

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
January 28, 2019**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:32 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Hansen, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna and Chair Kennedy. Director Miller arrived at 5:37 p.m. Absent: Director Harris.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of January 14, 2019
2. Resolution: Amending the Fare Structure (Resolutions No. 09-10-0174 and 16-03-0024, as Amended by Resolutions 18-06-0061 and 18-08-0092) to Modify and Add the Definitions and Temporarily Add Fares for Folsom Dial-A-Ride and Fixed-Route Service (B. Bernegger)
3. Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the FY 2019 Capital Budget (D. Goldman/B. Bernegger)
4. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to Office Lease with 1515 S Street - Sun Center, LLC (B. Bernegger)
5. Resolution: Authorizing Travel Outside the United States for Henry Li, General Manager/CEO, to Represent Sacramento's Transportation Industry to Assist the Mayor of Sacramento to Lead a Regional Trade Mission to China Focused on Smart Cities (C. Flores)

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

6. Resolution: Commending Andrew J. Morin (Chair Kennedy)

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

7. Employee Recognition (H. Li)

ACTION: NONE – Mr. Li introduced Kenneth Matsushima and Edmundo Delatorre, and presented them with their service certificates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum provided a summary of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority meeting of January 25.

Rick Hodgkins – Mr. Hodgkins noted that there is no longer a device to tap your Connect Card at the Watt/I-80 Station. He heard that Paratransit will no longer be giving rides to people after 10:00 p.m.; he does not know if Regional Center clients are included in that change. Mr. Hodgkins wants to make sure that everyone knows that he has championed the Connect Card. He is happy that light rail is 15 minutes on the Gold Line during the weekends; he wants to see the Blue Line done the same way.

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila noted that there were issues on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. He is hoping that some of the suggestions he offered regarding messaging will get addressed. He will be watching what the STA Board is doing. He encouraged the Board to read their e-mails from the Mobility Advisory Council.

David Schwegel – Mr. Schwegel talked about creating a state of the art passenger rail and mass transit light rail system for greater Sacramento with the help of a ½ cent sales tax measure where all 100% of the proceeds would go to the mass transit and light rail system.

JoAnn Fuller – Ms. Fuller thanked SacRT for the SacRT Forward outreach, noting the goal of increasing ridership and increasing funds to provide more service, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions. She has concerns about equity, and wants to make sure that low income and underserved communities are not penalized. She wants to encourage the Board to resist diverting funds from the SacRT budget for priorities that jeopardize future funding including free fares for students.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Appointments of SacRT Board Members to Various Boards/Committees (C. Brooks/L. Ham)
 - A. **Chair Appointment to SacRT's Retirement Boards:** ATU, IBEW, AEA, MCEG, and AFSCME
 - B. **Motion:** Appointments to Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority; and
 - C. **Motion:** Appointments to Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority; and
 - D. **Motion:** Appointments to Paratransit Board of Directors; and
 - E. **Motion:** Appointments to Downtown-Riverfront Streetcar Policy Steering Committee; and
 - F. **Motion:** Appointments to San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

ACTION: Chair Kennedy appointed General Manager Li and himself to serve as the representatives to the SacRT Retirement Board for ATU, IBEW, AEA, MCEG, and AFSCME, and Director Jennings as alternate.

ACTION: APPROVED – Chair Kennedy moved; Director Hansen seconded approval of the appointment of Directors Howell and Miller to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority with Directors Hansen and Chair Kennedy as alternates. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Harris.

ACTION: APPROVED – Chair Kennedy moved; Director Howell seconded approval of the appointment of Director Budge as representative and Director Nottoli as alternate to the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Harris.

ACTION: APPROVED – Chair Kennedy moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the appointment of Directors Hume and Hansen to the Paratransit Board of Directors. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Harris.

ACTION: APPROVED – Chair Kennedy moved; Director Howell seconded approval of the appointment of Director Harris as representative and Director Budge as alternate to the Downtown-Riverfront Street Car Policy Steering Committee. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Harris.

ACTION: APPROVED – Chair Kennedy moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the appointment of Director Hume as representative and Director Nottoli as alternate to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Harris.

Director Hansen requested that Legal Counsel work with the Legal Counsel at Paratransit, Inc. to see if they can revise their Bylaws to add alternates to the

membership roster.

- 9. Information: Update on SacRT Forward Activities and Progress Since December 10, 2018 (J. Boyle/L. Ham)

James Boyle provided an update on the SacRT Forward activities and progress since December 10. Mr. Boyle gave an overview of all of the outreach activities, reviewed his power point and provided a route by route analysis.

Director Serna asked staff to coordinate outreach meetings in North Natomas.

Director Hansen wanted to know why Route 34 has not been changed since the hospital closed, and suggested refocusing this service somewhere else.

Director Serna asked for an explanation of “no Summer Service” on Route 5. James Drake indicated that there would be no service from mid-June to Labor Day.

Director Nottoli asked staff to contact the Adult Education Center for Elk Grove (Route 5) because he believes they have adult training and adult classes in the summer time. Director Nottoli wanted to know the ridership for the west side of the Center Parkway route.

Director Budge asked staff to look at whether the Route 28 will continue to serve the students at Mitchell Middle School. Director Budge asked staff to provide the ridership statistics for all the routes as helpful background information.

Director Serna noted that he did not see a future zone that takes care of the Route 68 that runs adjacent to the Fruitridge Community Collaborative.

Speakers:	Mike Barnbaum	Carol Nelson	Toni Pariset
	Marie Nunez	Michelle Pariset	Barbara Stanton
	Rick Hodgkins	Nic Bryant	Jeffery Tardaguila
	Gale Morgan	Alejandro Cabrera	Zach Miller
	Krystyn Azar	Dominic Tonell	Richard Brown
	Marcia Johnston	Christina Espegren	Sarah Kerber

Director Budge wanted to know of the ability to get to the Sunrise Station, which is a major hub. She also asked staff to consider locations such as farmer’s markets, grocery stores, etc. Director Budge also wants to make sure that in areas where microtransit areas have fixed route service, that those areas do not lose the access to fixed route services

Director Miller emphasized that SmaRT ride can get riders to fixed route service, not just to the grocery store.

Director Hansen requested that staff find a way to get the buses back on L Street.

ACTION: NONE – Information Item Only

10. Information: Potential Future Temporary Use of Property at the Florin Road Light Rail Station (B. Bernegger)

Brent Bernegger noted that the City of Sacramento is examining various options for temporary shelters for the homeless. The Florin light rail parking area has been discussed as a site to consider. This site has been declared surplus and staff is currently seeking permanent opportunities for this location.

Director Schenirer stated that the Florin light rail station is in his District, and he asked staff to bring this item before the SacRT Board. Emily Halcon, Homeless Services Coordinator for the City of Sacramento provided an explanation of what the City is proposing for this site, and all other potential sites. The City is looking to replicate the Railroad Shelter in the Del Paso area in size and with the current services offered at that location.

Director Serna asked if the City was looking at the socio-economic conditions around the proposed sites, not just the political geography of the city/districts. Ms. Halcon indicated that she believes that the City would engage local community groups, PBIDs, and other organizations to learn about the issues and challenges. Director Schenirer noted that there are a number of socio-economic statuses around the sites.

Director Nottoli asked whether the proposed sites would be similar to the Railroad site, and was concerned about containment of camps that are not associated with the shelter itself. Ms. Halcon believes the intention of the City Council would be similar to the Railroad site with a low barrier entry, a deep wrap around services as well as being an accessible only through outreach similar to the County’s scattered site shelters. Additional police teams and patrol officers who are accessible at that site could mitigate any additional encampments in that area.

Director Budge wanted to know how SacRT would reclaim this property for a transit related purpose. Director Schenirer noted the City and SacRT would look at executing a lease of this site with a specific duration. Depending on what type of transit oriented development (TOD) comes in, which he believes is a number of years away; he could see a potential for affordable housing next to the shelter. If it is not affordable housing, then the shelter would be removed. The City is trying to execute a lease for at least two winters. City staff will canvas the people involved as to how the shelter is working out, how the community feels, and what else SacRT is doing with the land, as to whether to continue with the lease at that site.

Speakers:	Gloria Lapp	Tiffani Fink	Jeffery Tardaguila
	Fatemah Martinez	Rick Hodgkins	

Director Hansen questioned whether this would be a sprung tent or tiny homes and suggested looking at a variety of options. Director Hansen also suggested looking at the far north end of the light rail station property; the unpaved section.

Chair Kennedy voiced his concerns, which included: the shelter's proximity to housing, proximity to Luther Burbank High School, and the social equity issues. The agreement would have to include a clause of recourse. He has a significant concern that this would turn into something similar to the Railroad site. He is comfortable with the TOD issue. His overall concern as the Chair of the SacRT Board and a fiduciary is the impact this might have on SacRT, the perception on SacRT, the perception of SacRT riders and potential riders, and the impact on SacRT's reputation of keeping the system clean, safe and convenient.

Directors Budge and Miller concur with Chair Kennedy's concerns. Director Miller wants to make sure that the riders feel safe, and that the station remains clean and secure.

Director Jennings appreciates that SacRT is allowing the City to look at this site as a possible location. There are very few locations in the South Sacramento area.

Director Howell notes that homelessness is a regional problem, and appreciates that the SacRT Board is looking at this issue to see if we can find solutions to help everyone in the region.

Director Schenirer suggested that the SacRT Board make decisions on the data that is forthcoming in hopes of bringing back a more flushed out issue paper of what the items would be so that the Board could make a decision. Items might include the duration of the lease, cost of the lease, what type of fencing, security and safety issues needed, who pays utilities, the difference between the paved and grassy area, whether the City would purchase transit passes for all of the residents of the shelter, and any other mitigation measures that would be necessary, and a lease for at least two years starting in the later part of 2019 with some type of option to continue. Additionally, the maintenance of the station is an issue, and what the City of Sacramento can do to improve the neighborhood such as using people in the shelter or through the City's Downtown Streets Program which are people who are cleaning up in the vicinity to help with what is going on on Florin Road overall. The City will continue to reach out to the community and neighborhood leaders. The sprung tent takes about 6 – 8 months to get up and running.

Chair Kennedy asked staff to look at the issues that have been expressed and any other potential issues, and address what that might look like. Chair Kennedy expressed interest in being included in that conversation.

ACTION: NONE – Information Item Only.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

11. General Manager's Report
 - a. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 19 Financial Update and Key Performance Report
 - b. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Brent Bernegger provided the second quarter FY 19 financial update. The surplus year-to-date is approximately \$3 million. In the next six months, the debt service payment will be due (\$3.5 million). Deferred revenue is continuing to decline; Measure A is being used to supplement fare box recovery and there are positive trends in ridership.

Speakers: Rick Hodgkins Jeffery Tardaguila

REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Director Hume noted that the San Joaquin Board of Directors had to vote to discontinue the first commuter express service because ridership was low.

Director Hume noted that he met with property owners who have designed a high density site within the City of Elk Grove that might be the logical terminus for the next extension of the Blue Line. He has encouraged them to look at a higher density than they are proposing, with the idea of coupling the development with transit. He stated that you need the density to justify the transit, but you need the transit to make the lifestyle choice for the density. He noted this was the issue with the San Joaquin service, so staff should think about this when doing transit modifications.

Mr. Li noted that an expert from Seattle noted that developing transit is crucial before developing housing. SacRT has always wanted development first and then transit, but he believes we may need to change our mindset now.

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

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By:

Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary