

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Approving a License Agreement for a Pedestrian Walkway and Bicycle Path (Mather Field Spur) with the City of Rancho Cordova

## ISSUE

Whether to approve a License Agreement for a pedestrian walkway and bicycle path (Mather Field Spur) with the City of Rancho Cordova.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 16-02-\_\_\_\_\_, Approving License Agreement for a Pedestrian Walkway and Bicycle Path with the City of Rancho Cordova.

## FISCAL IMPACT

None.

## DISCUSSION

In 1996, when the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority (JPA) acquired the mainline railroad corridor from Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTC), it also assumed all property rights of SPTC with respect to spurs off the mainline. This included the track structure and possible license to operate on the spur which used to serve Mather Air Force Base. The County of Sacramento owns the land under the tracks in the spur. These rights were in turn assigned to RT by the JPA through the Reciprocal Use and Funding Agreement.

The proposed pedestrian walkway and bicycle path would start at Folsom Boulevard and Mather Field Road in the City of Rancho Cordova and continue south over Highway 50 to the former Mather Air Force Base and is further identified in Attachment A (APN: 077-0030-029).

The City of Rancho Cordova (City) is beginning the process to build a Class 1 pedestrian walkway and bicycle path on the Mather Spur. The Mather Rails to Trails Improvement Project would follow the heavy rail line between RT's Mather/Mills Light Rail station and the Mather Field Airport. The spur crosses Highway 50 on a separate bridge located on the western edge of the Mather Road Interchange, providing a useful alternative for non-auto traffic crossing the Highway

The City has requested a License Agreement from RT and the JPA to install the bicycle and pedestrian path over the existing tracks. The City has obtained transportation funds from the California Transportation Commission to develop the pedestrian walkway and bicycle path.

The City has entered into an agreement with Sacramento County, which owns the underlying real property, to obtain access to and use of the property to construct, install and maintain the Bike Path for a term of forty (40) years. The License Agreement with RT and the JPA would be for the

Approved:

Presented:

Final 02/17/16

General Manager/CEO

AGM of Engineering and Construction

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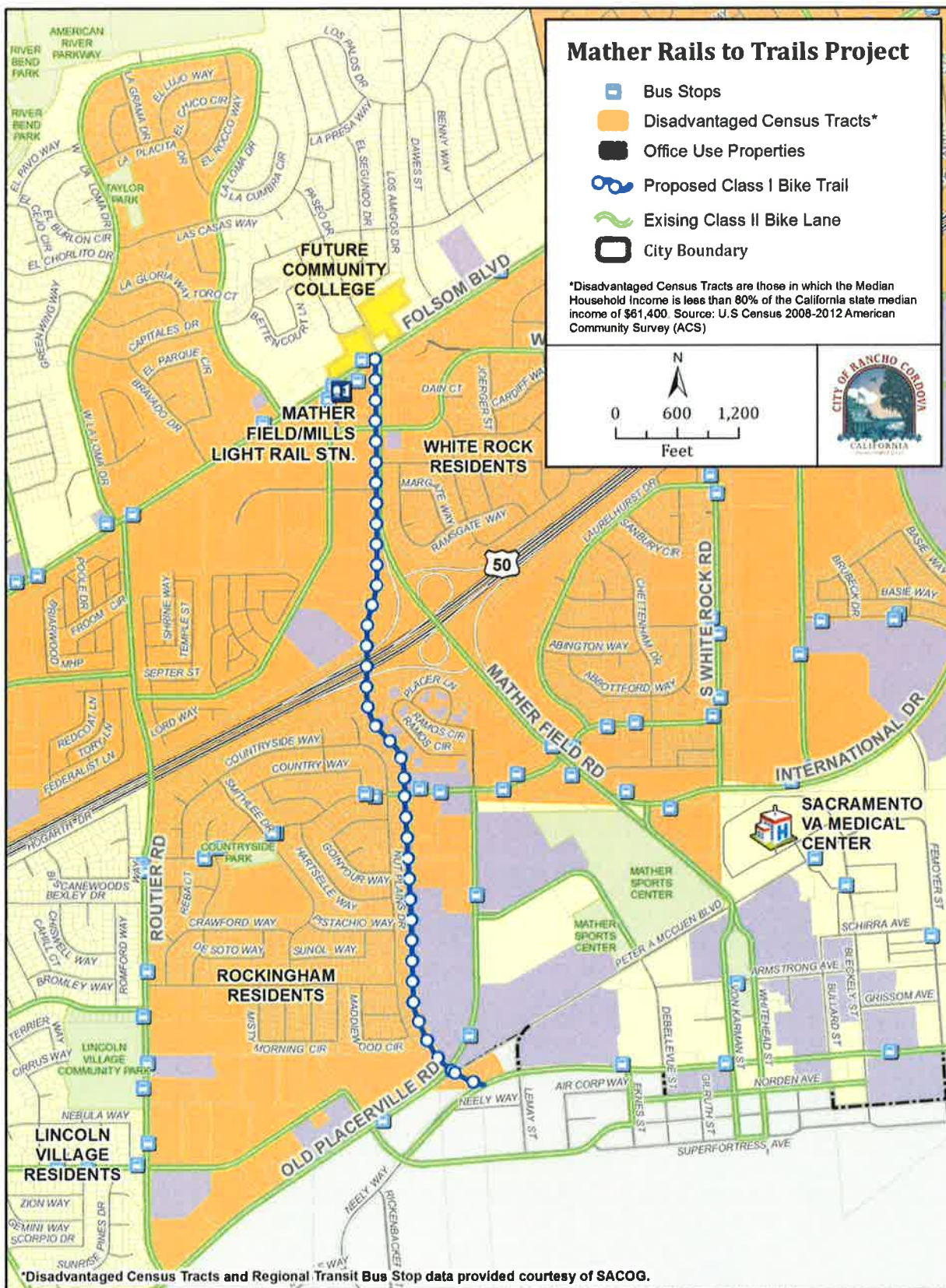
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same term. The City would be solely responsible for constructing and maintaining the path and would indemnify and hold RT harmless for any claims associated with the path. RT would have the right to terminate the Agreement if the property is needed for rail service in the future and, in that event, the City would have to restore the tracks to their pre-existing condition.

The License Agreement would be granted at no cost. The tracks and right to operate have no current market value and the path would benefit RT by providing connectivity to the Mather Field/Mills Station.

Staff recommends approval of the License Agreement for pedestrian walkway and bicycle path (Mather Field Spur) with the City of Rancho Cordova.



RESOLUTION NO. 16-02-\_\_\_\_\_

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

February 22, 2016

**APPROVING LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY AND  
BICYCLE PATH WITH THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA**

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

THAT, the License Agreement between the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority, therein referred to as "JPA," the Sacramento Regional Transit District, therein referred to as "RT" (collectively referred to herein as "Grantor"), and City of Rancho Cordova, therein referred to as "Grantee," whereby Grantor grants a non-exclusive license for the purpose of installing and maintaining a pedestrian walkway and bicycle path over the heavy rail tracks in the Mather Field Spur, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute said License Agreement.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

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MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

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