million has been committed. The project is currently 35% complete. There are five active contracts and two additional contracts will be procured this fall.

Mr. Haupt displayed a series of pictures and a video showing construction work underway on the guideway and the station and parking garage. Mr. Haupt also reviewed internal planning work taking place for rail activation and reviewed top risks for the project.

Phase Gate 8 Report: Close Out of 22 Completed Projects

Pete Rogness, Director of Budget and Financial Planning, reviewed the Phase Gate 8 Report. Twenty-two projects are being closed out in accordance with Sound Transit's Phase Gate Policy. The completed projects include eleven system expansion projects for Link, Sounder and ST Express, nine enhancement projects and two rehabilitation and replacement projects. All projects were closed at, or below their baseline budgets. Four were closed without being completed, or the scope of work was transferred to another project. Final costs were \$103 million lower than the baseline budgets for the 22 projects. These projects will no longer be included in the Transit Improvement Plan starting in 2015.

The Regional Express Program Reserve is being closed out since it only included East King County funds and those funds were used by the I-90 Two Way Transit and HOV Project. If there are savings on remaining projects for ST Express, those funds will be moved back into subarea capacity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Comments on file with the Board Administrator)

Bill McDonald, City Manager of the City of Puyallup
Alex Zimmerman, Stand-UP America

CONSENT AGENDA

Voucher Certification for June 2014

Voucher Certification for July 2014

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Resolution No. R2014-16: Authorizes 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 Tacoma Trestle Project and to apply for the vacation of a City of Tacoma alley and carry out the steps to acquire the alley property.

Resolution No. R2014-17: Authorizes 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.

Motion No. M2014-61: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a new agreement between the City of Redmond and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, for the Overlake Village Station within the East Link Extension whereby the City of Redmond agrees to pay Sound Transit \$19,880,000 for the design and construction of a pedestrian-bicycle bridge and a regional stormwater vault.

Motion No. M2014-62: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. to provide engineering and environmental services for the Link Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility in the amount of \$5,335,480, with a 10% contingency of \$533,548, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,762,708.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Resolution No. R2014-18: (1) Amends the Adopted 2014 Lifetime Budget for the Sumner Station Access Improvements from \$3,387,500 to \$6,472,000, and (2) amends the Adopted 2014 Annual Budget for the Sumner Station Access Improvements from \$2,989,625 to \$4,073,000.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Enslow that Resolution No. R2014-19 be approved as presented.

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

Ayes

Claudia Balducci
Fred Butler
Dave Earling
Dave Enslow
John Lovick

John Marchione
Pat McCarthy
Joe McDermott
Mike O'Brien
Larry Phillips

Paul Roberts
Marilyn Strickland
Dave Upthegrove
Pete von Reichbauer
Dow Constantine

Nays

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-18 carried by unanimous vote of 15 Boardmembers present.

Motion No. M2014-63: (1) Identifies the preferred package of access improvements for the Sumner Station Access Improvement Project to advance into environmental review, and (2) approves Gate 2: Identify Alternatives and Gate 3: Identify Preferred Alternative within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

Nytasha Sowers, Project Manager, presented the Sumner Station Access Improvement Project, Phase 1 Report. The report identifies improvements for pedestrian, bike and traffic improvements. Six different packages of potential improvements were developed for Board review. On August 14, 2014, the Capital Committee took action to recommend a modified Package E, to develop a small transit center garage and use of the Washington Tractor surface lot as a temporary parking site.

The package would provide a net increase of 400 parking spaces as well as pedestrian and bicycle improvements and traffic improvements. Sound Transit will work with the Sumner Arts Commission to develop an art project that reflects the community. Sound Transit will also look at options for wayside horns. Use of the garage could be available for use by the community outside the hours needed by Sound Transit riders. Sound Transit will also support a partnership with WSDOT and the cities of Sumner and Puyallup to fund multi-modal improvements to the SR410 and Traffic Avenue interchange.

It was moved by Boardmember Enslow, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-63 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2014-19: (1) Amends the Adopted 2014 Lifetime Budget for the Puyallup Station Access Improvements from \$577,500 to \$3,547,000, and (2) amends the Adopted 2014 Annual Budget for the Puyallup Station Access Improvements from \$178,093 to \$1,226,000.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember McCarthy that Resolution No. R2014-19 be approved as presented.

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

Ayes

Claudia Balducci
Fred Butler
Dave Earling
Dave Enslow
John Lovick

John Marchione
Pat McCarthy
Joe McDermott
Mike O'Brien
Larry Phillips

Paul Roberts
Marilyn Strickland
Dave Upthegrove
Pete von Reichbauer
Dow Constantine

Nays

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-19 carried by unanimous vote of 15 Boardmembers present.

Motion No. M2014-64: (1) Identifies the Preferred Alternative for the Puyallup Station Access Improvements Project to advance into environmental review, and; (2) approves Gate 2: Identify Alternatives and Gate 3: Identify Preferred Alternative within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process.

Nytasha Sowers, Project Manager, gave a report on the Puyallup Station Access Improvement Project options. A copy of the Puyallup Station Access Improvement Project, Phase 1 Report was included in Boardmember packets. The report identifies improvements for pedestrian, bike and traffic improvements. Six different packages of potential improvements were developed for Board review. On August 14, 2014, the Capital Committee took action to recommend Package C, to develop a large parking garage at the Eagles site with approximately 400 spaces located near the Puyallup Sounder Station.

It was moved by Vice Chair Strickland, seconded by Boardmember Enslow, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2014-64 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2014-14: (1) Adopts the Sounder Yard Expansion Baseline schedule and budget by a) establishing the Baseline Cost estimate at \$20,550,000 funded by the Sounder Yard and Shops project, b) amending the adopted 2014 Lifetime Budget from \$5,422,000 to \$20,550,000, c) amending the adopted 2014 Annual Budget from \$1,695,000 to \$2,169,000; and (2) approves Gate 4: Enter Final Design and Gate 5: Establish Baseline within Sound Transit's Phase Gate process, adopting December 31, 2016 as the project completion milestone.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember McCarthy that Resolution No. R2014-19 be approved as presented.

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

Ayes

Claudia Balducci
Fred Butler
Dave Earling
Dave Enslow
John Lovick

John Marchione
Pat McCarthy
Joe McDermott
Mike O'Brien
Larry Phillips

Paul Roberts
Marilyn Strickland
Dave Upthegrove
Pete von Reichbauer
Dow Constantine

Nays

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-14 carried by unanimous vote of 15 Boardmembers present.

Resolution No. R2014-15: (1) Amends the Adopted 2014 Lifetime Budget for the Tacoma Trestle Track and Signal project from \$11,454,520 to \$34,554,000 by increasing the budget by \$23,099,480, and; (2) amends the Adopted 2014 Annual Budget from \$10,674,000 to \$16,579,000, and (3) approves Gate 4: Enter Final Design within Sound Transit's Phase Gate Process.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Marchione that Resolution No. R2014-15 be approved as presented.

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

Ayes

Claudia Balducci
Fred Butler
Dave Earling
John Lovick
John Marchione

Pat McCarthy
Joe McDermott
Mike O'Brien
Larry Phillips
Paul Roberts

Marilyn Strickland
Dave Upthegrove
Pete von Reichbauer
Dow Constantine

Nays

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-15 carried by unanimous vote of 14 Boardmembers present.

Resolution No. R2014-20: (1) Amends the Adopted 2014 Lifetime Budget for the D to M Street Track and Signal project by reducing it \$2,810,000 from \$161,071,747 to \$158,261,747, and (2) Amends the Adopted 2014 Annual and Lifetime Budgets for the Sumner Station Improvements project by increasing the Annual Budget by \$2,810,000 from \$1,263,000 to \$4,073,000 and the Lifetime Budget by \$2,810,000 from \$3,662,000 to \$6,472,000 in order to purchase the Bonney Lake Park-and-Ride lot from Pierce Transit.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Marchione that Resolution No. R2014-20 be approved as presented.

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

Ayes

Claudia Balducci
Fred Butler
Dave Earling
John Lovick
John Marchione

Pat McCarthy
Joe McDermott
Mike O'Brien
Larry Phillips
Paul Roberts

Marilyn Strickland
Dave Upthegrove
Pete von Reichbauer
Dow Constantine

Nays

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-20 carried by unanimous vote of 14 Boardmembers present.

Resolution No. R2014-21: Authorizes the chief executive officer to acquire or lease certain real property interests in the City of Bonney Lake by voluntary agreement.

Kent Melton, Real Property Deputy Director, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Boardmember Enslow and seconded by Boardmember Roberts that Resolution No. R2014-21 be approved as presented.

Ayes

Claudia Balducci
Fred Butler
Dave Earling
Dave Enslow
John Lovick

John Marchione
Pat McCarthy
Joe McDermott
Mike O'Brien
Larry Phillips

Nays

Paul Roberts
Marilyn Strickland
Dave Upthegrove
Pete von Reichbauer
Dow Constantine

The motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-21 carried by unanimous vote of 15 Boardmembers present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 25, 2014
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

APPROVED on September 25, 2014, KWF