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## Reardon nominates Edmonds City Council president for Sound Transit board

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is vice chair of Community Transit*

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon today announced that he will nominate Richard Marin, an Edmonds City Council member, to serve on the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

“Richard’s experience in local government and transportation issues make him a logical choice for the Sound Transit board,” Executive Reardon said.

Marin, whose appointment must be confirmed by the Snohomish County Council, would join Executive Reardon and Everett City Council member Mark Olson on the 18-member Sound Transit board. He would fill out the term of the late Mill Creek City Council member Jack Start, who passed away in early April.

Executive Reardon said he decided to appoint Marin to the board because of his intimate knowledge of Snohomish County governments and transportation issues. He is currently president of the Edmonds City Council. In addition, Marin is vice chair of Community Transit, which operates 259 coaches that provide service to most of Snohomish County, the University of Washington, Seattle and the Eastside.

“In the next year Sound Transit and Snohomish County will be making important decisions on key transportation issues – where to locate light rail, where to add additional bus service and which routes are best,” Executive Reardon said. “As I looked for a person to serve on the Sound Transit board, I kept coming back to Richard Marin.

“He is a worthy successor to Jack Start.”

Marin said he was looking forward to serving on the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

”I am passionate about public transportation,” Marin said. “And I ride it frequently. So I know where public transportation works well now and what it will take to ensure that it works well in the future. If we are really concerned about the future of our region and our lives, we really have to solve our long-term transportation needs.

“I am absolutely thrilled for the opportunity to participate in this process.”

In addition to the Edmonds City Council and Community Transit, Marin serves on the Snohomish Health Board and chairs both the Highway 99 Task Force and Governor Christine Gregoire’s Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee. He is also a Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Marin lives in Edmonds with his wife, Ann, and seven children: Shannon, Dawn, Robyn, Penny, Holly, Rex and Ryan.

In 1996 voters approved funding for Sound Transit to provide a regional system of transit improvements, including Sounder commuter rail, ST Express regional bus service, capital improvements including park-and-ride lots, transit centers and direct access ramps, and Link light rail.

Sound Transit Board of Directors is now entering a second phase of development, working a new Long-Range Plan that accounts for new and expected growth. It is setting priorities for the next set of investments in the regional mass transit system. These projects will build directly on the system that is up and running today.

Sound Transit is working extensively with the public to set priorities on a wide range of investment options, including:

- Extending light rail and commuter rail lines;
- Adding more express bus transit facilities, like transit centers, or adding new routes;
- Increasing hours of operation for all services; and,
- Determining the best technologies for moving people where they need to go in the next phase.

Once those priorities are finalized, the Board will adopt the second phase plan, scheduled for 2006. Sound Transit's second phase projects will then be constructed if they are approved by the region's voters.

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