

SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
November 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Chair Constantine, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

Vice Chairs

(A) Marilyn Strickland, Tacoma Mayor

(A) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Mayor

(A) John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(A) Ed Murray, Seattle Mayor

(A) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

(A) Larry Phillips, King County Council Chair

Katie Flores, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum of the committee was not present at roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The CEO Search Committee continues to make progress in reviewing candidates and moving in towards making a recommendation to the full Board.

A Board Workshop on ST3 will be held on December 4, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the Board to review the results of staff and consultant work to analyze and evaluate the ST3 candidate projects selected by the Board in August and provide information on the financial picture for ST3.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Last week, the President signed legislation extending the deadline for the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) by three years. Sound Transit is well positioned to complete full implementation well ahead of the extended deadline.

Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Derek Kilmer recently announced the award of a \$15 million TIGER grant to the City of Tacoma for the 2.4 mile expansion of Tacoma Link from the Theater District to the Stadium and Hilltop districts.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of PEPD reported that he received word that the Record of Decision (ROD) had been signed for the Light rail Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF). This decision clears the way to begin final design on that project and allow the Lynnwood Link New Starts application to advance.

ST3 Update: Corridor Summaries and Template Format Overview for ST3 Candidate Projects

Mr. Ilgenfritz introduced Karen Kitsis, Planning and Development Manager and David Beal, Planning and Development Director to provide the report.

The Board identified the candidate project list last summer and staff has been working with consultants and internal departments to develop and analyze project scopes, cost estimates, project dependencies and performance risks. Staff has also evaluated the projects against the criteria identified by the Board at the beginning of the process. Sound Transit will publish this information which includes nearly 100 individual templates on December 4, 2015. The presentation today will provide a sample of a blank template and a corridor summary to illustrate how technical information will be presented to the Board and the public.

Ms. Kitsis began by reviewing the schedule for development of the ST3 system plan. Core priorities were used to establish the draft priority list and technical information has been collected related to candidate projects. A draft plan will be developed by the end of Q1 2016 for public outreach. The Board will potentially take action on a final system plan in June with a possible ballot measure in November 2016.

Results of technical evaluation of candidate projects and an overview of the ST3 financial picture will be provided for review at the upcoming workshop. All materials will be available to the public on the Sound Transit 3 website. Materials will include templates for close to 100 projects with an explanation of the evaluation criteria and maps that summarize information at the template level to facilitate comparison of corridor projects. A summary sheet will also be included to highlight key attributes of each candidate project including capital and operating costs, ridership, core project elements (including relationship to completion of the spine) and risks. Mr. Beal clarified that these are conceptual projects and that the templates provide the basis for evaluation but are not a commitment to all features included.

Ms. Kitsis reported that other information has been included in the ST3 templates related to transit oriented development (TOD), sustainability, green building and non-motorized access and noted that costs are being developed in a manner consistent with Sound Transit practices and policies.

The evaluation process for the current candidate list is based directly on the eight core priorities of the Sound Transit Board along with four traditional transit priorities: capital cost, annual operating costs, travel time, and a system reliability measure. Every project template will include this evaluation table. Mr. Beal then provided additional information about specific evaluation measures.

Ms. Kitsis completed the presentation with an overview of the corridor map stating that maps contain all the criteria listed on the templates and will allow the Board to compare projects within each corridor. Staff met with jurisdictions and partners to review this information. A letter will be sent to jurisdictions asking for acknowledgment of the in scope elements provided in corridor summaries and comments provided by jurisdictions will be provided to the Board in January.

Chair Constantine noted that the comprehensive template and corridor summary level information provide a significant amount of technical information on each candidate project.

Discussion on Pierce County COP Appointment

The COP is a fifteen member volunteer panel charged with monitoring Sound Transit and making sure it is meeting its commitments to build and operate a regional bus, light rail and commuter rail

transit system. There are currently two vacancies on the COP. Katie Flores, Board Administrator, provided a presentation on the COP and the process to fill the vacant seats.

Chair Constantine asked Boardmembers for a recommendation on the application for the Pierce County vacancy. Boardmember McCarthy recommended Faaluaaina Pritchard to fill the vacancy. Ms. Pritchard has a wealth of experience and will be a great South Sound representative on the panel. Chair Constantine asked that staff prepare an action for the Board to consider this appointment at its next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Chair Constantine noted that approval of any business items would be considered at the next meeting as there is no quorum today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2015
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.



Dow Constantine
Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on January 7, 2016, LM