



SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

March 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Committee Chair Claudia Balducci, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(P) *Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember*

Vice Chair

(P) *Kent Keel, University Place Mayor*

Board Members

(A) *Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor*

(P) *Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor*

(P) *Rob Johnson, Seattle Councilmember*

(A) *John Marchione, Redmond Mayor*

(P) *Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember*

(A) *Victoria Woodards, Tacoma Mayor*

Jane Emerson, Board Coordinator, announced that there was a quorum of the committee present at the roll call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Balducci stated that she has been discussing strategies for ongoing reporting and oversight on capital projects with agency staff. With the size of the capital program, it is important to think about what the committee should spend time on at meetings. She and staff will bring some ideas to the Capital Committee in the near future.

CEO REPORT

State Legislative Update-

CEO Peter Rogoff stated that this was the last day of the legislative session in Olympia. Discussions continue on legislation that would reduce Sound Transit's motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) revenue. The House and Senate have both passed different approaches. While time is running out, staff continues to remind members that any reduction of MVET revenues should be accompanied by offsetting measures to ensure that the transit expansion remains whole to deliver light rail, commuter rail, and bus rapid transit projects on the schedules promised to the voters.

CEO Rogoff advised that State Representative Judy Clibborn announced her retirement. Representative Clibborn currently serves as House Transportation Chair. Her leadership in transportation and support of transit in Washington State and Sound Transit's efforts to build out the regional transit system will be missed.

I-405 Lane Closures

CEO Rogoff stated that night closures on I-405 in Bellevue began on February 26 and will continue through March 15, 2018. The lane closures are in preparation for construction of the elevated light rail structure across I-405. Sound Transit's contractor will be setting up vertical supports along the highway for

future elevated light rail structure. Work is scheduled to take place Monday through Thursday for approximately three weeks.

Employee Recognition

CEO Rogoff recognized Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations. He stated that it was International Women's Day and the Seattle Transit Blog had an article on Ms. Todd's career as a woman in transit operations.

Partnering Agreements

CEO Rogoff commented that the agenda included a number of actions for partnering agreements. He said that partnering agreements are an elemental way to reach agreements with municipalities to move projects forward expeditiously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul W. Locke
Alex Tsimerman, Stand Up America
Will Knedlik

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action

Minutes of the January 11, 2018, Capital Committee Meeting

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Keel, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that the January 11, 2018, Capital Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2018-32: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Environmental Science Associates to provide on-call environmental services to Sound Transit on an as needed basis for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$4,770,000.

Lauren Swift, Senior Environmental Planner, presented the staff report. This action would execute a contract to provide on-call environmental services for Sound Transit's capital program and services currently in operation. The contract will provide a way to complete tasks that arise following the completion of work, or smaller environmental tasks. This will enable Sound Transit to move quickly and avoid delays to projects due to remaining environmental work.

The work under this contract will be managed through task orders. Examples of past usage include additional NEPA and SEPA review, long-term wetland monitoring and maintenance, and Historic District Review board actions for installing fall-protection on Union Station.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Keel, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-32 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2018-33: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide project development services for the NE 85th Street In-Line Station portion of the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit project in the amount of \$583,690, with a 10% contingency of \$58,369, for a total authorized task order amount not to exceed \$642,059.

Paul Cornish, Project Director; Cynthia Padilla, Project Manager; and John Sleavin, Executive Technical Advisor, presented the staff report. This action will start project development of the 85th Street In-Line

Station as part of the I-405 bus rapid transit (BRT) in the City of Kirkland. Sound Transit and WSDOT have been working closely on the BRT project to ensure compatibility and schedule efficiencies.

WSDOT's I-405 master plan includes a direct access ramp in this vicinity. Over the next five months, Sound Transit will work with WSDOT to refine the project. Updates will be provided to project stakeholders through alternative development. This project will be on a different schedule than the overall I-405 schedule to allow WSDOT to manage projects together.

Committee Chair Balducci asked for an update on the elected leadership group (ELG). Mr. Cornish replied that the first ELG meeting would be in mid-April. Staff plans to have a second meeting before returning to the Capital Committee with the recommended project. This work includes meetings with the Kirkland City Council, the Kirkland Transportation Commission, a public meeting, and the ELG.

CEO Rogoff mentioned that there is a WSDOT stakeholder group for I-405. He and WSDOT Secretary Millar have had conversations about integration between the groups.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Keel, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-33 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2018-28: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with the artist Mary Ann Peters to provide artist services for the Northgate Station platform as part of the Northgate Link Extension in the amount of \$320,000, with a 10% contingency of \$32,000 totaling \$352,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$428,000.

Barbara Luecke, Public Art Program Manager, and Ashley Long, Public Art Project Manager, stated that the actions for Motion No. M2018-28 and Motion No. M2018-29 are for artists' services for Phase 2 of projects that have been in development since 2012. Staff has worked closely with the communities, the design teams, and the Seattle Light Rail Review Panel to develop the concepts for creating landmarks and customer integrated features in the stations that reflect the character of the communities.

The artwork meets the same standards for durability and longevity as station elements. The fabrication budget is used by the artist for a variety of needs including suppliers, trade shops, fabricators, and transportation. Both projects are in the Northgate Link corridor and the funds for the STart program are allocated by subarea.

Motion No. M2018-28 is for the Northgate Station located east of I-5 and west of the existing King County Metro transit center. Artist Mary Ann Peters' design development process included meeting with community members and hearing about the importance of Thornton Creek in the area. The art will be depicting an image of a dragonfly that is native to the area. The artwork is located on the west wall of the platform and in the stairway. Riders will have a close view of artwork and it will be visible from I-5.

Boardmember Upthegrove stated that the artistic elements are an integral part of the station. When building a large infrastructure, the design elements, including the artistic elements, are essential to help integrate the station to the community. The environment should be safe, accessible, and should be attractive so that people want to use transit and helps with perception of the region.

Committee Vice Chair Keel stated his appreciation of art and that he understands it may be less expensive to install the artwork as the facility is built. He represents constituents to the south who are concerned about the timing of facilities to be built in their jurisdiction. His community would like service faster, and for that reason, he would be voting no.

Boardmember Johnson stated that the Board adheres to a strict subarea equity financial policy. Redistribution of these two projects would not get projects to other areas of the region any faster.

It was moved by Boardmember Upthegrove, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, and carried by majority vote that Motion No. M2018-28 be approved as presented with Vice Chair Keel voting in the minority.

Motion No. M2018-29: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with the artists R & R Studios to provide artist services for the Roosevelt Station plaza as part of the Northgate Link Extension in the amount of \$540,000, with a 10% contingency of \$54,000 totaling \$594,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$716,000.

Barbara Luecke, Public Art Program Manager, and Ashley Long, Public Art Project Manager, presented the staff report. This project is for a plaza on the outside of the Roosevelt Station. The Roosevelt neighborhood has been very active in re-zoning and upscaling to preserve a single-family residence nearby. The neighborhood asked that the art program create a social gathering place that can be utilized with coming and going to the station. The artwork will be a substantial landmark that will be visible in the neighborhood.

Boardmember Johnson expressed his appreciation of the time R&R Studios has spent working with the community. The community came to the Sound Transit Board in 2004 and asked for a realignment of the proposed station to have it located in the heart of the neighborhood. The neighborhood has worked with the artist toward their vision around the station.

Committee Vice Chair Keel stated that he likes that this creates an area where people sit and gather, and he would support the motion.

It was moved by Boardmember Johnson, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-29 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2018-31: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a partnership agreement and initial task order with King County Metro to provide project development support services in the amount of \$860,000, with a 10% contingency of \$86,000 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$946,000.

Sarah Bohlen, Development Manager, presented the staff report to execute a partnering agreement with King County Metro (KCM). The agreement with KCM is a combined partnering and reimbursement agreement. This partnership established expectations regarding roles and responsibilities and key decision points during project development of the projects identified in the ST3 plan. The agreement establishes a reimbursement strategy through task orders. The proposed KCM agreement provides two personnel for the 2018 – 2019 biennium.

This partnership covers many topics, which include identifying designated representatives and key staff for projects; providing a forum for decision-making and resolution; establishing a commitment to the ST3 projects scope, schedule, and budget; providing definition for progressing ST3 projects; and early collaboration of the evaluation of reasonable alternatives and the identification of transit integration assumptions.

Committee Chair Balducci asked for an example of what KCM staff might be working on under this agreement. Ms. Bohlen replied that a series of six concurrence points have been identified between the start of alternative development and when the Board selects the project to be built. It will be determined which agency will be responsible for transit integration facilities such as bus stops and layover spaces. The partnership ends with a transit integration term sheet or concurrence, which will lay out the expected improvements and will determine who is responsible for funding, constructing, owning, and maintaining the facilities.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Keel, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-31 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2018-30: Authorizing the chief executive officer to increase Task Order 2 under the City Services Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Sound Transit for the Federal Way Link Extension in the amount of \$236,700, with a 10% contingency of \$23,670, for a total not to exceed amount of \$385,370 for Task Order 2 and \$566,870 for the City Services Agreement.

Linneth Riley-Hall, Deputy Project Director, and Soraya Lowry, HCT Development Manager, presented the staff report. In 2017, the Board approved a City Services Agreement with the City of Des Moines and Task

Order 1 to complete the transitway agreement and work on a draft development agreement to help with a land use agreement.

Task Order 2 was executed under the CEO's authority with an initial scope and schedule. This action would increase the not to exceed amount for Task Order 2 through the design-build notice to proceed. Activities during this period would be to complete work on the request for proposals and executing the transitway and development agreements. The City would provide subject matter expertise to support the design-build process, and they would work on a mutually agreed upon staffing plan to support expedited and streamlined permitting. If needed, an optional task to support the project schedule by staffing key function to support plan review and permitting would be exercised.

Boardmember Upthegrove asked about the oversight on the task order. Ms. Lowry replied that the task is for 22 months. Of the requested amount, \$75,000 would be reserved should there be a need to fund additional positions for the notice to proceed portion. The bulk of the time would be to secure the development agreement, which is the land use permit, the transitway agreement, and the long-term agreement. The policy framework will be confirmed to determine which codes apply. The City is required to document staff time on timesheets, which will be reviewed by Sound Transit staff.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Keel, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-30 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2018-35: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Milton related to the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project.

Curvie Hawkins, Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project Director, and Sue Comis, HCT Development Manager, presented the staff reports for Motion Nos. M2018-35 and M2018-36. When the System Expansion Implementation Plan was introduced, it included new ways of organizing internally as well as new approaches for working with stakeholders and partners. A key component of this approach is the development of partnering agreements between Sound Transit and local jurisdictions and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. Motion No. M2018-35 would execute a partnering agreement with the City of Milton, and Motion No. M2018-36 would execute a partnering agreement with the City of Fife.

The goal with the partnering agreements is to provide greater clarity and predictability for mutual expectations as the project moves from development through construction. Key elements include agreement on the community engagement process, commitments on the environmental review process, streamlining the permit review process, and agreement of a designated point of contact.

In April 2018, the formal public engagement process will begin, and Sound Transit will be seeking public and agency input on the alignment and station location alternatives.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Keel, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-35 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2018-36: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Partnering Agreement with the City of Fife related to the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Keel, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-36 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2018-34: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Parametrix, Inc. to provide professional services for the Downtown Redmond Link Extension in the amount of \$6,058,221 with a 10% contingency of \$605,822 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$21,280,439.

Leonard McGhee, Light Rail Development Manager, presented the staff report. The action would execute an amendment with Parametrix, Inc. to provide design-build delivery and right-of-way service for Downtown Redmond Link Extension. This work is in addition to the current contract for preliminary engineering and environmental services.

The design-build services include finalizing procurement documentation, proposal meeting and alternative technical concept analysis support, environmental permitting, and post preliminary engineering environmental support. The right-of-way support includes developing legal descriptions, preparing surveys, developing temporary easement commitments, and assisting in developing purchase and sale agreements.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-34 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2018-07: 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 Downtown Redmond Link Extension

Kevin Workman, Director of Real Property, stated that the action would authorize acquiring six properties needed for the Downtown Redmond Link Extension. The owners were notified via certified mail on March 6, 2018, and notices of the acquisition will be in the Seattle Times on March 9, 2018, and March 16, 2018.

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Keel, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2018-07 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2018-08: 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, Director of Real Property, stated that the action would authorize acquiring 15 properties needed for the Lynnwood Link Extension. The owners were notified via certified mail on March 6, 2018, and notices of the acquisition will be in the Seattle Times and The Herald of Everett newspapers on March 9, 2018, and March 16, 2018.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Keel, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2018-08 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 2018
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator



Claudia Balducci
Capital Committee Chair

APPROVED on June 14, 2018, JE