

# **SOUTH COUNTY AREA TRANSPORTATION BOARD (SCATBd)**

November 20, 2012

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Members**

Mayor Dave Hill	City of Algona (Chair)
Mayor Pete Lewis	City of Auburn (Vice Chair)
Kelly McGourty	PSRC
Councilmember Wayne Snoey	City of Covington
Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge	City of Federal Way
Councilmember Barry Ladenburg	City of SeaTac
Charles Prestrud	WSDOT (Alternate)
Elizabeth Leavitt	Port of Seattle
Kelly Hayden	Pierce Transit
Councilmember Marcie Palmer	City of Renton
Terry Davis	SSCCLC
Charlie Howard	PRSC
Chris Arkills	King County (Alternate)
Councilmember Stacia Jenkins	City of Normandy Park
Councilmember Elizabeth Albertson	City of Kent
Councilmember Jeanette Burrage	City of Des Moines

### **I. Open Meeting**

After the introductions, the October 16, 2012 SCATBd meeting summary was approved

### **II. Reports, Communications and Citizen Requests to Comment**

Charlie Howard reported that \$30 million in additional PSRC funds will be distributed to projects on the 2012 grant competition contingency lists. The additional PSRC funds have become available as the result of higher-than-estimated FFY 2012 allocations of PSRC's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funding sources. Contingency lists of projects were approved as part of the 2012 project selection process for PSRC funds, in case additional funds become available before the next project selection process. Mr. Howard said the PSRC Executive Board will make a decision on the distribution on December 6.

Councilmember Burbidge reported that the RTC will be holding a special meeting on December 6 where the committee will be briefed on Metro's Linking Transit and Development Preliminary Concepts Report. The purpose of the report will be to discuss concepts for refining Metro's service guidelines to better link transit service and local development. These concepts could potentially be incorporated into a proposed update of Metro's strategic plan and service guidelines that is due to the King County Council on April 30, 2013.

Kelly Hayden reported on the failure Pierce Transit's Proposition 1 and said the Proposition lost by about 700 votes. He said their Board will be meeting to discuss how to move forward; but said they will have to cut about 53% from their current service. Mr. Hayden said that in 2010 they had about 622,000 service hours and he expects that it will fall to about 197, 000 hours of service. He said the original service reduction option prior to the vote was to have no weekend service if the ballot failed. All service changes will have to be in effect starting in 2014, and Pierce Transit staff reductions will occur.

Elizabeth Albertson reported that Kent's levy lift to fund parks and street maintenance also failed. She said that Kent will have to close parks and reduce road preservation work. Ms Councilmember Albertson said that the City of Kent will have to do less with fewer revenues.

### **III. . Report from the Nominating Committee for 2013 SCATBd Chair and Vice-Chair and Possible SCATBd Vote on 2013 Chair and Vice Chair.**

The Nominating Committee for 2013 SCATBd Chair and Vice Chair reported that they had nominated Mayor Pete Lewis for SCATBd Chair and Councilmember Marcie Palmer for SCATBd Vice Chair. Councilmember Snoey made a Motion, and it was seconded, to have the Board vote on the nominations at the meeting. Chair Hill asked if there were any other nominations for SCATBd Chair and Vice Chair, hearing none, Chair Hill asked for a Motion to close the nomination. A Motion was made and seconded to close the nominations for SCATBd Chair and Vice Chair. A vote was taken on the Subcommittee's Chair and Vice Chair nominations.

### **SCATBd unanimously approved the nominations of Mayor Pete Lewis for 2013 SCATBd Chair and Councilmember Marcie Palmer for 2013 SCATBd Vice Chair.**

### **IV. SCATBd Agreement Extension Discussion, Review Statement of Agreement Extension and Possible Action by SCATBd to Extend the Agreement.**

Mayor Lewis reported on the November 7 meeting of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of SCATBd, ETP, and SeaShore. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a process and schedule for approving extensions to their respective Agreements. He reported the outcome of the meeting was a general consensus to support a one-year extension of the Agreements, and discussions on how to revise the Agreements to begin in early 2013. Mayor Lewis reported that ETP and SeaShore have accepted their proposals to extend their respective Agreements.

Mayor Lewis presented a copy of the draft statement of extension for SCATBd's Agreement to the Board. Mayor Lewis questioned the need to include the statement "This extension acknowledges that the adoption of the new Metro Strategic Plan has altered the basis for transit service allocations" and asked that this sentence be stricken from the Statement of Extension. Chris Arkills said even though the Extension Agreement is for one

year, the goal is to adopt revised Agreements within 6 months. Councilmember Jenkins asked if extending invitation to business and labor groups to join SCATBd was still under consideration. Mayor Hill said that it was still on the table for discussion.

**A Motion was made and seconded to extend the agreement for one year striking the last sentence. The Board voted unanimously to extend the Agreement for one year.**

#### **V. Joint Subarea legislative Message Letter, Review Draft Joint Subarea Legislative Message Letter and Possible Action to Approve Sending Joint Letter**

Mayor Lewis said that at the same November 7 meeting of the SCATBd, ETP, and SeaShore chairs and vice-chairs, the group also discussed the possibility of a sending a joint transportation legislative message letter to the 2013 Legislature. All three subarea boards have approved transportation position statements for use during the 2013 legislative session. The group discussed the value in presenting a unified legislative message along with the individual subarea legislative messages. The common themes in the three legislative messages include:

- Maintain and improve major state corridors
- Help local governments meet their transportation needs
- Use tolling to manage and fund projects, and mitigate the effects on other corridors

**A Motion was made and seconded directing the Chair to sign a joint legislative message letter with minor revisions. The Board voted unanimously to allow the Chair to sign a joint subarea legislative letter.**

Councilmember Snoey passed out copies of SCATBd's 2013 Legislative Message Brochure and Priority Projects map. He said the brochure and map were designed for legislators but he urged Boardmembers to pass the brochures and maps to their fellow councilmembers, to business groups, chambers of commerce members. He said that transportation might get a lot of attention during the 2013 Legislative session. The Board also asked to have the brochure and map be distributed to state legislators. Councilmember Albertson volunteered distribute the brochure and map to legislators on her next trip down to Olympia.

#### **VI. Preparing for the 2013 Legislative Session, Six-Year Transportation Needs and Revenue Assumptions for King County Jurisdictions**

Monica Whitman, Policy Analyst for the Sound Cities Association, and Paul Takamine from King County's Department of Transportation presented on the work of the Local Transportation Technical Needs Committee. Ms. Whitman said in order to prepare for the 2013 Washington Legislative Session's transportation funding discussions, King County jurisdictions needed to understand the extent of our six year transportation needs and revenue assumptions. She said that staff from the Sound Cities Association, Bellevue,

Seattle, King County, and the PSRC formed a Technical Needs Committee to develop a methodology to estimate local transportation needs. An approach was developed to first identify local transportation funding needs for the next six years, then estimate the additional funding needed to fully fund future local transportation needs. Ms. Whitman said the total estimated funding gap we face for 2013-2018 is \$4.8 billion for local transportation, (excluding Metro and Ferry), and over \$800 million for Metro Transit and the Ferry District.

Mr. Takamine said the needs list was developed from locally adopted six-year TIPs and the PSRC's pavement preservation cost estimation methodology. In compiling this information, it became clear that jurisdictions take a variety of approaches in compiling projects for their six year local transportation needs and that those projected needs are far in excess of past spending on transportation. He said it also became clear that projections are best looked at in aggregate, rather than looking at each individual city, since the actual data for individual jurisdictions can vary significantly for a number of very good reasons.

Ms. Whitman said that from Sound Cities Association perspective, the data needs gathering phase is completed and that the Association was focusing on the next phase with includes local revenue options.

Mr. Takamine reviewed the categories used to identify the needs which included, ongoing operations and maintenance, including operational and safety projects, roadway preservation needs on arterials, collectors, and local access roads, long span bridges in need of replacement or retrofit, and mobility projects that include capital construction. He discussed a chart that showed jurisdictions in King County have \$9.4 billion of transportation needs in the next six years in each category, excluding Metro and Ferry District service. Only \$4.65 billion is expected in revenue under current law in the next six years resulting in a funding gap of \$4.8 billion.

Mr. Takamine said that Metro Transit and Ferry District will also need additional funding in the next six years. The gap for Metro and Ferry District funding includes:

- Preservation of Metro service levels and service quality
- Metro mobility projects to expand transit to be consistent with growth and T2040
- Preservation for King County Ferry District service levels.

The Boardmembers said they appreciated the work that went into the development of the transportation needs information. Boardmembers also noted that local preservation needs were a big part of the local needs picture and this should be a big part of the revenue discussion. They recommended that the needs picture needs to be packaged simply, and needs definitions along with the tables. Mayor Lewis also noted that local jurisdictions have committed funds to their projects in their six-year TIPS and the charts should reflect these committed amounts.

**Other Attendees:**

Bill Peloza, City of Auburn (Alt)	Paul Takamine, King County DOT
Jim Seitz, City of Renton	Monica Whitman, SCA
Rachel Smith, Sound Transit	Cathy Mooney, City of Kent
Dennis Dowdy, Auburn	Jenna Herbig, Des Moines
Susan Sanderson, SeaTac	Dan Brewer, Des Moines
Rachel Smith, Sound Transit	Rick Perez, City of Federal Way