

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes
August 27, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 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) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(P) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

Boardmembers

(P) Claudia Balducci, City of Bellevue Mayor

(P) Fred Butler, City of Issaquah Mayor

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Mayor

(A) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(A) 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

(P) 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

Katie Flores, Board Administrator announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

CEO Search Committee

Chair Constantine stated the CEO Search Committee met on August 18, 2015. At the meeting, Karras Consulting gave an update on the recruiting process. The committee also heard a presentation outlining the results of the recent Sound Transit employee engagement survey. The committee will meet on September 16, 2015, to begin reviewing applications.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Operations Quarterly Report

Mike Harbour, Acting CEO, reported that the Sound Transit's total ridership continued to increase during the second quarter of this year. Total boardings were up 6 percent and are trending ahead of 2015 forecasts. Sounder, Link, and ST Express boardings were all up for the quarter. ST Express boardings increased 5 percent, with the most significant growth of 26 percent on Route 540. Sounder was up 12 percent for the quarter with no mudslide-related train cancellations. Tacoma Link was up 2 percent and year-to-date boardings are still 9 percent above the 2015 projections. Central Link experienced a 6 percent increase compared with second quarter 2014, despite two planned partial shutdowns during May and June.

2016 Budget Changes

The Proposed 2016 Budget will have two major changes. First, the structure of the budget was changed to consolidate the service delivery and departmental budgets. All operating costs will be reported in the department that manages the work. While discussions of the proposed budget will be at the department level, staff will continue to report on the budgets and costs for each operating mode as well. These changes will

provide a more transparent budget that will highlight areas where the agency anticipates costs to change, and will focus budget discussion on the areas where Boardmembers want to have more information.

Second, the proposed budget documents will only include budget-related information when the Board is reviewing the Proposed 2016 Budget. The final budget documents will include additional information such as background on the region, the agency, and the environment. This change will save resources while still producing a final adopted budget and transit improvement plan that meets industry best practices.

Mercer Island

In July, the Board approved Motion No. M2015-67, directing staff to work with the City of Mercer Island and stakeholders to identify issues related to implementation of the East Link Extension on Mercer Island, connecting bus service, access to Mercer Island, and other related issues.

In response to this action, Sound Transit and the City of Mercer Island are launching a listening tour that will include a public meeting, drop-in sessions, and other events to provide residents a chance to voice their concerns and ask questions.

The action directed staff to report back at the September 2015 Board meeting. Since these events will be taking place in September, staff would like to delay the report until the October 2015 Board meeting. Chair Constantine noted that there were no Boardmember objections to delaying the report to October 2015.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Research and Technology Strategic Plan Update

Michael Berman, Research and Technology Program Manager, gave an overview of the Research and Technology Strategic Plan.

Technology on Sound Transit services continues to increase in usage. Surveys have shown that 68 percent of Sound Transit's riders go online for schedule information; 64 percent use mobile devices to get information; and 87 percent of the riders would like real-time information at the stations. The Research and Technology Program (R&T) supports riders' use of technology through open transit data, the web platform, payment tools, and station information. R&T provides a platform to get good information to customers by leveraging information that is already available in the region.

Most of the R&T projects are completed or in progress. The improved trip planner and the open transit data engine projects are completed. Projects in progress include an improved mobile website, an open transit data developer's portal, Link and Sounder real-time data, redesign of the ticket vending machine interface, a pilot for real-time station signage, and a parking information pilot.

Staff is improving the web platform to meet riders' needs. Areas where real-time information is not available are Community Transit, Everett Transit, Link Light Rail, and Sounder. Plans are in place to get this information. Community Transit has rolled out their real-time system and Sound Transit is working with them to get that information into the system. A test plan has begun to assess how to get Link light rail data into the system and a project will begin in September to get Sounder real-time information into the system.

Mr. Berman reported that planning for Phase 2 is underway. Projects include:

- Completing the data status for the real-time transit information.
- Rolling out a pilot project with King County for a mobile ticket payment project that will allow customers to use their phones to buy tickets for King County Metro buses, ST Express, Link light rail, and Sounder commuter rail.
- Improving how information is displayed at stations through a signage control system.
- Studying how rider alert alerts are generated and shared with customers.

- Exploring new technology to improve how riders can get around better with a focus on how to help transit dependent riders, riders with ADA issues and other types of issues that may be solved through technology.

Boardmember Paul Roberts asked that staff also present the Research and Technology Strategic Plan at the next Operations and Administration Committee meeting.

South 200th Link Extension Briefing

Miles Haupt, Project Director South Link, briefed the Board on the South 200th Link Extension project.

The South 200th Link Extension is 1.6-miles of elevated guideway extending from the Sea-Tac/Airport Station to South 200th. The Angle Lake station at South 200th includes a parking garage with 1,050 parking stalls. System integration and activation is scheduled for spring 2016 with service opening in fall 2016. The project is 76 percent complete overall and is trending about \$20 million under budget.

On July 13, 2015, the last of the 166 segments in the guideway was set in place. Staff enlisted experts to inspect the quality of the segments and the procedures used for installation. Track work installation is in progress as well as pole installation for the overhead catenary system. The Angle Lake Station construction is expected to be completed mid to late fall 2015; the parking garage structure will be completed in November 2015 with garage finishing completed by March 2016.

Possible risks include delays in securing Certificate of Occupancy permits, integrating the various systems and station components, and SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) contract, and Sound Transit system integration testing for rail activation.

Boardmember Phillips asked staff to come back with an update on transit-oriented development opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shari Winstead, Shoreline Mayor
 Paul Winterstein, Issaquah City Council President
 Ray Stephanson, Everett Mayor
 Jay Arnold, Kirkland City Councilmember
 Dave Asher, Kirkland City Councilmember
 David Baker, Kenmore Mayor
 Rob Karlinsey, Kenmore City Manager
 Kamuron Guroz, City of Burien
 Don Anderson, Lakewood Mayor
 Joe Pestinger, Orting Mayor
 Sherman Goang, City of Bothell
 David Whalen
 Doug King
 Alex Zimerman, StandUp America
 Queen Pearl
 Mark Abersold

Janet Quinn
 Mathew C. Martin
 Phillippa Kassover
 Bruce Englehardt
 Eliot Mueting
 Jonathan Hopkins
 Jonathan Cracolici
 Derek Wing
 Paul W. Locke
 Will Knedlik
 Steven Friddle, City of Fife
 Adam Dodge
 Zachary Lubarsky
 Jon Yrsin
 Anthony Marris (written comments provided to Boardmembers)

CONSENT AGENDA

Voucher Certification for July 2015

Minutes of the July 23, 2015, Board Meeting

Motion No. M2015-72: Approving the submittal of the Transit Development Plan 2015-2020 and 2014 Annual Report to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Motion No. M2015-69: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an incidental use agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for incidental use of the Totem Lake HOV direct access ramp by toll-paying vehicles to access I-405 Express Toll Lanes.

Motion No. M2015-76: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with David Evans and Associates to provide additional final design services for the Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal Project in the amount of \$919,033, with a 10% contingency of \$91,903, totaling \$1,010,936, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$13,142,732.

Resolution No. R2015-18: Authorizing the chief executive officer to acquire certain real property interests, including acquisition by condemnation to the extent authorized by law, and to reimburse eligible relocation and reestablishment expenses incurred by affected owners and tenants as necessary for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Motion No. M2015-79: Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase the contract contingency with Turner Construction Company for the construction of the Capitol Hill Station, within the University Link Extension, in the amount of \$1,500,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$116,592,790.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion No. M2015-78: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to provide construction services for the Point Defiance Bypass project in the amount of \$53,800,000, with a 15% contingency of \$8,070,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$61,870,000.

Motion No. M2015-78 was moved by Boardmember Butler and seconded by Boardmember Marchione.

Fred Butler, Capital Committee Chair, spoke to the item since it was forwarded by the Capital Committee. He stated that under the contract, Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. would construct a series of improvements along Sound Transit's railroad right-of-way between Tacoma and Nisqually in Pierce County. The work will include construction of a second track next to Sound Transit's existing main line between South Tacoma and Lakewood; installation of new rails, ties, and ballast on Sound Transit's existing track between Lakewood and Nisqually; and other track and safety improvements.

The committee was made aware that a protest had been received and was in the process of being reviewed. The Capital Committee forwarded Motion No. M2015-78 to the Board contingent upon resolution of any protests.

Mike Harbour, Acting CEO, gave an update on the protest Sound Transit received from Rail Works, the prime contractor, on July 30, 2015. Sound Transit's response on August 19, 2015, denied the protest and offered reasons for denying the protest. An appeal was not received from Rail Works by the close of business on August 26, 2015.

He stated that a protest letter was received from Midvale Signal outside the time limit for submission. After consulting with Sound Transit's Legal staff, the letter received today from Midvale Signal will be denied for three reasons. (1) Midvale Signal challenged the responsibility determination related to a second tier electrical subcontractor. Sound Transit verified the first tier electrical subcontractor's current license and each subcontractor as required by statute to verify the licensing of the lower tiered subcontractors license at the time of the lower tier subcontractor execution. (2) Procedurally, the protest was untimely. (3) Midvale Signal is not a prime contractor and cannot submit a protest or appeal under Sound Transit's protest procedures.

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2015-78 be adopted as presented.

Motion No. M2015-80: Identifying a Sound Transit 3 candidate project list of representative projects to be considered in the development of a Sound Transit 3 System Plan and directing staff to complete evaluation of projects on the list.

Motion No. M2015-80 was moved by Boardmember Balducci and seconded by Boardmember von Reichbauer.

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of Planning, Environmental and Project Development, and Karen Kitsis, Planning and Development Manager, presented the staff report.

Mr. Ilgenfritz stated that staff is seeking Board identification of projects that will become candidates for consideration for inclusion in the ST3 system plan, and direction into the next phase of technical analysis of ST3 projects.

Ms. Kitsis reviewed changes to the project list.

- North Corridor: Add 1,000 parking spaces at Everett Station.
- Central Corridor: Add service to include the Seattle Center and a tunnel option for crossing the Ship Canal.
- East Corridor: Examination of a park-and-ride facility in Issaquah.
- Regionwide/Multi-Corridor: Add service to the Burien transit center as well as adding jurisdictions and cities that could be served by the project.

New projects on the priority list include:

- North Corridor: Add a parking structure for 236th Street in Mountlake Terrace; additional I-5 crossing to potential future 164th Street light rail station; additional I-5 crossings to potential future 128th light rail station; bus rapid transit (BRT) on SR523/NE 145th Street; BRT on SR522 to the University of Washington Bothell vicinity; and a study of future light rail on SR522.
- Central Corridor: Additional potential stations at SR99 and Harrison Street and a station in Interbay; an extension and station to the Ballard High School/65th Street vicinity; Ballard Bridge replacement with light rail and bicycle/pedestrian improvements; additional parking at the Tukwila International Blvd. Station; light rail project extending West Seattle/Junction to downtown Burien; environmental analysis of a light rail extension from West Seattle to Burien connecting to the spine serving Sea-Tac/Airport station; environmental analysis of a light rail extension from Burien to Tukwila and Renton; extending light rail to Crown Hill from Ballard; and study light rail from Ballard to Bothell via Greenwood, north Seattle, and Lake City.
- East Corridor: Add a park-and-ride facility in north Sammamish and look at BRT on the eastside rail corridor from Kirkland to Bellevue.
- South Corridor: Bus capital enhancements along Pacific Avenue; bus capital enhancement along Meridian/SR161; capital enhancements in east Pierce County for improvements on Traffic Avenue or SR162; south Sounder access improvements; commuter rail station and service expansion near Orting; Sounder expansion to DuPont.

Mr. Ilgenfritz stated that the next steps will be to continue coordination with the expert review panel to review methodology, forecasting, and results of the analyses. An individual project template will be created for each project on the Sound Transit 3 candidate projects list. The project pages will report how each will perform against the criteria the Board identified as priorities. There will be detailed project descriptions, costs for the project, and information on ridership, how it fits with completing the spine, how well it connects the region's centers, how it promotes transit-oriented development, how it affects social equity, integration with other transit partners, how an investment might improve the efficient operation of the overall transit system, and access issues for customers. Sound Transit's goal is to complete this work by late October and hold a workshop. The schedule is to draft a system plan in early spring 2016 for a final round of public involvement.

It was carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2015-80 be adopted as presented.

Chair Constantine reminded the Board about the work ahead to develop an ST3 system plan. Staff will evaluate each the projects identified by the Board today, and put them into templates creating an individual document for each project. The work will start later this year along with the development of a financial plan. The Board will need to talk about revenues and the time horizon for implementation. Those variables will determine what we can afford to do in the next phase and could set the table for another phase as this region works to realize the long-range vision for high-capacity transit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 24, 2015
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on September 24, 2015, JE