

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Approving the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for Planning the Downtown/Riverfront Transit Project

## ISSUE

Whether or not to approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for Planning the Downtown/Riverfront Transit Project.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 16-06-\_\_\_\_\_, Approving the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for Planning the Downtown/Riverfront Transit Project.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

## DISCUSSION

The Downtown / Riverfront Streetcar project is a 4.2-mile initial line that will extend from the West Sacramento Civic Center to the Midtown entertainment and retail district in the City of Sacramento. This initial streetcar line leverages many of the existing shopping, dining, lodging and entertainment destinations as well as employment centers within the cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento. The line will operate with modern double-articulated streetcars, and must be built within a Small Starts budget of \$150 million. The project will be owned by the cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has been acting as the project lead through the environmental process. RT will be responsible for managing the design, construction and operation of the streetcar project on behalf of the two cities.

An initial Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project was approved by RT in 2006. The 2006 MOU was with the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento and the Yolo County Transit District (YCTD) for the planning of the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project. That MOU expired June 30, 2008.

In 2009, the RT Board approved a new MOU largely modeled on the 2006 MOU. This new MOU expanded the Policy Steering Committee (PSC) to include representatives from the local community or development interests.

In July 2013, a new MOU, which largely reiterated the terms of the 2009 MOU for a new term, running from the last date of execution to June 30, 2016, was approved by the Board.

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Approved:

Presented:

Final 06/20/16

General Manager/CEO

Director, Project Management

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In order to continue advancing the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project through Final Design and the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Small Start process, it's necessary to execute a First Amendment to the current MOU to extend the termination date to June 30, 2017. The purpose of the MOU is to facilitate the continued planning by the participating agencies.

Staff recommends approval of the First Amendment to the MOU for Planning the Downtown/Riverfront Transit Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-06-\_\_\_\_\_

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

June 27, 2016

**APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING FOR PLANNING THE DOWNTOWN/RIVERFRONT TRANSIT  
PROJECT**

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

THAT, the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for  
Planning the Downtown/Riverfront Transit Project, whereby the term is extended one year  
to June 30, 2017, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to execute the foregoing  
Amendment.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

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