

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
October 7, 2019**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:32 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Nottoli, Serna and Chair Kennedy. Absent: Directors Budge, Miller and Schenirer. Director Hansen arrived at 5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of September 23, 2019
2. Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the Contract for Roll Off and Front Load Waste and Recycling Containers Rental and Service with Allied Waste Services of NA, LLC dba Republic Services of Sacramento (J. Anderson/D. Cook)
3. Resolution: Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Vehicles Through the CalACT/MBTA Joint Procurement with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. (D. Cook)
4. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Mark Lonergan (C. Flores/H. Li)
5. Resolution: Approving the Tenth Amendment to the Contract for Station Design Services – SSCP2 with The HLA Group Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. (D. Abansado/L. Ham)
6. Approving the Third Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Modify the Operating Date for ADA Paratransit Service (B. Bernegger)
 - A. Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Budget; and
 - B. Resolution: Repealing Resolution No. 19-09-0105, and Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Provide “Notice of Termination for Convenience” to Paratransit, Inc. Regarding the Current “ADA Paratransit Service

Agreement”, and Operate ADA Paratransit Service In-House On or About March 29, 2020

7. Resolution: Approving the Addition of Section 8.03 to the Personnel Policy Manual Establishing Parameters for Standby Compensation for Hourly Non-Bargaining Unit Employees Who Are Required to Remain “On Call” and Available to Respond Outside of Normal Business Hours to Perform Urgent or Time Sensitive Work (S. Booth/S. Valenton)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Howell moved; Director Hume seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of Item 3. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Budge, Hansen, Miller and Schenirer.

3. Resolution: Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Vehicles Through the CalACT/MBTA Joint Procurement with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. (D. Cook)

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

8. Employee Recognition (H. Li)

Mr. Li recognized two employees in attendance who has reached milestone anniversaries at SacRT during the period April – September 2019. Bonifacio Torres with 30 years of service and Nadezhda Mokhov with 20 years of service. Additionally, SacRT had one employee who reached 35 years of service, 3 individuals who reached 30 years of service, 3 with 25 years of service, and 6 employees with 20 years of service during this same period who were unable to attend the Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. Resolution: Repealing Resolution Nos. 17-06-0088 and 18-09-0101, and Approving the Programming of Up to \$29.6 Million of Proposition 1A High Speed Rail Funding for the New Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) and Related Station Modifications (B. Bernegger)

Speakers: Mike Barnbaum
Steven Bourassa

Rick Hodgkins

Delphine Cathcart

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

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum provided notice of upcoming meetings that will be held after tonight’s SacRT Board meeting, including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Unmet Transit Needs.

Margie Donovan – Ms. Donovan expressed her concern about a recent incident where two dogs on a light rail train barked at her friend’s service animal. Ms. Donovan reported that this friend got off the train because she was scared and waited 30 minutes for the next car. Ms. Donovan asked the Board to take a look to see what can be done because during this incident, there was an “officer” there who did not do anything. Ms. Donovan indicated that it is not acceptable that SacRT Police do not respond when called, and asked the Board to monitor all the pets riding light rail. Ms. Donovan indicated that the Mobility Advisory Council will reconvene the prior established Task Force on this subject.

Chair Kennedy asked Mr. Li to meet with him about this incident after the Board meeting.

Shannon Dillon – Ms. Dillon was with the person who tried to get on light rail and had to get off the car because of the barking dog. Ms. Dillion believes that further work needs to be done about a policy about people bringing their pets, or poorly behaved service animals on transit. Ms. Dillon also wants to know how to report incidents like this because she used the SacRT Alert app that day and talked to a person who was unfamiliar with how to handle the situation.

Rick Hodgkins – Mr. Hodgkins is supportive of SacRT operating paratransit services; however, he has a concern about the continuous use of taxis. Mr. Hodgkins thought that the “guide dog” issue was resolved two years ago. He noted that there are two other groups who use service animals (i.e., people with autism and who are deaf).

Jean Marie Moore – Ms. Moore noted that there is only 1 question that someone can ask when questioning whether an animal is a service animal or not. The pet issue on transit needs to be resolved otherwise those who are certified to take paratransit will continue to take paratransit instead of fixed route services.

Brooklyn Kelly – Ms. Kelly noted that she was the passenger in the incident that everyone had described. Ms. Kelly felt that she and her dog were in a position of danger. Ms. Kelly exited the train and had to wait 45 minutes for a new train in the dark. Ms. Kelly urged the Board to take action so that this does not happen again. Ms. Kelly offered her services to help SacRT take action.

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila suggested the staff “figure out” another training class. He believes there needs to be an emphasis on disability training for use of the ramps on light rail. Mr. Tardaguila thanked staff for taking down the signs that say SacRT is hiring. Mr. Tardaguila stated that replacing bus stop signs was not revenue neutral. Mr. Tardaguila indicated that a number of new “bulletin boards” are not doing their job. Mr. Tardaguila indicated that only 1 car was running on the prior Sunday. Mr. Tardaguila offered to work with staff to increase ridership on Routes 11 and 13.

Roger Oberholzer – Mr. Oberholzer thanked staff for the announcement on the trains regarding service dogs. His concern is that when Ms. Dillon called SacRT that the officer (who only offered his first name during the call) did not have any idea on how to assist or look up the light rail train number. Mr. Oberholzer noted that immediate action should have been taken when the incident occurred, and that the officer should be retrained.

James Worsnop – Mr. Worsnop offered to come back, and asked to be agendized, to provide the Board with information about SacRT’s Real Estate Department transactions. Mr. Worsnop believes that SacRT is mispending federal, state and local monies, undertaking bad real estate deals, and is hiring incompetent real estate professionals. Mr. Worsnop believes that SacRT management is not knowledgeable about real estate deals (i.e., selling properties as a fire sale to offset costs), and management does not know that some of the money has to go back to the federal government.

Mr. Li thanked Mr. Worsnop for his 2 ½ months of temporary service in the SacRT Real Estate department about a year ago. Mr. Li noted that SacRT hires temporary employees all the time between hiring. Mr. Li noted that SacRT has an open transparent hiring process. Mr. Li encouraged Mr. Worsnop to apply for any positions that he felt he was qualified for, and guarantees that the hiring process would be open and transparent.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Submit a Proposal in Response to the Request for Proposals for Turnkey Operation and Maintenance of Public Fixed Route and Dial-A-Ride Services Issued by the South County Transit System and to Certify, on Behalf of the Board of Directors, that the Proposal Meets all Applicable Requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (D. Cook)

Director Nottoli wants to make sure that staff keep in mind, when submitting the response to the proposal, that intra-city and inter-community connectivity is important to the transit providers in San Joaquin County, Lodi, Solano County, Elk Grove and SacRT.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

11. General Manager's Report
 - a. SacRT Forward and Paratransit Answers to Questions
 - b. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li introduced Laura Ham, VP of Planning and Engineering, to provide an update on all the activities SacRT is doing to prepare for operating the ADA paratransit services in-house.

Ms. Ham noted that the formal termination notice was sent to Paratransit, Inc. with the transition being effective on March 29, 2020. Since the last Board meeting, many SacRT departments have been meeting and coordinating on various issues to make sure that all aspects related to the transition are covered. Ms. Ham thanked Director Hume, the Paratransit Board Chair, for assisting SacRT with negotiations to ensure they go smoothly, and that the transition is seamless. Staff is expediting the purchase of 40 vehicles and noted that 40 other vehicles were recently delivered to SacRT. SacRT management and the Mobility Advisory Leadership will meet to talk about increased influence as staff prepares for the launch of ADA paratransit service. A letter was sent to over 5,000 currently eligible paratransit riders to explain the transition, assuring the riders that the policies would remain the same, and provided them with the questions and answers document included in the Board package. As SacRT gets closer to launch date, staff will make more information available about how ADA and non-ADA demand response service will be integrated, as well as continued travel training.

Mr. Li provided an update on the two press conferences that have been held since the last meeting (RydeFreeRT for Students and the 39th Street/UC Davis Health Station renaming). RydeFreeRT for Students is the first program in the nation that provides system-wide free service to students. Mr. Li thanked Director Schenirer for his role in championing this program. Additionally, SacRT hosted a press conference with UC Davis Health to celebrate the renaming of the 39th Street/UC Davis Health Station in a first ever station renaming partnership. UC Davis has been providing shuttle service to/from the 39th Street Station to the UC Davis Medical Center campus.

Mr. Li introduced a few new staff members:
Jason Johnson, Director, Office Management and Budget;
Jofil Borja, Senior Community Relations Officer;
Lisa Hinz, VP, Safety, Security and Customer Satisfaction; and
Sandy Bobek, Assistant VP, Technology, Innovations and Performance Monitoring.

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila
October 7, 2019 Action Summary

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

The Board recess to Closed Session at 6:48 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9
Existing Litigation
 - a) Isaiah White, on behalf of himself & all others similarly situated vs.
Sacramento Regional Transit District
Case No. 34-2018-00240461

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no Closed Session report.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary