

SOUND TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes
September 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.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

(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember

(A) Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma Mayor

Boardmembers

(P) Nancy Backus, City of Auburn Mayor

(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember

(P) Fred Butler, City of Issaquah Mayor

(P) Dave Earling, City of Edmonds Mayor

(P) David Enslow, City of Sumner Mayor

(P) Rob Johnson, Seattle Councilmember

(P) John Marchione, City of Redmond Mayor

(P) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

(P) Joe McDermott, King County Council Chair

(P) Mary Moss, Lakewood Councilmember

(A) Ed Murray, City of Seattle Mayor

(P) Amy Scarton, Alternate for WSDOT Secretary

(P) Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

(P) Dave Uptegrove, 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

Chair Constantine stated that Motion No. M2016-100, referred by the Capital Committee on September 8, 2016, would be on the October Board agenda.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

South 200th Extension Project

Mr. Rogoff, Chief Executive Officer, announced that service to the Angle Lake Station would begin on September 24, 2016. The service launch is four years ahead of the ST2 plan and the project is trending \$40 million under budget. Once open, riders will have a 4-minute trip to the airport, a 41-minute trip to Westlake Station, and a 48-minute trip to the University of Washington Station.

Puget Sound Regional Council Conformity

Mr. Rogoff reported that the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board found Sound Transit's high-capacity transit implementation program to be in conformity with regional transportation and land use plans. PSRC evaluated whether Sound Transit's program is in conformance with the PSRC long-range transportation plan, Transportation 2040 and its regional urban growth management plan, VISION 2040, and reviewed the ST3 benefit-cost methodology used by Sound Transit.

The PSRC's action fulfills an important technical requirement in Sound Transit's enabling legislation required for Sound Transit's system planning efforts.

University Link Contingency

Mr. Rogoff stated that in September 2015, the Board authorized the use of \$7 million in project contingency for the University Link Extension for specific active professional services and construction contracts in support of

the Project's successful early opening in March 2016. Under Motion No. M2015-92, staff committed to the Board to provide a complete accounting of the commitment of the funds in the 3rd quarter of 2016. He noted that Boardmember packets include a memorandum that provides information on the allocation and use of the funds authorized by the Board.

As stated in the memorandum, and consistent with the Board's motion, the contingency was used to address design and construction issues arising from system integration testing and commissioning, safety certification procedures, code compliance revisions required from jurisdictional authorities, and leak mitigation.

Day of Caring

Mr. Rogoff stated that on September 23, 2016, some Sound Transit employees would participate in United Way of King County's Day of Caring. This is an annual event to help build a better community. This year staff will help Seattle Tilth in collaboration with the Green Seattle Partnership to restore the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands area.

2017 Budget Introduction

Mr. Rogoff provided an introduction and overview of Sound Transit's Proposed 2017 Budget. The proposed budget is an ST2 budget for 2017. Should voters pass the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) ballot measure in November 2016, subsequent revisions would be brought to the Board to help resource and facilitate actions in 2017 to launch ST3 early deliverables.

The Proposed 2017 Budget is built around the agency's core strategic objectives. The ridership forecast for 2017 is expected to exceed 47 million, which is about 14 percent over 2016. This reflects a full year of operation of the expanded Link light rail service and an expected 20 percent increase in Sounder ridership.

The Proposed 2017 Budget totals approximately \$1.6 billion, which includes \$1.2 billion to continue buildout of the ST2 capital program; \$288 million to provide safe, reliable bus and rail transit service throughout the region; and \$124 million in debt service for outstanding bonds used to finance the capital program. The proposed budget also funds \$43 million for Regional Express bus projects and \$69 million for Sounder south improvements.

The Proposed 2017 Budget is funded by \$1.0 billion in agency revenues. Sales taxes account for 72 percent of total revenues. Federal grants are expected to be 16.5 percent lower than 2016 and passenger fares are budgeted 22.1 percent higher.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman, Stand Up America
Mary McDaniel
Jean G. Amick
Ildefonso Eustaquio
Michael B. Fuller

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Link Ridership Presentation

David Huffaker, Deputy Executive Director of Operations Support Services, and Paul Denison, Light Rail Operations Director, presented the report. At the July 2016 Board meeting, staff presented information on daily ridership data. Link is operating as designed; two percent of the trips currently have overcrowded conditions. Sound Transit's Customer Service tracks and classifies all customer complaints with a goal of less than 15 complaints per 100,000 boardings. Link complaints for 2016 are well below the goal. Following the opening of University Link, complaints increased largely due to concerns about crowding. Since March, the rate of complaints has dropped.

Due to the full trains, additional capacity has been provided. Sound Transit is now operating a base of 12 trains all day, and 7 additional 3-car trains were added for peak service. On the weekends, all trains are made up of 3-cars.

Marketing and messaging campaigns will continue to encourage riders to spread out throughout the cars and store luggage under seats. Staff will continue to monitor ridership by day and individual trips.

South 200th Extension – Phase Gate 7 Report

Miles Haupt, Executive Project Director; Tracy Reed, Rail Activation Manager; and Paul Denison, Light Rail Operations Director, presented the Phase Gate 7 – Transition to Operations report. Mr. Haupt thanked the designers, contractors, and Sound Transit staff for their work on the South 200th Extension project.

The South 200th Extension project has received its final certificates of occupancy. The guideway and station have been certified for passenger service with concurrence from the WSDOT Transit Safety Oversight Manager. The certification includes training of operators, adopting modifying procedures, and verifying that the construction contract has been delivered with all the safety critical items addressed.

Chair Constantine thanked staff for their work on the project. Chair Constantine mentioned that this project is an example of the importance of looking for innovations to advance timelines and reduce costs.

Northgate Link Extension Briefing

Mr. Don Davis, Executive Project Director, and Ron Endlich, North Link Deputy Project Director, presented the briefing. The Northgate Link Extension project continues to be within budget and on schedule. The project delivery plan calls for ten contracts for civil construction and one contract for systems work. The largest contract is the tunneling contract. On September 1, 2016, the tunneling was completed and the contractor is now working on building 23 cross passages, finishing the bottom slab and walkways, and mechanical and electrical work within the tunnel.

Three GC/CM contracts are nearing completion of the preconstruction phase. These include two underground station contracts for the U District Station and Roosevelt Station finishes and a contract for systems work. Four contracts have been awarded since April 2016 for Design-Bid-Build work with a total value of \$250 million.

The top risks as the project moves forward include differing site and underground conditions, multiple contract interfaces, construction market conditions, and third party approvals.

Project Closeout for 14 Projects – Phase Gate 8

Jim Hathaway, Budget Manager, presented the Phase Gate 8 – Project Closeout report. He explained that Gate 8 is the final gate in the Phase Gate process. Fourteen projects are being presented for close out. A project is closed out when all activities are completed, any remaining issues are resolved, and all contracts for the project are closed. The total amount budgeted for the projects is \$2.16 billion with actual spending of \$2.13 billion. The savings revert back to the respective subareas and their financial capacity for use and funding of future projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the August 25, 2016, Board Meeting.

Voucher Certification for August 2016.

Motion No. M2016-99: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Skanska Constructors L300, a Joint Venture between Skanska USA Civil West California District Inc. and Skanska USA Buildings, Inc., to provide pre-construction services for the NE 200th Street to Lynnwood Transit Center contract within the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$5,370,000, with a 10% contingency of \$537,000, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,907,000.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion No. M2016-101: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. to provide 122 light rail vehicles for the ST2 light rail expansion projects, including Northgate Link, East Link, and Lynnwood Link Extensions, in the amount of \$517,621,239, with a 7% contingency of \$36,233,486, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$553,854,725.

Boardmember Butler reported that the Capital Committee discussed the action at its September 8, 2016, meeting. He asked Gene Overly, Director of System Engineering and Integration, to review the action.

Mr. Overly, Director of System Engineering and Integration, stated that through the procurement process, Siemens Industry, Inc. was deemed the best value for Sound Transit.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-101 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2016-92: Approves Sound Transit's 2016 Title VI Program for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration.

Jonté Robinson, Diversity Programs Specialist, presented the staff report. As a recipient of federal financial assistance, Sound Transit is required to submit a Title VI Program every three years to the Federal Transit Administration. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects individuals from discrimination based on race, color, and national origin as it relates to all programs and activities provided by Sound Transit.

It was moved by Boardmember Johnson, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-92 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2016-96: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the existing lease with SB Eternity Inc. dba Lynnwood Transit Café at 20122 46th Avenue West, in Lynnwood, WA, to extend the term of the lease an additional five years.

Nancy Bennett, Property Management Manager, stated that the Lynnwood Transit Café has been leasing Sound Transit-owned retail space at the Lynnwood Transit Station since February 2007. The lease expires the end of September 2016 and requires Board approval to extend the term of the lease.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-96 be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Constantine encouraged Boardmembers and audience members to attend the opening of the Angle Lake Light Rail Station on September 24, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2016
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on October 27, 2016 JE