

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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## ISSUE

Whether to approve the Initial Study with CPID for SACOG's Grant for Light Rail Low-Floor Station Conversion and Delegate Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute Contracts Related to the Initial Study with CPID.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 16-08-\_\_\_, Approving the Initial Study with CPID for SACOG's Grant for Light Rail Low-Floor Station Conversion and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute Contracts Related to the Initial Study with CPID.

## FISCAL IMPACT

None from this action.

## DISCUSSION

In December 2015, as part of its Regional/Local capital improvement funding, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) awarded the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) a \$2 million grant to begin the conversion from high-floor to low-floor light rail vehicles (LRV), including developing LRV procurement specifications and determining necessary station modifications. The full award, however, is contingent upon an Initial Study by RT of three light rail stations using the Center for Public Interest Design's (CPID) activation efforts.

The grant for the Initial Study is \$350,000 with the goal of working with CPID resources and the community to develop strategies for the future implementation of station activation and improved connections to the surrounding community and residents. CPID, which is part of the Portland State University School of Architecture (PSU), has been working with SACOG in the Sacramento region for a number of years on activating and re-energizing urban communities through a community engagement process. CPID's process uses CPID staff and graduate student resources at PSU to work with community members, particularly in disproportionate areas of low-income and minority populations, to identify strategies for designing a more pluralistic community. In the Sacramento Region, this effort has been focused on such areas as the Franklin Boulevard and Del Paso Heights communities.

The three light rail stations for the Initial Study will be identified by RT Management, SACOG and CPID staff in the Fall of 2016. The stations will be distributed systemwide and will include the following:

Approved:

Presented:

Final 08/17/16

General Manager/CEO

Director, Long Range Planning

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- A station on the Northeast Corridor/Blue Line in, or adjacent to, a state-designated “disadvantaged community;”
- A Station on the Gold Line in the Rancho Cordova area; and
- A Station on the South Line/Blue Line in, or adjacent to, a state-designated “disadvantaged community.”

The Initial Study will entail outreach to the community through workshops, neighborhood meetings, social media and other engagement efforts based on CPID’s prior work in the Sacramento region, and its other national and global work. The intent of this approach will be to develop strategies, physical features, and other considerations in partnership with local communities to help activate RT station areas on a more-regular basis. The strategies may differ depending upon the specific station and surrounding community. The benefit of this approach is obtaining greater community engagement and buy-in for improving light rail stations. This approach will begin in the Fall of 2016 and will extend for approximately one year through completion. Upon completion, the strategies developed will be integrated into future station specifications for low-floor LRVs.

Funding for the Initial Study will come from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. The required match will be the application of “Toll Credits” by SACOG – thus, no RT out-of-pocket funding will be required for the match. The remaining funding (\$1.65 million) of the \$2 million grant will be used at a later date to begin the detailed specification development efforts for the stations re-design. As noted in the SACOG staff report for this award in November 2015, additional regional funding for the station and vehicle specification effort is possible through the use of Transit Asset Management funds in the future. An additional \$6.15 million will be needed to complete modification designs for all stations and the LRV procurement specifications.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Initial Study with CPID and delegate authority to the General Manager/CEO to execute contracts related to the Initial Study with CPID.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-08-\_\_\_\_\_

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

August 22, 2016

**APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY WITH CPID FOR SACOG'S GRANT FOR LIGHT RAIL LOW-FLOOR STATION CONVERSION AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE INITIAL STUDY WITH CPID**

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

THAT, the Board approves the Initial Study with the Center for Public Interest Design (CPID) for the Sacramento Area Council of Government's (SACOG) Grant for low-floor station conversion and delegates authority to the General Manager/CEO to execute contracts related to the Initial Study with CPID.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

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