

SOUND TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Summary Minutes
January 7, 2016

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

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

Boardmembers

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Mayor

(A) John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Ed Murray, Seattle Mayor

(A) Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Constantine informed the committee that Boardmember Marilyn Strickland asked to participate in the meeting by phone. 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 Marchione and carried by unanimous vote that Boardmember Strickland be allowed to participate in the Executive Meeting by teleconference.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Rogoff expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to work with the Board on ST3 and other upcoming Sound Transit projects.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

ST3 Policy Priorities

Chair Constantine noted that at the December Executive Committee Meeting, staff presented a financial plan that showed an improved revenue outlook. Based on that information, Chair Constantine asked staff to provide a list of suspended ST2 projects that could potentially be restored.

Brian McCartan, Executive Director of Finance and IT provided a summary of ST2 projects suspended in 2008 at the direction of the Board in response to a sharp recession. Mr. McCartan reported that additional bus hours for all subareas and the Bothell Parking Garage as defined in the ST2 plan are being implemented as planned under ST2. At the Board's direction, staff reviewed the remainder of the suspended projects and identified sufficient financial capacity to

begin progress on the Auburn and Kent Station Access Projects. In addition, several projects have been identified as crossing over into ST3 candidate projects, allowing the opportunity for acceleration of these projects for early implementation utilizing ST3 resources. Finally, staff recommends that two projects remain in the suspended category. Both of these projects are dependent on funding and environmental work by third parties and in the instance of the Renton HOV project, requires additional analysis at the request of the City of Renton.

Chair Constantine noted that the Board would consider some of the more significant investments in the context of ST3 or those that are contingent on other parties, but indicated that he was interested in restoring the deferred projects in Kent and Auburn.

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

Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director of PEPD and Karen Kitsis, Senior Planning and Project Development Manager provided the update.

Mr. Ilgenfritz noted that staff was seeking a discussion on key policy areas and requesting committee feedback on the evaluation approach and overall financial picture for a system plan. Mr. Ilgenfritz reviewed the core priorities of the Board and provided information about the addition of new priorities identified by the Board during the Long Range Plan development. These include increasing emphasis on multi-modal access to facilities, transit integration, social equity, and promotion of transit support of land uses in the TOD program overall.

As staff moves from long range planning into system planning, these priorities converted into evaluation criteria for the ST3 candidate projects which were reviewed in the ST3 Workshop held on December 4, 2015. An Expert Review Panel also provided feedback on the cost estimating methodology and highlighted the need to show more clearly cost being allocated at stations for transfer activities. In response, adjustments were made at key stations where a high volume of intermodal transfer activities are expected. Seamless transfers for riders between modes and routes is considered a priority and is being addressed in two ways. Ms. Kitsis is working with partners to coordinate planning and ensure the draft system plan is aligned with King County and other agencies Long Range Plans. Staff developed new templates to show how bus service can be addressed to serve each station, adding visuals to convey integration information. This information will become clearer as projects are identified for the draft plan.

Brian McCartan reviewed the financial information presented at the ST3 Workshop on December 4, 2015. Staff is asking for guidance on four elements needed to develop the ST3 financial plan. Those elements include projects that should be included in the plan, the duration those projects be built over, the tax level to be imposed to finance those projects, and lastly, how the plan will meet the subarea equity requirements embedded in statutes and state law. Mr. McCartan summarized investment levels and duration options and stressed that projects would be delivered throughout the periods regardless of the investment level chosen.

Mr. Ilgenfritz ended his presentation with a review of upcoming events including jurisdictional input expected by January 21, 2016, and briefings with city staff and city councils in the region to provide information to inform input. This information will be shared with the Board at the end of the month. A draft plan could be identified by the March Board meeting just prior to kick off of a robust public engagement plan on the draft proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action

Minutes of the November 5, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that the minutes of the November 5, 2015 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Minutes of the December 3, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Roberts, seconded by Boardmember McCarthy, and carried by unanimous vote that the minutes of the December 3, 2015 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 4, 2016
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 April 7, 2016, LM