

SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

October 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Committee Chair Fred Butler, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) Fred Butler, Issaquah Mayor

Vice Chair

(A) Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

Boardmembers

(A) Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor

(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember

(A) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor

(A) Rob Johnson, Seattle Councilmember

(P) John Marchione, Redmond Mayor

(P) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Butler advised that two committee members would be leaving at 2:30 p.m. To ensure a quorum is present to consider action items, he asked that the review of the 2017 Capital Budget would follow the action items.

CEO REPORT

Expert Review Panel Letter

Mr. Rogoff stated that Sound Transit received the final ST3 Exert Review Panel (ERP) letter, which signals the completion of the technical work required for ST3. The ERP held five meetings and worked with staff for 18 months. The panel concluded that "Sound Transit has included in the ST3 plan all the elements required by state law for a high-capacity system plan. The elements include the level and type of transportation services, route alignment and station locations, performance characteristics, and social, economic, and environmental impacts."

The Panel hired its own consultant to provide an additional check on Sound Transit cost estimates. The consultant found that the "...methodologies used to develop ST3 capital and operations and maintenance costs are sound and consistent with industry best practices."

The letter stated, "Sound Transit has met the requirement to define the roles of local, regional, and state agencies at this stage of planning."

2016 Transit Integration Report

Last week the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) published the 2016 Transit Integration Report. All local transit agencies were involved in the report, as well as PSRC, Seattle Department of Transportation, WSDOT, Pierce County Ferry System, and Washington State Ferries.

The report discusses the on-going work and coordination between transit agencies, ferries, and WSDOT in the region. WSDOT will use the report to satisfy their annual requirement to report on regional transit integration to both the House and Senate Transportation Committees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman, Stand Up America
Joe Kunzler

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Item for Committee Final Action

Minutes of the September 8, 2016, Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that the September 8, 2016, Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2016-103: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with CDM Smith Inc. to provide planning consulting services for the Kent and Auburn Station Access Improvements projects in the amount of \$899,653 with a 10% contingency of \$89,965 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$989,618.

Sandra Fann, Project Manager, presented the staff report. Under the contract, CDM Smith Inc. would conduct work in three phases for the Kent and Auburn Station Access Improvements projects. The first phase will identify access improvements for each station. Following completion of this work, the Board will decide which station access improvement can advance for environmental review.

Phase 2 and 3 are included as options within the contract. Phase 2 will take the Access Improvement Alternatives identified by the Board for each station through environmental review and conceptual engineering level of design, and Phase 3 would complete the preliminary engineering of the proposed projects included in the Access Improvement Alternatives.

It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Boardmember Balducci, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-103 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2016-105: Ratifying a Sub-recipient Funding Agreement with the City of Tacoma for a Federal Transit Administration grant for the Enhancements to Tacoma Link Expansion project in the amount of \$2,500,000, which includes \$500,000 in City of Tacoma local match contribution.

Monica Overby, Senior Grants Administrator stated that in 2015, Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma received a Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Although Sound Transit is the designated grant recipient and administers the funds, the City of Tacoma will execute the deliverables.

In September 2016, Sound Transit entered into a sub-recipient agreement with the City of Tacoma in order to manage the grant deliverables. A ratification is being sought because the amount of the agreement exceeds the Chief Executive Officer's authority.

It was moved by Boardmember Uptegrove, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-105 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2016-106: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with Seattle City Light for relocation of its Transmission Line Utilities from City of Seattle right-of-way to WSDOT right-of-way as part of the Northgate Link Extension.

Don Davis, Executive Project Director, explained that the proposed agreement with Seattle City Light (SCL) is for the relocation of an SCL transmission line from 1st Avenue NE to the west side of I-5 between North 105th Street and North 115th Street. The relocation is necessary to accommodate the Northgate Station and light rail guideway construction.

The transmission line is being relocated to the west side of the I-5 right-of-way to avoid conflicts with any future freeway-related work. WSDOT does not have any current freeway upgrade or expansion plans identified along this section of I-5. The agreement with SCL would require Sound Transit to pay half of the costs to move the transmission line if relocation is required in the next 30 years.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2016-106 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2016-24: 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.

Kevin Workman, Real Property Director, stated that the action would authorize the full acquisition of 43 parcels for the Lynnwood Link Extension project. The properties are needed for construction, maintenance, and operation of the light rail guideway, or related facilities that do not need further engineering to define the acquisition requirements.

It was moved by Boardmember Balducci, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2016-24 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

REVIEW THE SOUND TRANSIT 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET

Peter Rogoff, Chief Executive Officer, noted that the Proposed 2017 Budget is for ST2 only. Should the ST3 ballot measure pass, staff will return with appropriate and related budget adjustments.

Jim Hathaway, Budget Manager, provided an overview of the Proposed 2017 Transit Improvement Plan (TIP). The Proposed 2017 Budget is \$1.6 billion, including \$1.2 billion for capital spending. There are 89 active projects in the Proposed 2017 TIP including 9 new projects. The proposed 2017 project budget is the largest single year of capital expenditures in Sound Transit's history. Within the proposed capital budget, 90 percent is designated for System Expansion work.

The majority of the capital budget is focused on building light rail north, south, and east. Key projects include: \$393 million for continuing construction, design, and right-of-way acquisitions for the East Link Extension; \$259 million for Northgate Link Extension construction; \$116 million for the Lynnwood Link Extension; and \$6 million for continued design for the Federal Way Link Extension. The proposed budget funds \$43 million for ST Express bus projects, including \$24 million for I-90 Two-Way Transit & HOV Operations and \$14 million for ST Express Fleet Expansion. The proposed budget contains \$69 million for Sounder south improvements, including funds for the design of parking improvements at Kent, Auburn, Puyallup, and Sumner.

Key System Expansion activities for 2017 include Northgate Link Extension construction and right-of-way acquisition; East Link Extension construction of south Bellevue, downtown Bellevue-Spring District and Bel-Red, and tunneling in Bellevue; Lynnwood Link Extension final design, right-of-way, and pre-construction activities; construction on track improvements and bridge replacement for the Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal project; and I-90 Stage 3 construction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 2016
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on November 10, 2016,JE