

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Update on Service Changes

ISSUE

Informational update on service changes planned for January 2017 implementation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. Informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff is currently preparing a plan for potential service changes that, if implemented, would save \$2 million annually, net of fares. Assuming implementation in January 2017, a change of this magnitude would result in a \$1 million savings for the FY 2017 budget, which is consistent with current budget assumptions. Staff estimates that a \$2 million service reduction would amount to approximately 6.5 percent of bus service and approximately 645,000 fewer passenger boardings per year.

DISCUSSION

In December 2015, the Board adopted an updated Service Change Policy to reflect transit industry best practices. The policy reaffirmed standards in place since 2013, which require sunset provisions for new routes that do not meet minimum productivity standards within their first two years, and a new provision requiring an annual assessment of all existing routes that are not meeting minimum productivity requirements, along with recommendations for corrective action. RT provides mass transit with fixed route bus and rail services. We are both effective and efficient in serving large numbers of constituents traveling in the same corridor at the same time. Our service capabilities are not well suited to serving few riders on a route, resulting in high cost, infrequent service and low quality.

The list on Page 2 indicates all bus routes that are below RT's productivity standards. These routes would be candidates for reduction or elimination under the change proposal being developed by staff; however, staff is also evaluating other routes, where particular segments may be unproductive or where there may be an opportunity for cost savings with less ridership loss than cuts from the list on Page 2. The list on Page 2 totals over \$3.3 million in annual savings. The changes being developed by staff, both from this list, and from other opportunity areas, will initially exceed the \$2 million budget target so that the Board and public have options and alternatives to compare and choose from.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 04/20/16

General Manager/CEO

Service Planner

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Low Productivity Routes

All Bus and CBS routes below productivity standards

Weekday Routes

Standard: 20.0

Route	Name	Boardings Per Day	Boardings Per Rev Hr	Net Savings	Boardings Per Year	Savings/Boarding	Revenue Hours	% of Service
34	McKinley	277	10.6	\$275,365	70,482	\$3.91	6,673	1.2%
65	Franklin South	320	11.7	\$277,682	81,166	\$3.42	6,967	1.2%
28	Fair Oaks / Folsom	408	13.3	\$294,567	103,640	\$2.84	7,805	1.4%
74	International	238	13.3	\$171,718	60,480	\$2.84	4,552	0.8%
6	Land Park	355	13.5	\$251,182	90,267	\$2.78	6,701	1.2%
24	Madison / Greenback	179	13.8	\$122,347	45,372	\$2.70	3,297	0.6%
5	Meadowview / Valley Hi	231	15.2	\$135,202	58,588	\$2.31	3,843	0.7%
54	Center Parkway	445	15.4	\$257,788	113,017	\$2.28	7,358	1.3%
75	Mather	170	17.0	\$83,952	43,205	\$1.94	2,548	0.5%
2	Riverside	459	18.1	\$202,245	116,627	\$1.73	6,434	1.2%
38	P/Q Streets / Broadway	529	18.9	\$216,369	134,455	\$1.61	7,112	1.3%
Subtotal				\$2,288,417	917,298	\$2.49	63,289	11.3%

Saturday Routes

Standard: 15.0

Route	Name	Boardings Per Day	Boardings Per Rev Hr	Net Savings	Boardings Per Year	Savings/Boarding	Revenue Hours	% of Service
54	Center Parkway	131	10.3	\$27,460	6,817	\$4.03	660	0.1%
38	P/Q Streets / Broadway	219	11.4	\$40,309	11,409	\$3.53	1,003	0.2%
62	Freeport	416	12.7	\$65,699	21,623	\$3.04	1,706	0.3%
75	Mather	114	13.8	\$15,898	5,921	\$2.69	429	0.1%
Subtotal				\$149,365	45,770	\$3.26	3,798	0.7%

Sunday/Holiday Routes

Standard: 15.0

Route	Name	Boardings Per Day	Boardings Per Rev Hr	Net Savings	Boardings Per Year	Savings/Boarding	Revenue Hours	% of Service
75	Mather	85	11.0	\$18,637	5,009	\$3.72	457	0.1%
38	P/Q Streets / Broadway	161	11.0	\$35,043	9,488	\$3.69	861	0.2%
21	Sunrise	452	13.8	\$71,958	26,696	\$2.70	1,939	0.3%
19	Rio Linda	302	14.9	\$42,775	17,843	\$2.40	1,199	0.2%
Subtotal				\$168,413	59,036	\$2.85	4,457	0.8%

Community Bus Services

Standard: 15.0

Route	Name	Boardings Per Day	Boardings Per Rev Hr	Net Savings	Boardings Per Year	Savings/Boarding	Revenue Hours	% of Service
85	McClellan Park Shuttle	24	3.7	\$82,268	6,030	\$13.64	1,638	0.3%
175	Cordova - Anatolia/Sunridge	24	3.7	\$80,651	5,984	\$13.48	1,608	0.3% *
178	Granite Park Shuttle	69	6.0	\$139,009	17,511	\$7.94	2,941	0.5% **
176	Cordova - Anatolia/Kavala	56	8.6	\$72,443	14,125	\$5.13	1,651	0.3% *
95	Citrus Heights - Antelope	94	8.8	\$119,119	23,891	\$4.99	2,731	0.5% *
170	North Natomas Flyer East	77	11.1	\$72,032	19,599	\$3.68	1,773	0.3% *
47	Phoenix Park	183	13.5	\$128,553	46,401	\$2.77	3,434	0.6% *
Subtotal				\$694,074	133,541	\$5.20	15,776	2.8%
TOTAL				\$3,300,269	1,155,645	\$2.86	87,320	15.7%

* Operated under contract

** Approval required from City of Citrus Heights to eliminate route

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The list of candidate changes are spread geographically over RT’s service area and including both bus and light rail service. For example, staff has begun preliminary work to evaluate the option to reduce light rail operating costs by combining the Green Line with the Gold Line.

Staff anticipates the proposed changes will also include a combination of service reductions and efficiency improvements. Routes 25 and 26, for example, have been identified by staff as potential opportunity areas for efficiency improvements or segment-specific reductions. Staff is also considering options for minor service changes and adjustments that could be approved administratively and made effective as early as September 2016, to realize greater savings in FY 2017.

In early May, a candidate list of routes for potential service changes will be published on RT’s web site, at major stops and stations, on all RT vehicles, and in other standard outlets. Public comments will be accepted for a minimum of 30 days. Staff will make a full presentation on potential changes during the regular RT Board meeting on May 23, 2016. A revised draft, based on public comments and Board member feedback will be presented on June 27, 2016. Staff will also prepare a Title VI equity analysis for a 30-day public review in conjunction with the list of proposed changes. If there are any additional changes requested by the Board on June 27th, staff will return on July 25th with a final version for approval.

Staff will coordinate with partner agencies and other key stakeholders and hold several open houses concerning potential changes beginning in May and June. See Attachment 1 for a schedule of open house dates and times.

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Service Changes For January 2017

Key Dates

Presentation on Service Change Strategy and Timeline	Monday, April 25, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Presentation to Mobility Advisory Council	Thursday, May 5, 2016 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Open House RT Auditorium 1400 29 th Street	Tuesday, May 17, 2016 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Open House Mills Building 2900 Mather Field Road	Wednesday, May 18, 2016 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Presentation to RT Board RT Auditorium 1400 29 th Street	Monday, May 23, 2016 6:00 p.m.*
Open House Citrus Heights Community Center 6300 Fountain Square Drive	Tuesday, May 24, 2016 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Open House Pannell Center 2450 Meadowview Road	Wednesday, May 25, 2016 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Open House Tsakapolous Library Galleria 828 I Street	Wednesday, June 8, 2016 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Present Revised Plan to RT Board RT Auditorium 1400 29 th Street	Monday, June 27, 2016 6:00 p.m.*
Deadline to Approve Changes (RT Board) RT Auditorium 1400 29 th Street	Monday, July 25, 2016 6:00 p.m.*

* The Board is scheduled to amend Title III of RT's Administrative Code on this Board agenda. If the Board approves a change to Title III, the start time of the Board meetings may change.

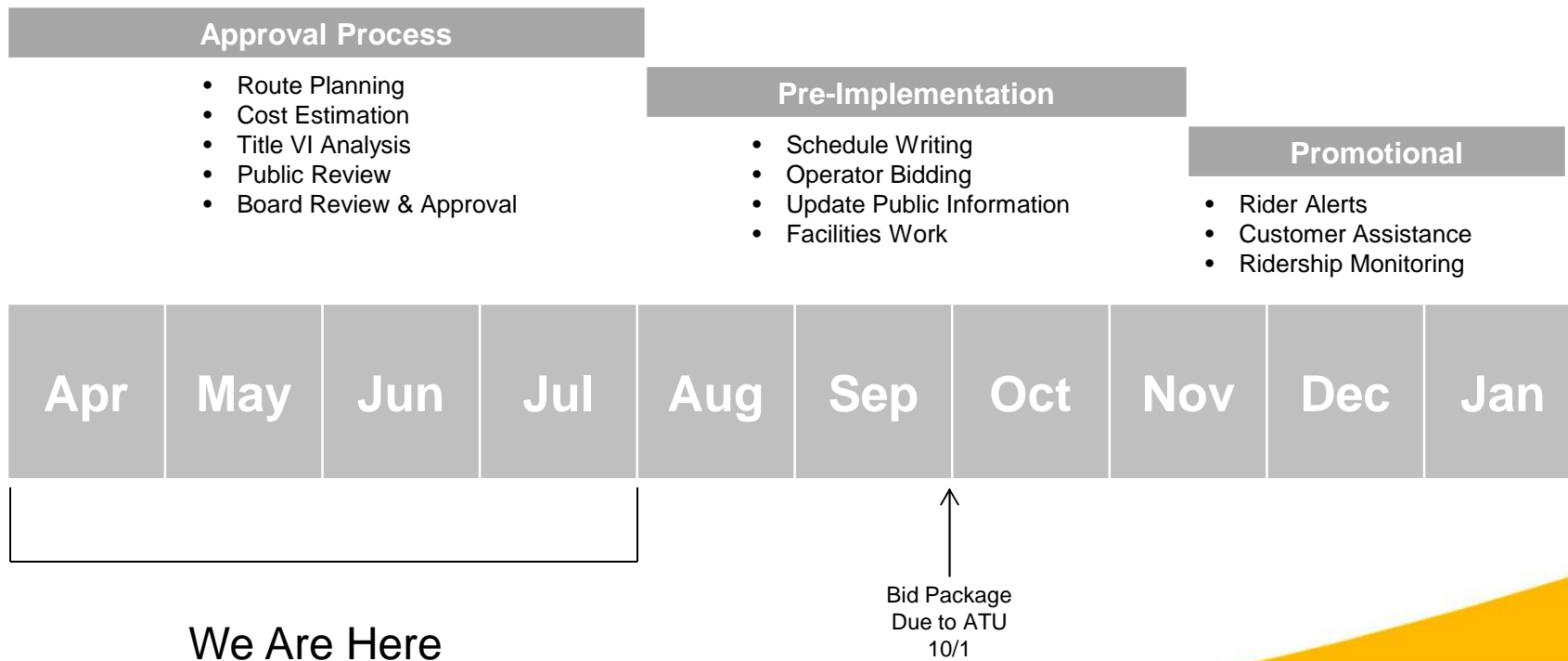
Service Changes

Proposed for January 2017

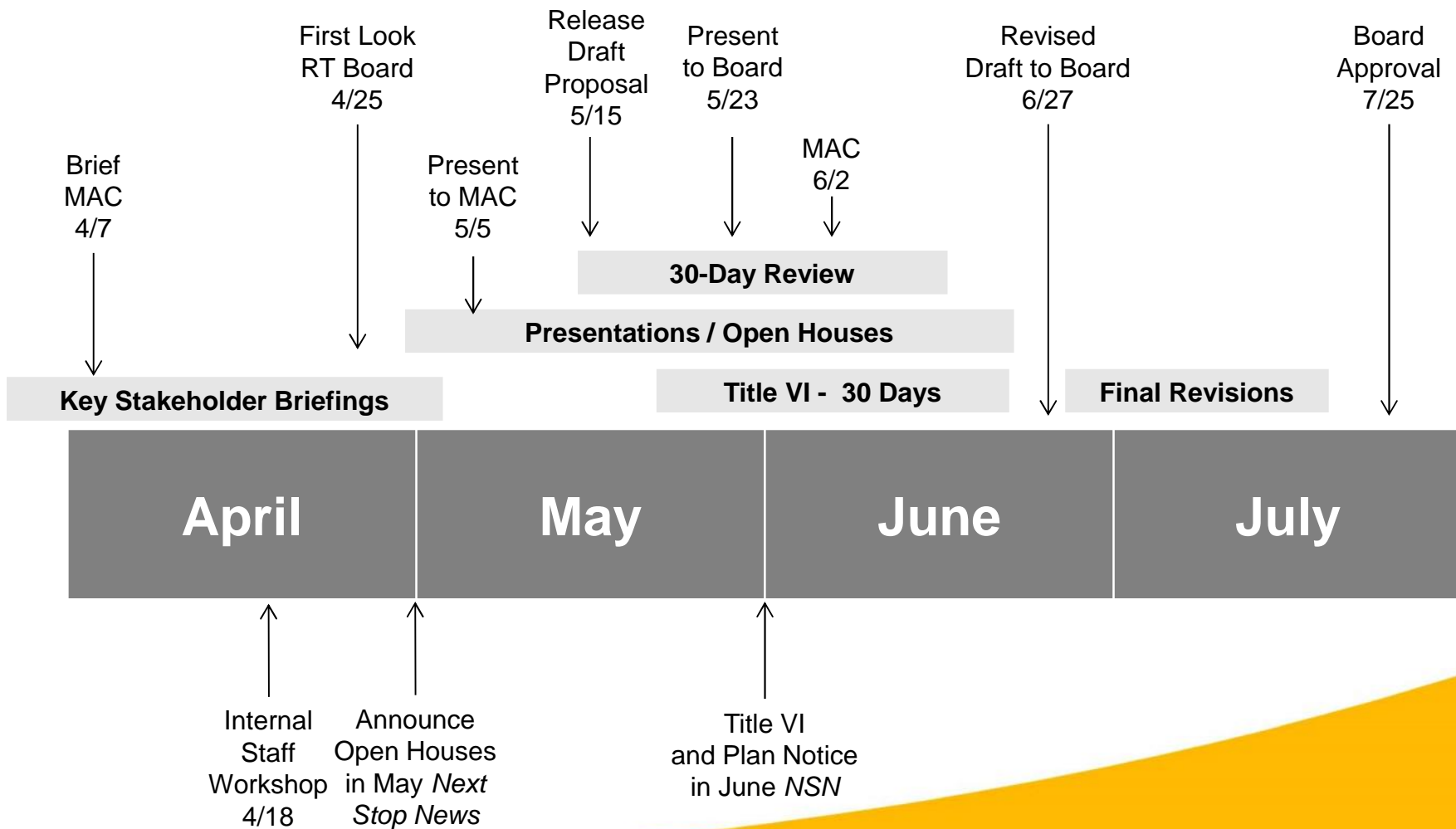
Sacramento Regional Transit District
Planning Department

April 25, 2016

Project Timeline “Big Picture”



Project Timeline



Open House Schedule

Location	Date	Time
RT Auditorium 1400 29 th Street, Sacramento	Tuesday, May 17	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Mills Building Mather Light Rail Station 2900 Mather Field Road	Wednesday, May 18	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Citrus Heights Community Center 6300 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights	Tuesday, May 24	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Pannell Center 2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento	Wednesday, May 25	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Tsakapolous Library Galleria 828 I Street, Sacramento	Wednesday, June 8	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Staff will also present the changes at the regular meeting of the RT Board of Directors on Monday, May 23 at 1400 29th Street

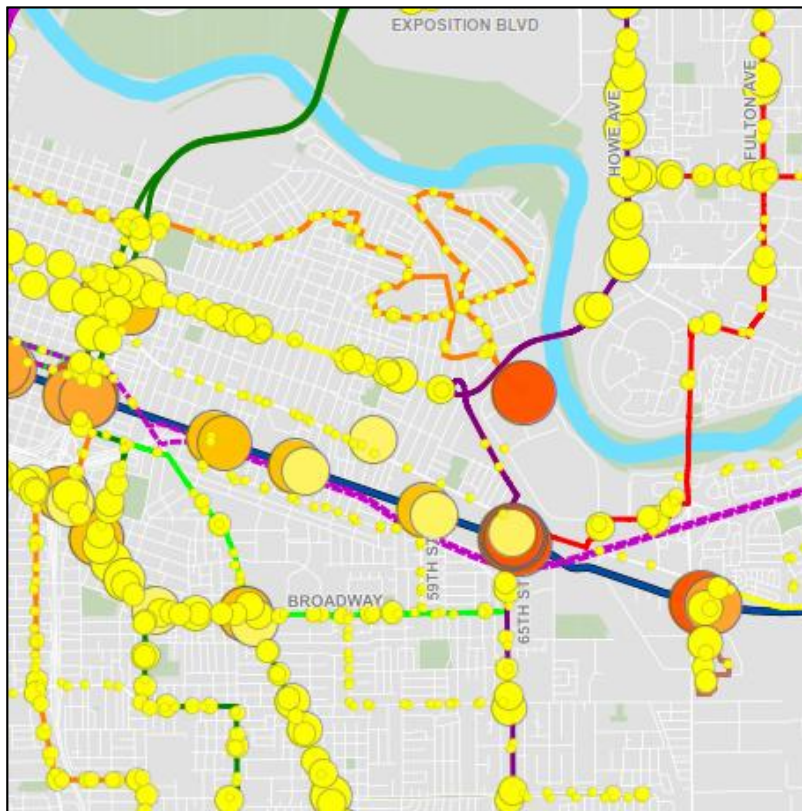
The Process

Key Parameters

- Will include *all* areas
- Will include bus *and* rail
- Will include cuts *and* efficiency improvements
- Will provide *options*

Process

How Do You Decide?



- Data analysis
 - Existing ridership, performance standards
 - Draft schedules and cost estimates
- Design principles
 - Frequency, time of day
 - Connections, alternative routes, etc.
- Observations
 - Talk to bus drivers, talk to riders
 - Ride the route
- Policy Tradeoffs
 - Efficiency vs. Need (e.g., Lifeline service)
 - Directness vs. Coverage
 - Equity and Title VI
- Physical feasibility
 - Can a bus make that turn?
 - Can we put a bus stop there?