

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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6	10/26/09	Open	Action	10/5/09

Subject: Suspending Fares on the Holiday Bus

## ISSUE

Whether or not to approve free rides on the RT Holiday Bus from December 1, 2009 through January 3, 2010.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 09-10-\_\_\_\_\_, Suspending Fares on the RT Holiday Bus from December 1, 2009 through January 3, 2010.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is an estimated loss of cash fares totaling \$6,000 in District revenue for suspending fares on the Holiday Bus and complementary paratransit service. The estimate is based on the number of "lost" cash fares on an average route multiplied by 34 days.

## DISCUSSION

Each year, RT operates its popular Holiday Bus during the holiday season. Similar to years past, the exterior of the bus is hand-painted in a colorful holiday design by RT employees, their families and friends. The Holiday Bus circulates on a different route each day throughout the holiday season.

The purpose of this promotion is to encourage the public to try transit and to thank RT's current riders for their patronage. Staff believes that the free rides on the Holiday Bus are viewed positively by the community, thus enhancing RT's public image. With the current economic conditions and recent fare increases, this gesture will be especially appreciated.

During the past four years, RT has suspended fares on the Holiday Bus and collected donations via the farebox for a designated social service agency. RT would like to once again offer the opportunity for passengers to either donate a cash contribution or a non-perishable food item to a charity, in lieu of fare. All contributions would be donated to River City Community Services (RCCS), a non-profit organization providing emergency food and housing assistance. RCCS is one of the few food closets open five days a week and serves over 36,000 clients in Sacramento County annually. Last year, over \$700 was raised and several hundred pounds of food was collected for this charity. With an unstable economy, RCCS expects that there will be a continued need for emergency food and housing assistance this year in the Sacramento region.

Approved:

  
General Manager/CEO

Presented:

  
Marketing and Communications Specialist

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-\_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

October 26, 2009

**SUSPENDING FARES ON THE RT HOLIDAY BUS FROM DECEMBER 1, 2009  
THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2010**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, in order to promote ridership on Regional Transit's (RT) fixed route and complementary paratransit services, from December 1, 2009 through January 3, 2010, no person will be charged a fare to ride on either the bus designated as the RT Holiday Bus or complementary paratransit service that is operated on RT's behalf along the route served by RT's Holiday Bus.

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STEVE COHN, Chair

ATTEST:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary



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7	10/26/09	Open	Action	10/07/09

Subject: Amend the FY 2010 Transportation Development Act Claim.

## ISSUE

Whether to Amend the FY 2010 Transportation Development Act claim.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 09-10-\_\_\_\_\_, Repealing Resolution No. 09-06-0086 and Authorizing the Filing of the FY 2010 Transportation Development Act Claim.

## FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to Regional Transit as a result of this action.

## DISCUSSION

Staff routinely seeks delegation of authority for the General Manager/CEO to file the annual Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim in an amount not to exceed RT's apportionment. TDA funds are received from Sacramento County and are based on sales tax receipts. RT's TDA claim also includes an annual allocation amount to SACOG for transportation planning purposes. The original amount of the FY 2010 claim for SACOG, which was approved by the RT Board on June 22, 2009, was \$1,315,298. However, since that time, an amended request for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for FY 2010 was received, which reduced the SACOG planning amount to \$990,022, requiring an additional filing amendment by the RT Board. This reduction has no impact to RT as these funds are not included in RT's Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget.


RT was notified by SACOG in August 2009 that a reduction in sales tax receipts of approximately 5% for FY 2010 was projected. This reduction of \$1,544,328 was reflected in RT's revised FY 2010 Operating and Capital budget approved by the RT Board on August 24, 2009. The original TDA allocation for RT for Transit Operations revenue was \$29,733,633, which was reduced with the revised budget to \$28,189,305. Therefore, revising the TDA claim amount to account for the reduced allocation has no additional fiscal impact on FY 2010 Operating Budget.

SACOG staff has advised that a corresponding action will be taken by the SACOG Board to formally reduce RT's LTF, Transit Operations allocation for FY 2010 to \$28,189,305 in the near future.

Approved:

  
General Manager/CEO

Presented:

  
Director of Office Management & Budget  
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Subject: Amend the FY 2010 Transportation Development Act Claim.

In accordance with the provisions of the TDA, RT is submitting an amended LTF for FY 2010. The details of the allocations before and after the reduction in SACOG planning and RT revenue are as follows:

<u>Public Utility Code</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Approved 6/22/09</u>	<u>Proposed 10/26/09</u>
Article 4 - Section 99260 (a)	Transit Operations	\$29,733,633	\$28,189,305
Article 4 - Section 99962	SACOG Planning	1,315,298	990,022
		<u>\$31,048,931</u>	<u>\$29,179,327</u>

Staff recommends authorizing the General Manager/CEO to file an amended TDA claim to reflect the amended reduction of SACOG planning revenue from \$1,315,298 to \$990,022 and the reduction in RT Transit Operations revenue from \$29,733,633 to \$28,189,305.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-\_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

October 26, 2009

**REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 09-06-0086 AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF  
THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM**

WHEREAS, by Resolution 09-06-0086, the Board authorized filing of the fiscal year 2010 Transportation Development Act Claim, which included a claim of \$1,315,298 on behalf of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, SACOG subsequently notified RT that its claim for planning purposes would be only \$990,022.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, Resolution 09-06-0086 is repealed.

THAT, the Board hereby authorizes the General Manager/CEO to file a claim with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for Transportation Development Act funds in the amount not to exceed SACOG's funding apportionment for RT for Fiscal Year 2010 and, from said amount, RT may claim up to \$990,022 on behalf of SACOG for transportation development planning.

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STEVE COHN, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary