



Regional Transportation Investment District of King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT DISTRICT **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

SPECIAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS **April 29, 2004 9:00 am** **Snohomish County PUD Office** **2320 California Street, Everett, WA.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call & Welcome

The Executive Board of the Regional Transportation Investment Board was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Chair Gary Nelson, Snohomish County Council.

Councilmembers Present, Metropolitan King County Council: Rob McKenna, Dwight Pelz, Julia Patterson, Carolyn Edmonds

Councilmembers Present, Pierce County Council: Shawn Bunney, Calvin Goings

Councilmembers Present, Snohomish County Council: Gary Nelson, Dave Gossett

The Chair welcomed King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert, member of the Planning Committee, to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2004 Executive Board Special Meeting

Mr. Bunney moved approval of the minutes of the March 12, 2004 Executive Board meeting. Mr. Gossett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Director Report

Kjris Lund, Executive Director, reviewed the budget report for the RTID dated April 29, 2004. She asked the Board to delete the number listed under financial expertise. Ms. Lund also indicated that if there are excess funds in any of the categories, those funds will be moved to the communication budget line.

4. Schedule

Ms. Lund indicated that once a draft plan is adopted, there will be a public comment period through May 28. Sound Transit begins its discussion of the joint ballot measure on May 20 and anticipates a decision on May 27. The Executive Board can then make a decision based on the Sound Transit decision. She suggested a meeting of the Executive Board on Thursday,

June 3 and a Planning Committee meeting sometime thereafter. After the Executive Board has adopted a draft plan, staff will develop a financial plan which takes into consideration the scope the timing of project expenditures of the proposed plan. There will then be a review of the financial plan after it is finalized. The staff will also need to convert the draft plan into a plan as required by the statute and also draft a resolution and agreement which would outline the agreement with Sound Transit and then sent on to individual county councils for adoption.

The Chair asked whether the staff can meet this schedule. Ms. Lund indicated that this schedule is based on staff's prior work, so the schedule can be met. Ms. Lund also indicated that the independent cost review needs to be undertaken during this period. The Chair indicated that there will be an Executive Board meeting on June 3 and asked that members hold June 11 as a possible date for the Planning Committee.

5. Public Review Process Events

Steve Boyer, Rocky Hill and Knowlton, reviewed the draft communications plan, as presented. The public outreach process includes communication between elected officials and the public and between the public and elected officials. Chair Nelson suggested that the communications staff meet with other county council members who are not on the Executive Board to assist them with information about the RTID for use at other meetings. Mr. Boyer agreed. Chair Nelson also suggested that there should be an interface with Sound Transit if a joint ballot is agreed to. Mr. Boyer indicated that there had already been staff discussions between the RTID and Sound Transit.

6. Public Comment

The following people provided comments:

Councilmember Fred Butler (Issaquah)
Mayor Mary Alice Burley (Kirkland)
Councilmember John Risha (Redmond)
Deputy Mayor Phil Noble (Bellevue)
Todd Woosley
Janet Ray
Natalie Shippen
Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge (Federal Way)
Doug Levy
Councilmember Chuck Price (Woodinville)
David Hopkins
Councilmember Kathy Lambert
Councilmember Carolyn Edmonds

Ms. Lund distributed a summary of correspondence received. Mr. Pelz distributed a letter dated April 28, 2004.

7. Draft Plan Action

Ms. Lund began her presentation by thanking the members of the Executive Board; Secretary of Transportation McDonald; Chris Picard, Amy Arnis and David Dye, WSDOT; the offices of Executive Ron Sims and Executive John Ladenburg; WSDOT staff and county staff. She then gave a general overview of the RTID and reviewed the staff report dated April 29, 2004. The table on page 2 shows the current financial plan based on the proposed project lists; Ms. Lund pointed out that there will be changes to the numbers over time, but that all the financial information will balance out at end of the projects. She also indicated that the project lists are supplemented by projects funded by the nickel package list. The project lists have been developed by county, showing a range for possible Sound Transit funds based on likely Sound Move-eligible projects. The King County list in the staff report is different from the technical backup sheet because of late information received from King County. She noted that most potential Sound Transit funds will be used in King County, but some will also be used in Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Sound Transit has not yet developed any project lists, so final numbers are not available. Ms. Lund also pointed out a typographical error on page 5 of the report; the investment for I-405 should be \$2.5 billion.

Chris Picard, WSDOT, gave details on the project lists. The Pierce County projects complement the nickel projects on I-5, include projects on SR 167, which connect with improvement to SR 167 in King County and also include projects on the SR 161 arterial, on West Hill and in the Frederickson area. Mr. Bunney indicated that there was a \$100-150 million in reserve for Sound Transit projects, including parking facilities. The King County list has been simplified to focus on major corridors, such as I-5, SR 509, SR 520, the Alaskan Way viaduct, SR 99 north, SR 518 and SR 522. Snohomish County projects include I-5 to complement the nickel package; interchanges; SR 9 north of the nickel project, SR 522, corridors and local projects.

In response to a question from the Chair, Jeff Richard, Foster Pepper & Shefelman, reported that under the joint ballot measure provisions, any projects built with High Capacity Transit (HCT) revenue that was waived by Sound Transit and transferred to RTID are not considered transportation projects for purposes of the RTID statute.

Ms. Patterson moved adoption of the project lists as presented in the staff report. Mr. Gossett seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Pelz indicated that he did not support the King County project list and the package and referred the Board to his letter and package sent on April 28, 2004. . After further discussion, the motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 (Mr. McKenna, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Bunney, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Goings,
Chair Nelson)
Noes: 1 (Mr. Pelz)

Ms. Patterson presented and moved Motion 1, relating to the joint ballot measure with Sound Transit. Mr. Gossett seconded. After discussion, Ms. Patterson withdrew the motion and agreed to work on a letter to Sound Transit incorporating the comments contained in the motion. The Chair asked that Ms. Lund work with the executive director of Sound Transit as outlined in the proposed motion.

Ms. Patterson presented Motion 2, which requested that the state make failing highways such as the Alaskan Way viaduct and SR 520 its highest priority. Ms. Patterson then suggested that this issue might be addressed in letter form. The Chair also suggested that a resolution from each of the county councils might be appropriate.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Chair Gary Nelson

Attest:

Anne Noris, Clerk