

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Scheduling a Public Hearing for March 8, 2010 to Consider Service Reductions in Light of a Fiscal Emergency.

ISSUE

Whether or not to schedule a public hearing for March 8, 2010 to consider service reductions in light of a fiscal emergency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 10-02-_____, Scheduling a Public Hearing for March 8, 2010 to Consider Service Reductions in Light of a Fiscal Emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT

Scheduling a public hearing will not have a fiscal impact.

DISCUSSION

All sales tax based revenues such as Measure A and Local Transportation Funds (LTF) have been dramatically reduced, and RT's State Transit Assistance (STA) share of funding has declined to zero beginning in Fiscal Year 2010. This will continue into future years as indicated in the Budget presentation and presents the conditions of a possible fiscal emergency under Public Resources Code Section 21080.32. To help balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2011, RT has undertaken a wide variety of cost-saving measures, including **noticing** layoffs of ~~administrative~~ employees, but it must also propose reductions in service.

Board Resolution 01-09-0193 specifies productivity standards for bus service. Per these standards, all bus routes are compared to their peers and if productivity for a given route is less than 70 percent of the group average, measured in boardings per revenue hour, the route is considered to be failing.

This method, however, tends to overlook low-performing routes if they belong to a category that is low-performing as a group. RT has also eliminated low-productivity routes in prior service reductions. The magnitude of the current situation required consideration of a radical approach to the service reduction process. Thus, staff took into consideration eliminating whole blocks of service, such as weekend service, or service after 7:00 p.m. To address the present shortfall of revenue requires that all services and all routes be considered for reduction, including light rail.

Table 1 provides an estimate of the impact on ridership and of service, if all failing routes were eliminated, in accordance with the Board-adopted resolution. All figures are annual, as the target date for implementation of the service changes is June 20, 2010.

Approved:



General Manager/CEO

Presented:



RoseMary Covington, AGM of Planning and Transit System Development

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Table 1. Routes to be Eliminated Based on Service Standards.

Summary of Failing Routes

All routes below are failing productivity standards

MONDAY-FRIDAY			SATURDAY		
Route	Daily Boardings	Revenue Hours Per Day	Route	Daily Boardings	Revenue Hours Per Day
6 - Land Park	559	37.8	65 - Franklin South	128	9.0
10 - Carmichael	100	14.47	74 - International	106	11.4
36 - Folsom Blvd	188	12.6	54 - Center Pkwy	138	16.4
50E - Stockton Blvd	641	41.9	DAILY TOTAL	372	36.8
63 - 24th St/Hogan	172	12.8	ANNUAL TOTAL	19,322	1,913
73 - White Rock	196	20.6			
74 - International	240	21.1			
94 - Citrus Hts/Auburn Blvd	66	11.7			
95 - Citrus Hts/Antelope Rd	70	11.83			
107 - Greenback Express	36	2.1			
141 - 3rd/16th Shuttle	110	11.7			
200 - Florin/Freeport	28	1.0			
201 - S. Land Park	4	0.9			
210 - La Riviera	3	1.1			
226 - Pocket/Riverside	51	1.7			
251 - Freeport/Fruitridge	16	0.5			
261 - La Riviera/Rosemont	51	1.8			
DAILY TOTAL	2,531	205.6			
ANNUAL TOTAL	642,816	52,225			

SUN/HOL		
Route	Daily Boardings	Revenue Hours Per Day
34 - McKinley	55	9.4
TOTAL	55	9.4
ANNUAL TOTAL	3,237	552

ANNUAL TOTAL		
	Boardings	Revenue Hours
Weekday	642,816	52,225
Saturday	19,322	1,913
Sun/Hol	3,237	552
TOTAL	665,376	54,690

However, even the preceding may not be sufficient to achieve the cost savings that must be realized in order to balance the RT budget by June 30 of 2011. Thus, RT is considering every route in a progression of potential service reductions. Starting with eliminating routes that do not meet the Board's established productivity standards, RT will consider eliminating all evening and

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weekend services. If the totality of these reductions is still not sufficient to achieve the necessary cost reductions, RT will go down the list of routes by productivity until the cost reduction goal is met.

Attachment 1 to the issue paper presents the routes in order of productivity by category, with a highlight to show where the Board-adopted productivity measure indicates a failing route. Attachment 2 presents the rough estimates of personnel reductions and percentages of service for blocks of reduced service, including combinations of service reduction. This would include a Board-adopted productivity based reduction plus evening service reduction, for example.

Staff notes that to close the projected budget gap, low productivity routes, weekend service, and evening service will all need to be eliminated. Attachment 2 also estimates the impact of reducing light rail service on evenings and weekends, but it does not add the effects of such reductions to the bus scenarios. Further analysis will be needed to determine collateral effects of combined bus and light rail service reductions. If services are reduced, the changes would be implemented on June 20, 2010.

Table 2 summarizes major deadlines in the service change process.

Table 2. Service Change Timeline.

Schedule Hearing	2/22/10
Hold Hearing	3/8/10
Adopt June 2010 Changes	3/22/10
June Package to ATU	4/16/10
Implement Service Changes	6/20/10

Board Resolution 94-09-2214 requires a public hearing prior to Board approval of any major service change, as defined in the resolution. Public notice is required at least ten days in advance of the hearing. Staff intends to engage in a substantial public information effort to publicize the hearings. Also, notices will be placed in the *Sacramento Gazette*, *The Daily Recorder*, *El Hispano* and *Nichi Bei Times*, in substantially the form set out in Exhibit A, as well as on all buses and trains, and on RT's public website. Staff will also notify the City of Citrus Heights of potentially reduced routes that operate in part within their jurisdiction and are, therefore, part of the City of Citrus Heights contract service. In addition to the hearings, public comments may also be submitted to RT's Planning Department via mail or email.

Central City			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
142-3rd/16th Streets	140	5.9	23.6
141-9th/10th Streets	110	11.7	9.4
GROUP AVERAGE			16.5
SERVICE STANDARD			11.5

Commute			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
7-Pocket Express	157	4.1	38.3
3-Riverside Express	215	5.8	37.4
29-Arden-CA Ave.	129	4.0	32.0
103-Auburn Blvd.	92	3.7	25.0
109-Hazel Express	90	3.8	23.6
102-Hillsdale Express	61	2.9	20.9
101-Don Julio	46	2.2	20.7
89-Gateway Oaks	24	1.2	20.5
100-Antelope Express	79	3.9	20.3
106-Madison Express	43	2.3	18.8
104-Sunset	51	2.7	18.7
107-Greenback Express	36	2.1	17.0
GROUP AVERAGE			24.4
SERVICE STANDARD			17.1

Crosstown			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
81-Florin-65th Street	3,578	101.0	35.4
26-Fulton	1,201	36.7	32.8
82-Howe-65th Street	1,944	62.3	31.2
1-Greenback	3,234	103.7	31.2
23-El Camino	2,297	73.9	31.1
87-Howe	1,295	43.5	29.8
80-Watt Ave-Elkhorn	1,112	41.1	27.1
84-Watt Ave. No. Highlands	995	37.6	26.5
25-Marconi	949	37.1	25.6
68-44th Street	1,510	60.6	24.9
83-14th Ave.	290	12.2	23.8
67-Franklin	1,468	62.1	23.7
65-Franklin South	340	16.0	21.3
21-Sunrise	1,393	66.8	20.9
GROUP AVERAGE			27.5
SERVICE STANDARD			19.3

Feeder			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
22-Arden	336	15.3	22.0
19-Rio Linda	819	39.8	20.6
14-Norwood	455	22.7	20.0
93-Hillsdale	1,005	50.7	19.8
4-Meadowview-Gerber	255	13.4	19.1
5-Meadowview-Valley Hi	269	14.3	18.8
13-Northgate	353	19.1	18.5
28-Fair Oaks-Folsom	550	32.8	16.8
8-Power Inn-Florin Mall	499	30.1	16.6
20-Cottage	237	16.2	14.7
24-Madison-Greenback	122	9.2	13.3
GROUP AVERAGE			18.2
SERVICE STANDARD			12.7

Local			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
55-Scottsdale	614	16.2	37.8
72-Rosemont-Lincoln Village	1,425	45.7	31.2
54-Center Parkway	683	26.6	25.7
75-Mather Field	229	13.7	16.8
74-International	240	21.1	11.4
73-White Rock	196	20.6	9.5
GROUP AVERAGE			22.1
SERVICE STANDARD			15.4

Radial			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
56-Pocket-CRC	2,097	50.3	41.7
51-Broadway-Stockton	4,076	106.8	38.2
86-San Juan-Silver Eagle	1,823	57.8	31.5
31-J St.-River Park	536	18.4	29.2
15-Rio Linda-O St.	1,561	54.7	28.6
88-West El Camino	1,171	43.1	27.2
30-J St. Dash	1,861	69.3	26.9
62-Freeport	1,540	63.1	24.4
11-Truxel Road	678	28.9	23.4
38-P/Q Streets	1,140	49.5	23.0
61-Fruitridge	882	44.5	19.8
2-Riverside	727	37.2	19.5
34-McKinley	732	42.2	17.4
50-E-Bus Stockton	641	41.9	15.3
36-Folsom	188	12.6	15.0
6-Land Park	559	37.8	14.8
63-24th St. -Hogan	172	12.8	13.5
GROUP AVERAGE			24.1
SERVICE STANDARD			16.8

Supplemental			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
206-12th Ave.-Sutterville Rd.	64	0.8	79.9
213-Fruitridge & Stockton	74	1.0	73.1
211-College Greens	83	1.2	72.5
246-Meadowview & Greenhaven	59	1.0	58.6
212-14th Ave. & 21st St.	65	1.2	55.3
227-So. Land Park & Greenhaven	33	0.6	52.7
255-La Riviera/College Greens	121	2.4	51.2
214-Broadway & Stockton	101	2.2	46.8
247-21st St. & Florin	49	1.1	44.3
248-Meadowview & Rush River	43	1.0	44.2
228-Gloria & Rush River	34	0.9	39.7
205-Fruitridge-Freeport	46	1.2	38.6
252-Freeport/Fruitridge/ML King	40	1.1	37.7
226-Pocket/Riverside	51	1.7	29.5
251-Freeport/Fruitridge/24th	16	0.5	29.4
261-LaRiviera/Rosemont/Lincoln Vill	51	1.8	28.6
200-Florin-Freeport	28	1.0	28.5
201-South Land Park Dr.	4	0.9	4.3
210-La Riviera Dr.	3	1.1	2.6
GROUP AVERAGE			43.0
SERVICE STANDARD			30.1

Shuttle			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
33-Dos Rios	567	11.48	49.4
16-Del Paso Hgts-Norwood Ave.	193	11.15	17.3
47-Phoenix Park	227	13.52	16.8
9-Carmichael-Walnut Ave.	121	10.35	11.7
18-Del Paso Hgts-Bell Ave.	108	11.93	9.0
10-Carmichael-Dewey Drive	100	14.47	6.9
77-Rancho Cordovan	82	11.87	6.9
95-Citrus Heights-Antelope Rd.	70	11.83	5.9
94-Citrus Hts.-Auburn Blvd.	66	11.7	5.6
85-McClellan Shuttle	14	6.38	2.2
GROUP AVERAGE			10.5
SERVICE STANDARD			7.3

Note: Routes 33, 77, and 85 have been excluded

Route Productivity by Classification
 Daily Averages for Saturday Service
 Source: APC data from 9/6/09 - 1/31/10

Shaded = Failing Route

ATTACHMENT 1

Central City			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
143-Downtown Trolley	11	7.6	1.4
GROUP AVERAGE			1.4
SERVICE STANDARD			1.0

Crosstown			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
67-Franklin	830	28.9	28.7
87-Howe	413	14.4	28.7
23-El Camino	1766	63.2	28.0
68-44th St.	778	29.0	26.9
26-Fulton	379	14.3	26.6
81-Florin-65th Street	1799	73.5	24.5
80-Watt Ave.-Elkhorn	759	31.8	23.9
84-Watt Ave.-No. Highlands	560	24.8	22.6
25-Marconi	504	24.4	20.7
1-Greenback	1263	65.2	19.4
82-Howe-65th St.	575	30.0	19.2
21-Sunrise	729	42.1	17.3
65-Franklin South	128	9.0	14.3
GROUP AVERAGE			23.1
SERVICE STANDARD			16.2

Feeder			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
22-Arden	346	12.9	26.9
93-Hillsdale	386	19.7	19.6
19-Rio Linda	377	21.2	17.7
8-Power Inn-Florin Mall	214	13.0	16.5
14-Norwood	270	17.6	15.3
5-Meadowview-Valley Hi	176	12.3	14.3
24-Madison-Greenback	73	5.3	14.0
13-Northgate	181	14.6	12.4
28-Fair Oaks-Folsom	298	25.4	11.7
GROUP AVERAGE			16.5
SERVICE STANDARD			11.5

Local			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
72-Rosemont-Lincoln Village	363	14.6	24.9
55-Scottsdale	229	10.0	23.0
75-Mather Field	109	8.3	13.2
74-International	106	11.4	9.3
54-Center Parkway	138	16.4	8.4
GROUP AVERAGE			15.8
SERVICE STANDARD			11.0

Radial			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
51-Broadway-Stockton	2286	65.5	34.9
56-Center Parkway	1284	41.9	30.7
15-Rio Linda-O St.	693	23.4	29.6
86-San Juan-Silver Eagle	627	22.0	28.5
88-West El Camino	427	16.3	26.2
30-J St. Dash	686	39.4	17.4
38-P/Q Streets	300	19.3	15.6
62-Freeport	376	28.5	13.2
61-Fruitridge	313	29.6	10.6
6-Land Park	217	20.8	10.4
34-McKinley	78	9.4	8.3
GROUP AVERAGE			11.6
SERVICE STANDARD			8.1

Shuttle			
Route	Ridership	RevHrs	Riders/Hr
16-Del Paso Hts-Norwood	94	9.3	10.1
47-Phoenix Park	102	8.58	11.9
GROUP AVERAGE			11.0
SERVICE STANDARD			7.7

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 Daily Averages for Sun/Hol Service
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67-Franklin	605	28.9	20.9
81-Florin-65th Street	1209	58.7	20.6
68-44th St.	542	29.0	18.7
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56-Pocket-CRC	876	40.0	21.9
15-Rio Linda-O St.	489	23.1	21.1
88-West El Camino	296	14.3	20.7
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Service Reduction Scenarios

Baseline Statistics
 - FY 2011 - No Changes
 Lower than FY 2010 due to Sept. service cuts

Bus Rev. Hours 627,393
 Bus Operator Req 433

Bus Service Reductions

Versus FY 2011 - No Changes

Percent of Service

A Use Service Standards (70%)
 Cut all routes failing productivity stds., i.e., <70% of group average

B Cut Evening Service
 Cut all trips beginning after 7pm

C Cut All Weekend Service
 No other changes to current schedule, excludes light rail

D Cut CBS
 Incl. 16, 47 on Saturday, excl. McClellan Shuttle and Cordovan

D Cut 70% and After 7pm
 Options A and B combined

E Cut All Weekend, M-F Below 70%, and After 7pm
 Options A, B, and C combined

G Cut Weekends, 70%, 7pm, and CBS
 Options A, B, C, and D combined

Rev Hours

Operators

Percent of Service

54,690

34

8.7%

55,016

35

8.8%

88,858

52

14.2%

25,227

17

4.0%

109,467

69

17.4%

195,860

121

31.2%

211,435

133

33.7%

Light Rail Service Reductions

Annual LRT Revenue Hours

F Cut All Weekend Light Rail

G Cut Light Rail Weekdays After 7pm

H Stretch Light Rail Headways to 20 min.

2,16,087

22,565

8,299

13,616

16

7

5

10.4%

3.8%

6.3%

NOTE: Operator savings do not include ancillary costs still being calculated - fuel, overtime, supervision, parts, security, mechanics, etc. which would also be reduced

RESOLUTION NO. 10-02-_____

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

February 22, 2010

**SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 8, 2010
TO CONSIDER SERVICE REDUCTIONS IN LIGHT OF A FISCAL EMERGENCY**

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

THAT, a public hearing is set for March 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Regional Transit Auditorium to receive public testimony regarding a fiscal emergency and the service changes proposed to all bus and light rail routes as a result.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO, or his designee, is hereby authorized to publish a notice in substantially the form set out in Exhibit A pertaining to the service changes proposed for June 2010.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

ATTEST:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary

Public Notice
RT to Hold Public Hearing
on Proposed Service Changes in Light of a Fiscal Emergency

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to receive comments regarding proposed transit service changes in light of a fiscal emergency. These changes may include reduction, realignment, or elimination of any and all bus and light rail routes. This would also affect the provision of paratransit service under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The proposed service changes are scheduled for adoption by the RT Board of Directors on March 22, 2010 and would take effect on June 20, 2010.

The public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the RT Auditorium at 1400 29th Street (at N Street). This location is served by Routes 36, 38, 50E, 67, 68, and light rail at the 29th Street light rail station.

Comments may be submitted in writing to the Planning Department (P.O. Box 2110, Sacramento, CA 95812-2110) or by email to servicechanges@sacrt.com and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010.