

SOUTH COUNTY AREA TRANSPORTATION BOARD (SCATBd)

January 15, 2013

MEETING SUMMARY

Members

Councilmember Marcie Palmer (Vice-Chair)	City of Renton
Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge	City of Federal Way
Stacy Trussler	WSDOT
Emiko Atherton	King County Council (Alternate)
Councilmember Barry Ladenburg	City of SeaTac
Elizabeth Leavitt	Port of Seattle
Chris Arkills	King County Executive (Alternate)
Commissioner Don Meyer	Port of Tacoma
Maiya Andrews	City of Burien (Alt)
Kelly Hayden	Pierce Transit
Councilmember Bill Peloza	City of Auburn (Alt)
Mayor Dave Hill	City of Algona
Andy Williamson	City of Black Diamond (Alt)
Glenn Akramoff	City of Covington
Kelly McGourty	PSRC
Councilmember Stacia Jenkins	City of Normandy Park
Councilmember Kate Kruller	City of Tukwila

I. Open Meeting

Councilmember Marcie Palmer Chaired the meeting. After introductions the Board adopted the December 19 SCATBd meeting summary.

II. Reports, Communications and Citizen Requests to Comment

Kelly Hayden reported on Pierce County Transit's Board of Director's vote to reduce service by 35% in wake of their failed ballot initiative. He said service will be reduced from its current 417,000 service hours per year down to 275,000 with no weekend service. Mr. Hayden said that Pierce Transit will maintain peak hour service during the work week, but there will be some service reductions in low productive routes. He said that "life-line service" on weekends was a concern of Pierce Transit Boardmembers, and they were looking for partnerships to support some other type of service provided by alternative carriers. He said service reductions would start in September 2013.

Mr. Hayden said the agency did see an increase in sales tax collections in October, but were not expecting this as a trend for future collections. Pierce Transit will hold public hearings to give more detailed in reductions, and there will be reductions in Pierce Transit service to Federal Way and parts of south King County during the midday period.

Board members asked about plans for Pierce Transit's extra inventory when service is reduced. Mr. Hayden said that their bus fleet was 100% compressed natural gas vehicles. The natural gas tanks have term life 10-20 years, and that a majority of their fleet's tanks

were in need of replacing. He said it would not be cost effective to replace the tanks on an already aging bus fleet so some of their buses will be sold for scrap. Pierce Transit will also be selling-off surplus properties and some park and ride lots, and will reduce bus stops.

Vice-Chair Palmer discussed a news release about the creation of the SR-167 Completion Coalition. The new working group will bring together the stakeholders who have been working on SR 167 into a single group with a unified agenda and message. Port of Tacoma Commissioner Don Meyer said the main message of the Coalition is to get the SR 167 project completed. He said the group reflected a new momentum in SR 167, with a goal to put money and resources to get things done through legislation. Mr. Meyer said that there was a broad coalition of supporters which also included customers in eastern Washington. He also said that the condition of local streets that help move freight to and from the ports area are an important consideration. Boardmembers asked about the availability of information on the SR 167 project, and Mr. Meyer said the coalition should develop a project fact-sheet for distribution.

III. Adopt SCATBd 2013 Work Program

The Board reviewed the revised 2013 SCATBd work program. Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge asked to include under “Major Corridor Project Implementation and Funding” the complete list of projects that are listed in the 2013 SCATBd Legislative Message Brochure. Councilmember Ladenburg requested that the work program include an item about outreach to eastern Washington transportation stakeholders to help advocate for transportation needs. He requested a revised work program be brought back for final adoption at the February SCATBd meeting.

A Motion was made and seconded to include the specific regional projects listed in SCATBd’s 2013 message to the Legislature brochure into the 2013 work program and to include out-reach to eastern Washington leaders to help advocate for transportation needs.

The Board requested a revised 2013 Work Program be reviewed and voted upon at their February meeting.

IV. 2013 Legislative Session Update

Councilmember Marcie Palmer reported that SeaShore was the last subarea to approve the joint legislative message. The Board was reminded that at their last November, 2012 meeting, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the joint letter, and ETP approved the joint letter at their December 2012 meeting. Ms. Palmer said that a final joint legislative letter will be sent to the 2013 Legislature.

Ms. Palmer passed out the PSRC’s 2013 Legislative Message passed at the January meeting of the Transportation Policy Board (TPB). Mayor Hill went over some minor wordsmithing

that occurred at the TPB meeting, including stormwater, local transit, and non-motorized language. The Board was informed that the PSRC Executive Board will review and adopt a final 2013 Recommendations at their next meeting.

Ron Posthuma and Chris Arkills reported on the local funding option agreement arrived at between Sound Cities Association, King County and the City of Seattle. Mr. Arkills said he felt that the group developed a good balance in local revenue options. He said that the State Legislature required that the region needed to be in agreement on a funding package before State Legislators would consider a package. Mr. Posthuma said that the group was currently briefing stake holders, and putting together a fact sheet with specific examples of what may be done with local option revenues.

SCATBd members also discussed possible fees on electric vehicles and hybrid cars, noting the declining revenues from the state gas tax. They also discussed the possibility of investigating vehicle-miles-travelled (VMT) as a possible future transportation funding source, and noted that there was a VMT pilot project occurring in Oregon. Tolling was mentioned as another funding source being looked at by the State.

V. Update on the City of SeaTac's Connecting 28th/24th Avenue South Corridor Projects

Susan Sanderson, City Engineer for the City of SeaTac, briefed the Board on their priority project. Connecting 28th/24th Avenue South completes a five-lane arterial corridor between South 188th Street and South 216th Street. She said the corridor provides vital connections within and between the City of SeaTac's Regional Growth Center, the Des Moines Creek Business Park, SeaTac International Airport, the South 200th Street Light Rail Station and adjacent developable properties including Port of Seattle land. This project will also complement the SR 509 corridor project. Project stakeholders include the Port of Seattle, the City of Des Moines, WSDOT, and Sound Transit. Ms. Sanderson said the project will also create access to 200 vacant acres and when developed, would create:

- Up to 24,000 new jobs including 12,667 family wage jobs
- 1,345,000 square feet of logistics, warehouse and industrial uses
- 4,380,000 square feet of office and retail uses
- 1,600 residential units and several hotels
- The 28th/24th Avenue South corridor will carry about 4 millions annual tons of freight

Ms. Sanderson said the total cost of the project is about \$20.2 million and the cost of construction is \$17.2 million and that SeaTac had about \$7 million in committed funds for the project. The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board awarded the project \$2.5 million for construction, Sound Transit is contributing about \$4 million for construction. The City of SeaTac is also planning to apply for grants in 2013 and in 2014.

SCATBd members were interested in the impacts of the proposed 11,000 non-family wage earners impacts on surrounding cities in terms of housing and schools. The Board expressed an interest in further discussions regarding what type of jobs will be created to assist in long term financial planning of surrounding cities. The Highline Communities Coalition was identified as a good venue to carry on this discussion. Board requested a summary of additional economic impact information of the job growth in the 28th/24th Avenue South corridor at a future Board meeting. Emiko Atherton informed the Board that King County Councilmember Patterson was also interested about the job related aspects of the project and would like to participate in further discussions.

VI. Other

SCATBd members asked about the possibility of moving the SCATBd meeting start times to either earlier or later in the morning. Vice-Chair Palmer asked that this issue be at a future meeting when Mayor Lewis can chair the discussion.

Other Attendees:

Len Madsen, Des Moines	Paul Takamine, King County DOT
Jim Seitz, City of Renton	Bob Giberson, Tukwila
Tom Gut, SeaTac	Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma
Susan Sanderson, SeaTac	Rick Perez, City of Federal Way
Rick Perez, City of Federal Way	Ron Posthuma, King County
Cathy Mooney, Kent	Dennis Dowdy, Auburn