

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD MEETING  
May 13, 2019**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of April 8, 2019
2. Resolution: Ratifying the General Manager/CEO Action to Execute an Amendment to the Hartford Life Insurance Agreement to Include Coverage for Employees Supporting Elk Grove Service (B. Bernegger)
3. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award Contracts for Both the Purchase of New Bus Stop Signs and the Installation of New Bus Stops for the SacRT Forward Project (E. Oparko/N. Nance)
4. Resolution: Approving a Sole Source Procurement and Second Amendment to the Contract for the Purchase of Six EV-Star Electric Buses with GreenPower Motor Company, Inc. to Add Three Additional Buses (D. Cook)
5. Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the Agreement with County of Sacramento for Discount Purchase and Sale of Prepaid Fare Media (J. Adelman/B. Bernegger)
6. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Employee Uniforms with Curtis Bus Line (D. Cook)
7. Resolution: Temporarily Modifying the Fare Structure (Resolution Nos. 09-09-0174 and 19-03-0038 as Amended, Including by Resolution Nos. 17-03-0027 and 18-01-0008) to Authorize a Three-Month Summer Student Pass Valid for June, July and August 2019 and Only Available on Connect Card and ZipPass (J. Adelman/B. Bernegger)
8. Purchase and Installation of a Portable Rail Lift System and Sixth Amendment to the FY 2019 Capital Budget (D. Cook)

- A. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of a Portable Rail Lift System to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder after Competitive Bidding; and,
  - B. Resolution: Approving the Sixth Amendment to the FY2019 Capital Budget.
9. Resolution: Approving Modifications to the Personnel Rules and Procedures Affecting Unrepresented Employees Commonly Referred to as the Management and Confidential Employee Group (MCEG) Employees (S. Booth/S. Valenton)
  10. Resolution: Conditionally Awarding a Contract for the Watt/I-80 Elevator Modernization and Preventative Maintenance Services to Capitol Elevator Company (D. Abansado/L. Ham)
  11. Resolution: Approving a Sole Source Procurement and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute the Contract for Purchase of Dynamic Message Signs with IPDisplays (R. Thorn/S. Valenton)

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Howell seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of Items 3, 4, 10 and 11. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

3. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award Contracts for Both the Purchase of New Bus Stop Signs and the Installation of New Bus Stops for the SacRT Forward Project (E. Oparko/N. Nance)

Speakers: Mike Barnbaum                      Helen O'Connell                      Sarah Kerber

Mr. Oparko indicated that the item had been accepted by the Mobility Advisory Council.

Mr. Li indicated that staff is going to hold a workshop to show the public the new design of the bus stop signs.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Miller moved; Chair Kennedy seconded approval of item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

4. Resolution: Approving a Sole Source Procurement and Second Amendment to the Contract for the Purchase of Six EV-Star Electric Buses with GreenPower Motor Company, Inc. to Add Three Additional Buses (D. Cook)

Speakers: Sarah Kerber                      Jeffery Tardaguila                      Delphine Cathcart\*  
                     Helen O'Connell

10. Resolution: Conditionally Awarding a Contract for the Watt/I-80 Elevator Modernization and Preventative Maintenance Services to Capitol Elevator

Company (D. Abansado/L. Ham)

Speakers: Sarah Kerber Jeffery Tardaguila

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Nottoli moved; Director Howell seconded approval of items 4 and 10 as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

11. Resolution: Approving a Sole Source Procurement and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute the Contract for Purchase of Dynamic Message Signs with IPDisplays (R. Thorn/S. Valenton)

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila

Director Nottoli asked if there was a way to offset some of the cost by selling advertising on the display signs. Brent Bernegger indicated that he would have to look into whether SacRT could advertise on these signs.

Chair Kennedy indicated that advertising on these signs would not be a good idea for the customer experience, as the customer wants to know when the next train is coming.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Budge seconded approval of item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

### **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

12. Employee Recognition (H. Li)

This item was pulled from the agenda because neither of the recipients was in attendance at the meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

13. Public Hearing: Preliminary FY 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets (D. Goldman/B. Bernegger)
  - A. Accept Public Comment on the Sacramento Regional Transit District Preliminary FY 2020 Operating and Capital Budget; and
  - B. Motion: To Continue the Public Hearing to June 10, 2019

Speakers:

Helen O'Connell – Ms. O'Connell wants a funding plan to improve customer service on the weekend and evenings as the routes begin to change in September.

Sarah Kerber – Ms. Kerber would like additional information about the customer service enhancements that are going to be part of the budget and the route optimization implementation.

Mr. Li indicated that 2 additional positions will be added for the customer service center specifically for the weekend, adding 6 security guards in the major light rail stations for safety and security, additional cleaning personnel, additional light rail maintenance technicians, and up to 20 new bus operators, totaling up to 40 new positions.

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila believes it helpful if the pie charts, when they represent percentages and dollars, depict a layout so that you can see that the dollar numbers add up to the numbers listed.

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum indicated that one of the prior focuses of SacRT was to reduce the percentage of fare evaders. Mr. Barnbaum indicated that the riders will come back as long as the budget provides maximum security.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Howell seconded approval of the motion to continue the public hearing to June 10, 2019. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

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

Speakers:

Crystal McGee Lee\* - Representing ATU, Local 256 – Ms. Lee indicated that she and President Niz want the public and the Board to know what is happening in negotiations and that ATU has been fighting SacRT from changing the working conditions by attempting to change the contract. Ms. Lee indicated that ATU has secured a 100% strike vote from the membership, and a strike sanction from the Central Labor Council. Ms. Lee indicated that she and President Niz will be reaching out to political allies and informing the public, making them aware and knowledgeable of SacRT's actions. Ms. Lee also indicated that she was there to accept President Niz' service award; however, the item was removed from the agenda. Ms. Lee read a statement from Mr. Niz.

David Becker – Representing ATU, Local 256 – Mr. Becker indicated that ATU has supported the Attendance Policy and has pushed for high attendance amongst its members. Mr. Becker stated that SacRT wants to punish the membership for the few who have issues because SacRT has mismanaged their supervisors who failed to do their job, attempting to discredit and blame the majority of hard working operators for

the minority. Mr. Becker indicated that SacRT wants to reduce the sick leave sell back as was done with the AFSCME Union, and is limiting the use of the incentive vacation time.

Joyce Adams Watkins – Ms. Watkins provided the history of her service at SacRT and the history of ATU, Local 256. Ms. Watkins indicated that the operators love their jobs and have relationships in the community and with the Board members.

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum provided upcoming meeting information for the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority.

Dane Palmer – Mr. Palmer noted that on the last 2 Sundays SacRT has implemented a policy cutting their light rail service down to 1 light rail vehicle on each line. He stated that he witnessed 14 bikes on 1 train. He believes this is a safety concern which could cause injury.

Bonnie Lindemann – Ms. Lindemann is concerned that the “Sunrise hub” is losing most of their routes. She is concerned that only the Route 21 and 1, and possibly 23 are her only resources for travel in the event of a real disaster, and that microtransit has a wait time of up to 2 ½ hours.

Felix Huerta\* - Business Agent Organizer – Operating Engineers Local Union 3. Mr. Huerta noted that they are in the election process right now to represent the Administrative Employees Association. The vote will be taking place on May 23. Mr. Huerta submitted a Public Records Request because on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> he received a copy of an e-mail that was sent out to Mr. Li indicating that there would be a “massive” reorganization at the administrative/management level. They are concerned about the changes that took effect on May 9.

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila indicated that light rail is having a number of bus bridges and there are a lot of riders talking about buses not meeting schedules. Mr. Tardaguila wants to know if staff is going to make adjustments in the routes to accommodate the boarding of “scooters” because it takes longer to load these types of mobility devices.

Wendy Pelletier – Business Agent for AFSCME, Local 146 (Supervisors Unit) – Ms. Pelletier noted that in March AFSCME was contacted for an urgent matter to reach an agreement with SacRT in regard to e-tran; they met and conferred and reached an agreement. Ms. Pelletier noted that approximately a month later SacRT decided that the agreement was “null and void.” Ms. Pelletier indicated that Local 146 will continue to meet and confer with SacRT and have a meeting scheduled for May 14, but they want SacRT to honor the contract that was negotiated in good faith; that was brought to the Board and want to continue to have this working relationship, or try to get there. They are concerned that they cannot get there with decisions that are being made “high up” between General Manager Li and Steve Booth.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

14. Property Based Business District on Folsom Boulevard in the City of Rancho Cordova (B. Bernegger)
  - A. Motion: Direct the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority (SPTC JPA) to Sign a Petition in Favor of and Cast an Assessment Ballot for Creation of a PBID Along Folsom Boulevard in the City of Rancho Cordova; or
  - B. Motion: Direct SPTC JPA to Cast an Assessment Ballot Against the Creation of a PBID Along Folsom Boulevard in the City of Rancho Cordova; and
  - C. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute an Amendment to the Easement with the SPTC JPA Related to Property-Related Fees and Assessments.

Director Howell indicated that as the Chair of Sacramento Placerville JPA and she believes it would be better to “request” that the Board take the action as opposed to “direct” them to do so. Director Howell does not envision there being a problem, but would prefer to see “request” as opposed to “direct.”

Director Nottoli wanted to know if there is any time sensitivity to this request. Director Howell indicated that she could talk to the staff person to see if the JPA needs to have a special meeting if it is time sensitive.

Chair Kennedy indicated that the PBIDs are valuable to keep businesses rolling.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Budge moved; Director Hansen seconded approval of items A and C. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

15. Information: Free Rides for All Students (K-12) that Live in Sacramento or Go to School in Sacramento (B. Bernegger)

Mr. Bernegger indicated that this program would offer free transit passes to students attending schools; grade K-12 in the City of Sacramento. This program also allows students living outside of the City of Sacramento that attend school within the City limit that same pass. SacRT hopes to receive full support from the Sacramento City Council in June. The program is designed to improve ridership and will improve average daily attendance, which will provide more money to schools. The concept is a \$1 million program funded by the City of Sacramento. SacRT hopes to expand this to other jurisdictions in other neighborhoods. There is no impact to SacRT fares because the revenue will now be received from the City; however, should student ridership increase SacRT will not expect additional fare revenues from the City; it will be capped at that \$1 million amount. There are no service cost increases, so there is no impact to the fare

recovery ratio. Ridership should increase with approximately 1.1 million new student rides in fiscal year 2020.

Director Schenirer noted that this program is a little complicated because it involves multiple school districts, it gives young people the opportunity to get to places, gets young people on transit at an early age which will hopefully get them to be transit riders as they get older, and it gets people out of cars. Director Schenirer indicated that there is a professor at University of Texas, Austin who specializes in these types of transportation research projects, and would like to use his services for an evaluation to make sure SacRT is on the right track.

Director Serna wanted to clarify that the sticker would “run with the student” not with the geography of address. Director Schenirer indicated that it is for young people who either live in the City or go to school in the City. Director Serna asked if other jurisdictions who have implemented this program have perfected it. Casey Courtright indicated the SacRT is unique because SacRT operates outside of the City of Sacramento and has multiple school districts within the City. Peer comparisons have limitations around just one school district within their jurisdiction or the school district encompasses the entire region in which the transit district is operating. SacRT has worked hard to partner with the school districts to work with them to find the best implementation plan.

Director Jennings wanted clarification that students working in Sacramento would be able to utilize the sticker as well. Director Schenirer indicated that if they are a student by definition (K-12) and going to school in Sacramento, they are covered to ride anywhere on the SacRT system.

Director Nottoli wanted to know the eligibility for students in the Elk Grove USD that touch parts of South Sacramento in the City and a good portion of Sacramento City in the unincorporated and incorporated City of Rancho Cordova, Rosemont, and Lincoln Village areas. Casey Courtright indicated that some students would be covered, and others that would not be covered. The physical address of the school itself will determine which schools will be used for implementation; there will also be students who live within the City limits of Sacramento but attend school just outside the boundary. Staff is currently working with the City to determine the logistics of handing out the stickers to those individuals. 25 or 30% of Elk Grove school districts will receive stickers. 70% of Sacramento City Unified Schools may receive stickers depending on their physical address.

Director Schenirer indicated that the hope is that other cities and the County would participate in the program. Mr. Li indicated that SacRT is already discussing this program with other cities. Director Schenirer indicated that it would be a good idea for others to participate so that there is no equity issue and that the City Council passes the budget for this program on June 11.

**ACTION: NONE – Oral Presentation by Brent Bernegger.**

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

16. General Manager's Report
  - a. Quarterly (January – March 2019) Financial Update
  - b. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li, Chair Kennedy and Vice Chair Hansen attended the 2019 Capitol to Capitol trip. During that trip, they met with American Public Transit Administration leadership updating them on a number of SacRT projects.

Mr. Li mentioned that the Urban Land Institute looked at re-envisioning the Florin and Meadowview light rail stations, and that ULI will be presenting their findings at a future Board meeting. Based on their report, a Request for Information was sent out to get feedback from potential developers on the Florin site. Staff is assembling an evaluation or advisory committee to review these responses. If there are any Board members interested in participating, please contact Cindy Brooks or Chris Flores.

Folsom annexed to SacRT and began operating bus service on February 4. SacRT has seen a 25% increase in local bus ridership (dial-a-ride and fixed bus service) since taking over operations. In the meantime, SacRT is working with the staff in the City of Elk Grove for a smooth transition for July 1.

Mr. Li noted that two leaders will join SacRT, the General Manager of Transdev, who provides the bus service for Yolo County Transportation Authority, Carmen Alba, and SacRT has hired the General Manager of e-tran bus service contracted by MV.

Mr. Li introduced Brent Bernegger who provided the third quarter financial report.

Mr. Bernegger indicated that surplus for the quarter (January – March 2019) – 1.7 million; year to date is 4.7 million; deferred revenue continues to grow – close to \$1 million; fare box recovery is down, but SacRT is still meeting its TDA requirement at 23% because we can supplement the fare box recovery; ridership comparison is up .5% compared to last fiscal year and the budget forecast to actuals is up 5%, year to date is only down 2% because of the fires which triggered some of the loss; projections for fiscal year 2019 are anticipated to be on par with fiscal year 2018.

Director Nottoli wanted to know if there is any limitation as to when the Measure A money could not be used to supplement the fare box recovery. Mr. Li indicated that the current Measure A money makes up about 200% of the fare box recovery ratio, so SacRT will not run out of that money.



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

17. Paratransit Inc. Special Board Meeting – April 18, 2019 (Hume/Hansen)

No additional comments were provided.

## **CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (If Necessary)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:05 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Pursuant to Section 54957.6  
District Negotiator: Stephen Booth
  - (1) Employee Organization: ATU
2. Conference with Legal Counsel  
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Anticipated Litigation

One Case

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

There was no closed session report.

### **ADJOURN**

\*Handout

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

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Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary