



SOUND TRANSIT CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary Minutes

April 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Committee Vice Chair Kent Keel, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair

(A) *Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember*

Vice Chair

(P) *Kent Keel, University Place Mayor*

Board Members

(P) *Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor*

(P) *Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor*

(A) *Rob Johnson, Seattle Councilmember*

(P) *John Marchione, Redmond Mayor*

(P) *Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember*

(A) *Victoria Woodards, Tacoma Mayor*

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

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

None

DEPUTY CEO REPORT

Operations and Maintenance Facility: East Groundbreaking

Deputy CEO Mike Harbour stated that a groundbreaking event was held in Bellevue last week for the Link Operations and Maintenance Facility – East. This was a culmination of years of effort with the Bellevue City Council and community groups to show how an operations and maintenance facility fits neatly into their vision for the Bel-Red corridor as part of light rail's expansion to the east. In attendance were Boardmember Balducci, Congressman Adam Smith, and Bellevue Mayor Chelminiak.

When the East Link Extension opens in 2023, the OMF: East will enable the agency to run four-car trains every ten minutes between the future Redmond Technology Station and the Northgate stations.

Tacoma Dome Link Extension – Public Involvement

Last week Sound Transit kicked off public involvement for the Tacoma Dome Link Extension to run through May 3, 2018. As part of early scoping, members of the public are invited to provide input on the proposed route and stations outlined in the ST3 Plan and on a potential location for an Operations and Maintenance Facility in the south corridor.

There will be an open house April 17 in Tacoma, April 18 in Federal Way, and April 24 in Fife. Community members unable to attend an open house can offer project feedback through an online portal on the Sound Transit website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul W. Locke

BUSINESS ITEMS

Items for Committee Final Action

Motion No. M2018-45: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with artist Patrick Marold, dba Patrick Marold Studios, to provide artist services for the Bel-Red/130th Station platform as part of the East Link Extension in the amount of \$783,000, with a 20% contingency of \$156,600 totaling \$939,600, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$1,036,600.

Barbara Luecke, Public Art Program Manager; Kurt Kiefer, Public Art Project Manager; and Julie Montgomery, Architecture and Art Director, presented the staff report. In 2014, Patrick Marold was selected to design artwork for the East Link Extension Bel-Red/130th Station. This action is for artist services for Phase 2 – Fabrication and Installation of the artwork.

The artwork will be four sections of stainless steel guardrail on both platforms of the station. The guardrails will have a notch design in the railing creating a wandering shadow line. Four benches will punctuate the guardrail, each made from colored cast glass layered with stainless steel and lit from below.

Vice Chair Keel commented that he would support this motion because it being built into the constructs of the facility.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-45 be approved as presented.

(Boardmember Upthegrove arrived at this time.)

Motion No. M2018-46: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with artist Kate Sweeney (dba KE Sweeney Illustrations) to provide artist services for the Redmond Technology Station as part of the East Link Extension in the amount of \$700,000, with a 15% contingency of \$105,000 totaling \$805,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$890,000.

Barbara Luecke, Public Art Program Manager; Kurt Kiefer, Public Art Project Manager; and Julie Montgomery, Architecture and Art Director, presented the staff report. Kate Sweeney was selected in 2017 to design artwork for the Redmond Technology Station. This action is for artist services for Phase 2 – Fabrication and Installation of the artwork.

The Redmond Technology Station has a bus transit facility that will be located in the parking structure. The artwork will be on the ceiling above the bus transit facility and is taking over what would have been an architectural requirement that there would be a dropped ceiling in the garage.

Vice Chair Keel commented that he likes the artwork, but he would not be voting in favor of this action since it is not a part of the structure.

It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by majority vote that Motion No. M2018-46 be approved as presented with Vice Chair Keel voting in the minority.

Motion No. M2018-47: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a construction contract with Dickson Company for the early demolition of buildings for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$2,491,024, plus a 7% contingency of \$174,372, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$2,665,396.

Rod Kempkes, Executive Project Director Lynnwood Link Extension, and Allen Wycoff, Construction Manager Lynnwood Link Extension, presented the staff report. This early action is for demolition of buildings to support delivery of the Lynnwood Link Extension in 2024.

The Lynnwood Link Extension project is seeking a full funding grant agreement (FFGA) from the Federal Transportation Administration. Although there is not an executed grant, this work would be eligible for reimbursement through the FFGA. The properties are along the alignment and are currently owned by Sound Transit. The work includes abatement of hazardous materials, demolition of existing structures, removal of underground storage tanks, site restoration, and temporary construction fencing. Work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

The contract does not include all of the demolition work needed for the project. The remaining demolition work will be part of the civil construction contracts.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-47 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2018-48: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Trinity Meyer Utility Structures, LLC for the fabrication and delivery of steel power poles and associated materials for the Lynnwood Link Extension in the amount of \$474,035, plus a 7% contingency of \$33,182, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$507,217 plus applicable sales tax.

Rod Kempkes, Executive Project Director Lynnwood Link Extension, and Allen Wycoff, Construction Manager Lynnwood Link Extension, presented the staff report. This contract would provide the early procurement of new steel power poles needed to raise existing electrical transmission lines that conflict with the new guideway for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

The action is specific to the material purchase and does not include installation. The follow-on civil contractor will install the pole foundations and anchor bolts, and Seattle City Light will install the poles and wires. This is an early procurement since steel poles can be a long-lead item and the raising of the lines is critical for early construction work.

It was moved by Boardmember Backus, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-48 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2018-49: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a four- year contract with a one-year option to extend with Envirolssues, Inc. to provide on-call communications and customer outreach support services in the amount of \$2,375,000.

Geoff Patrick, Deputy Executive Director Communications and External Affairs, presented the staff report. Following the passage of ST3, Sound Transit now has the largest capital investment program in the country. This contract would help with communications to the public including customer outreach, planning and staffing open houses, and providing an increased presence at community events.

Boardmember Upthegrove asked if these services could be provided in house with additional staff. Mr. Patrick replied that the staffing plan for communications is to rely on the contract to handle the majority of the expanded efforts. There are many outreach activities, such as street teaming and public meetings, that have peaks and valleys of effort needed. This contract is an efficient way to handle those peaks.

Vice Chair Keel asked for clarity of on-call communications work. Mr. Patrick replied that this contract is different from other on-call contracts because it does not have a strictly defined scope. This contract is less defined and staff would negotiate task orders with the vendor to provide specific work.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-49 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2018-50: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Redmond to fund the construction of a southbound right-turn pocket at 152nd Avenue NE and NE 24th Street for the East Link Extension for a fixed price of \$1,338,822.

Leonard McGhee, HCT Development Manager, presented the staff report. During environmental work for the East Link Extension, a southbound right-turn pocket at 152nd Avenue NE and NE 24th Street was identified to mitigate intersection impacts associated with the project. This action would authorize an agreement whereby Sound Transit agrees to pay the City of Redmond a fixed price of \$1,338,822, or half the cost of the improvement. This work will be done as part of a capital improvement project being completed by the city.

Boardmember Marchione commented that this agreement is a great example of a local jurisdiction and Sound Transit working together.

It was moved by Boardmember Marchione, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-50 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Motion No. M2018-51: (1) Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the City of Seattle and King County Metro, to provide capital improvements for downtown Seattle focusing on improving regional mobility and the customer experience for a near-term program of projects in the amount of \$8,981,750 with an 11% program contingency of \$1,018,250 for a total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 plus applicable taxes, and (2) approving Downtown Seattle and Regional Mobility Improvements as the project name.

Mike Harbour, Deputy CEO, presented the staff report. A regional plan, formerly known as One Center City, was developed to improve travel, connections, and experience through downtown Seattle during East Link construction and to create a 20-year vision for the future. It was identified that between 2019 and 2021, there were no significant capacity improvements to get through downtown Seattle; however, there were many projects that would negatively affect travel speeds and capacity. Without any action, the afternoon peak bus speeds would decrease by 23 percent, the travel time would increase by 3.5 minutes in the afternoon, and the operating cost would increase by \$6 to \$7 million to maintain the current level of service.

Four agencies, Downtown Seattle Association, King County Metro, Seattle Department of Transportation, and Sound Transit, have been working on this plan to determine what could be done to improve transit movement in the region and through downtown Seattle. The primary capital improvements being recommended include 4th/2nd Avenue signal improvements, new 5th/6th Avenue pathway, 3rd Avenue all-door boarding, pedestrian safety and improved bus shelter environment, International District hub improvements, Montlake Triangle capital improvements, public realm improvements, and Transportation Demand Management strategies.

Performance benefits for the program include improved safety outcomes, improved northbound transit travel time by 15 to 20 percent over today, enhanced transfer environment, reduced bus traffic on 4th Avenue by 30 percent, and improved pedestrian conditions.

The action is to approve an agreement with the City of Seattle and King County Metro to provide capital improvements for downtown Seattle. Sound Transit, King County Metro, and Seattle Department of Transportation will each contribute \$10 million. Next steps include finalizing the program development plan, ongoing outreach and communications, and completion of tasks by September 2018 when the buses are anticipated to come out of the DSTT.

Boardmember Marchione stated that this plan has made a lot of progress. He suggested that in the future, an analysis should be done on the impact for the full system rather than just an isolated area. This plan is Seattle based, yet the first round of recommendations impacted northeast King County.

Boardmember Earling asked whether other transit agencies who will be impacted have been included and understand the changes. Mr. Harbour replied that the transit agencies have been involved in the process and will benefit by the improvements.

It was moved by Boardmember Backus, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-51 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2018-52: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute (1) an Agreement with the City of Seattle for project administration services for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project that establishes a task order process for Sound Transit to reimburse the City for certain costs essential to meeting Project objectives and schedules; and (2) Task Order One, which establishes the scope, schedule, and budget for services to be provided by the City for the alternatives development phase of the Project, in the amount of \$1,101,050, with a 10% contingency of \$110,105, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,211,155.

Cathal Ridge, Central Corridor HCT Development Director; Kate Lichtenstein, Senior Project Manager; and David Huffaker, Deputy Executive Director Operations and Support Services, presented the staff report. The project administration agreement is a companion agreement to the earlier development agreement. It establishes a framework for reimbursement of certain City services in support of the expedited project development through task orders. This action also includes executing Task Order One for support of early engineering and permit streamlining activities during Alternatives Development.

It was moved by Boardmember Upthegrove, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2018-52 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

Resolution No. R2018-09: 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 26 properties needed for the Lynnwood Link Extension. The owners were notified via certified mail on April 10, 2018, and notices of the acquisition will be in the Seattle Times and The Herald of Everett newspapers on April 13, 2018, and April 20, 2018.

One of the properties listed in the action belongs to Seattle Public Utilities. They have expressed their concerns about the condemnation language in the action. Staff is having conversations with both Seattle

Public Utilities and the City of Seattle to address the concerns. If these are not been resolved by the Board meeting on April 26, 2018, staff will inform the Board.

It was moved by Boardmember Earling, seconded by Boardmember Marchione, and carried by unanimous vote that Resolution No. R2018-09 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2018
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator



Claudia Balducci
Capital Committee Chair

APPROVED on June 14, 2018, JE