

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD MEETING  
September 24, 2018**

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken at 5:30 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Hansen, Harris, Hume, Jennings, Morin, Nottoli, Schenirer, and Chair Kennedy. Absent: Directors Miller and Serna.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of September 10, 2018
2. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve the Cooperative Agreement for the Acquisition of ZEV Buses and Provision of ZEV Bus Service Between U.C. Davis Medical Center and U.C. Davis with Yolo County Transportation District and Electrify America (M. Lonergan)

Speaker: Item #2 – Sarah Kerber

Director Budge wanted to know if the charging infrastructure is different than a residential charging infrastructure and how the UC Davis shuttle would operate. Mark Lonergan explained that this infrastructure is a fast charging infrastructure that would be good for a variety of commercial uses, but a little bit large for home use. Mark Lonergan also indicated that the UC Davis/UC Davis Medical Center shuttle would be open to anyone who wanted to ride the shuttle (students, patients, workers, doctors or anyone who wanted to use the service).

Director Schenirer indicated that the new Chancellor at UC Davis has a desire to be part of Sacramento and on the Davis Campus, and they currently do not connect well. UC Davis has an interest in building a satellite campus in Oak Park, and will locate a number of their schools there which would create 5,000 -10,000 jobs, along with students attending school there.

Director Nottoli wanted to know the process for having the Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) review items. Mark Lonergan noted that it is SacRT's process to route items through the MAC. Staff has had some discussion with the MAC on the 25 foot buses that were mentioned. In this particular case, Electrify America asked Staff to hold off discussions with others until the Contract was in place. Staff has not had any discussions with bus manufacturers over an order or a specific design of the vehicle (all the things MAC would be interested in) under the Electrify America purchase. Staff is

trying some things out with the six buses that are a little different. Mr. Lonergan indicated that it has been hard to find a 25 foot zero emission bus. Staff wants to try a new manufacturer to see how they work. The accessibility on those first six buses is not all that staff would like it to be; however, they are fully accessible and Staff is trying to find something better.

Director Hansen wanted to know if the Microtransit buses are accessible. The demonstration vehicle that was here was not accessible, but will be converted to carry one wheelchair. It loads from the rear and is not ideal for SacRT. The buses manufactured in Porterville will be wider, and will hold two wheelchairs loading from the curbside. If the buses prove to be unreliable, then staff will begin looking for another vehicle.

Chair Kennedy noted that the UC Davis/UC Medical Center route would not have been his first choice for service with these vehicles. He believes that the Airport route is most important and hopes that staff will look very seriously at that route for these types of vehicles.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Miller and Serna.**

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Note: At this time, General Manager/CEO Li joined the meeting via teleconference.

3. Resolution: Amending Resolution No. 17-06-0088, Authorizing Staff to Request an Allocation of Proposition 1A for the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project, and Conditioning the Use of Proposition 1A Funds on Future Board Action (M. Lonergan)

Mark Lonergan summarized the item, and the discussion at the Board meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Li noted that the SacRT staff, the JPA and City staff worked together to provide a well-balanced issue paper which takes care of all of the concerns from all aspects.

Director Schenirer indicated that the conditions listed in the issue paper were never voted on by the Board. They were individual Board members who brought some of these ideas forward.

Speakers: Dennis Neufeld\* Steven Bourasa Coco Coccozella  
Jeffery Tardaguila

Director Hansen indicated that the goal is to mitigate risks if the Project is not funded, but this keeps the Project moving forward during the consideration phase. Director Hansen is still interested in getting SacRT a seat on the JPA Board to have a voice. Director Hansen addressed Mr. Neufeld's proposed language changes.

Director Harris noted that the concerns from SacTRU and Eye on Sacramento area included in the proposed resolution.

Director Hume indicated that since the ultimate decision will come back in January 2019, he was wondering why SacRT is not demanding that the conditions be met before committing to the funding. He indicated that he was in Washington D.C. on business unrelated to SacRT and happened to have a meeting with the Acting Director of the Federal Transit Administration, and he mentioned the Streetcar. The face that the Acting Director made gave him the indication that the Risk Assessment for the Streetcar is not looking good. The FTA Administration still continues to favor bus rapid transit or other modes that do not put a heavy capital investment into the ground, especially in the face of the potential disruption of automation.

Director Schenirer noted that if SacRT does not commit now, then SacRT will be unable to move forward on the planning aspects of the Project.

Kirk Trost noted that the JPA has budgeted funds through the end of the calendar year to maintain all the work needed to put the JPA in a position for a grant agreement by February/March 2019. The SacRT Board action is needed tonight so that they can go to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) later this month to get them to approve the allocation of the funds for the Project. That action will allow the dollars to be expended the next day after SacRT approval, otherwise, the JPA would have to wait until Board action in January, then go to the CTC to get the allocation so months in the future in 2019, which stops the Project.

Director Nottoli noted that the representation on the JPA Board is important. As long as SacRT is a part of this Project, SacRT needs direct representation.

Director Budge asked staff to address the use of the money being an intelligible expenditure, and the timing of needing the money to continue to go forward with the Route Optimization Study, and other uses. Mark Lonergan noted that the CTC will meet in October and then not again until December, and they have to approve the allocation request which is expected to occur in October, but Board action is needed to move forward. In the past, SacRT has gone to the CTC for an allocation for the SVS Loop and Streetcar, but staff is trying to protect itself from a condition in the future where neither project moves forward, and the CTC comes back and says that money has been spent from the Proposition 1A pot, but you have never built anything. Staff fully intends to go back to the CTC and clear that up, but the timing is not working out for that clean up.

Director Hansen wanted to know if the CTC approves the request, and deems it eligible to be spent on the Project, how could they later than deem it ineligible. Mark Lonergan indicated that everything is predicated on the Project moving forward. It is does not, then there is a different view from the CTC.

Chair Kennedy noted that the next time this item comes before the Board, his issues are going to be same as Director Nottoli's issues, and if those are not addressed, his support will be questionable.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Harris seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Miller and Serna.**

Note: At this time, General Manager/CEO Li exited the meeting via teleconference.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum provided a future meeting announcement for the City of Folsom.

Sarah Kerber – Ms. Kerber provided awards to participants in the SacTRU challenge which consisted of: Certificates of participation for Director Serna, Director Schenirer and General Manager Li; a special award to Sean Dillon (rode public transit 29 times); and a special award for Chair Kennedy (rode public transit 18 times).

Enzo Arona\* - Mr. Arona indicated that SacRT's ZipPass and Connect Card are fragmented. He suggested that SacRT close the ZipPass and digitize the Connect Card system. He proposes the exploration of adding Connect Cards to mobile wallets allowing passengers to tap on with their phones.

Steve Bourasa – Mr. Bourasa expressed his appreciation for the Board members who participated in the transit challenge.

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila provided his history of the electronic messaging signs; wants an explanation of the 41411 application and getting information to the passengers about what was changing; concerned about what the listening post is offering on the Route Optimization Study event this week; hopes that Harrison Center becomes a destination location that will be managed on the weekend.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4. Information: Update on the License Agreement between the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority and the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad, Inc. for Excursion Rail Operations (J. Darragh/M. Lonergan)

Mark Lonergan indicated that this was an informational update on actions taken by the Joint Powers Authority that affect that portion of the JPA east of Folsom into El Dorado County and Placerville; this does not affect SacRT in any way.

**ACTION: None – Oral Presentation by Mark Lonergan.**

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

5. General Manager’s Report
  - a. Electronic Messaging Signs Update
  - b. Promotional Campaign for October 1 Fare Reduction
  - c. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mark Lonergan noted the written response to Mr. Tardaguila’s issues from the September 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, as requested by Chair Kennedy. The text message application that Mr. Tardaguila is referring to as 41411 is a service that SacRT is taking advantage of from the Security Operations Center being open 24/7. They are picking up and texting out, through the SacRT Alert application, service disruptions. It has been very effective and a silent improvement to customer notification.

Devra Selenis provided the Board with information on the marketing efforts around SacRT’s fare reduction with the goal of educating current and prospective riders of the reduced fares and better service. The assets of the marketing efforts include a dedicated web page, digital and social media advertising, 30 second television and movie theatre advertisements, electronic billboards, radio and print advertising, interior and exterior bus advertising, constant contact e-mail blast, post card size handouts, signage at key light rail stations, and presentations to neighborhood associations.

Director Hansen would like to see the We Heart You in a sticker, but believed the grammar in the love letter was not accurate. He believes it should have two ands, or two pluses.

Speakers: Mike Barnbaum Sarah Kerber

Chair Kennedy suggested that SacRT modify the SacAlert application, to include an option to choose electronic signage to report issues with the signs.

### **REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE**

**AGENDA (If Necessary)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

**ADJOURN**

\*Handout

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

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