



STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2020
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cindy Brooks, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2020**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:00 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Miller, Serna and Chair Hansen. Director Nottoli arrived during Closed Session. Absent: Director Schenirer.

1. **Announce Closed Session Items:**

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiator
Pursuant to Section 54957.6
District Negotiator: Stephen Booth

Employee Organization: OE3

Speaker: Felix Huerta*

2. **Recess to Closed Session**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

Open Session Agenda

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:31 and Roll Call was taken.

PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Miller, Nottoli, Serna and Chair Hansen. Absent: Director Schenirer.

Closed Session Report

There was no Closed Session Report

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of January 13, 2020

2.2 Resolution: Ratifying the General Manager/CEO's Actions to Executing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Loaves and Fishes, and a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Bruce Booher, for the Acquisition of Real Property and Temporary Construction Easements Necessary to Construct

the Rail Realignment for the Dos Rios Station Project (B. Bernegger)

- 2.3 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve Work Order No. 21 to the Contract for General Engineering Support Service – 2016 with Mark Thomas and Company, Inc. for the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Design Project (L. Ham)
- 2.4 Resolution: Approving the Terms and Implementing the Last, Best and Final Offer in Lieu of a Collective Bargaining Agreement for Operating Engineers, Local 3 (Administrative Employees Association) for the Term of February 16, 2020 through September 30, 2022 (S. Booth/S. Valenton)

Speakers – Item 2.3 – Sarah Kerber Jeffery Tardaguila
Speakers – Item 2.4 – Sarah Kerber Felix Huerta

In response to Ms. Kerber’s comments on Item 2.3, Chair Hansen requested the Mr. Li provide information on the Watt/I-80 elevator project to Ms. Kerber.

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Howell moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Schenirer.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

- 3.1 Information: Employee Service Recognition (H. Herrera/S. Valenton)

ACTION: None – Mr. Li introduced the three service award recipients in attendance (Minh Nguyen, Mechanic; Raza Kansai, Transportation Supervisor and Juliette Terry, Senior Manager) for the last quarter of 2019 and provided them with their certificates.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila expressed his concern with the labeling of bus stops during the construction in downtown Sacramento. Mr. Tardaguila suggested that the operators who drive near the hospital should have training on how to handle biohazards.

Sara Michael – Ms. Michael wanted to know why some operators do not allow her to

board with her wheelchair. There was an incident with a train operator in Rancho Cordova at 9:00 p.m. one night whereby she was denied boarding on light rail.

Chair Hansen asked Lisa Hinz to work with Ms. Michael.

Director Serna wanted to know what policies are in place to make sure that there is expression of consistent policies to persons with disabilities. Mr. Li indicated that SacRT has a training program that includes how to treat our passengers. Doug Cook noted that SacRT is instituting a new curriculum for employees dealing with the public on the buses and trains. Mr. Cook also indicated that SacRT is implementing a “secret shopper” program. Mr. Li indicated that staff immediately investigates complaints like this, and will talk with the responsible party and provide additional training; however, in some cases discipline is warranted.

Director Nottoli noted that consistency is very important, but paramount to that is utilizing some discretion in judgement.

Barbara Stanton – Ms. Stanton encouraged the staff to ride along to monitor riders and SacRT employees. Ms. Stanton noted that not all SmarT ride on-demand vans are created equal and not ADA compliant. She provided an example of an instance where a SmarT van’s lift doors would not open. Ms. Stanton wanted to know how many vans, since the program started were not in working order, and whether those patrons had to get another van or be passed up.

Chair Hansen asked staff to follow up with Ms. Stanton.

Steven Bourasa – Mr. Bourasa believes that there is an unknown about the Sacramento Valley Station development. Mr. Bourasa suggested keeping the original station for ticketing for SacRT, heavy rail, bullet train and Greyhound; have baggage, bike corrals, and let traffic drive into the front, along with pedestrian amenities with bus connections on the east side of the property.

Chair Hansen suggested Mr. Bourasa address his concerns at a City of Sacramento Council meeting since the City is the lead agency for the project.

Hal Goldfarb – Mr. Goldfarb expressed his impression of public officials riding transit and noted that some riders are very poor and depend on buses to ride. Mr. Goldfarb would like to see more elected officials participate in the SacTRU challenges.

Robert Coplin – Mr. Coplin wants elected officials to ride transit once or twice a month. Mr. Coplin would like to see bus operators be more courteous by not talking about the bad traffic while driving, and not letting passengers off in the middle of the street. Mr. Coplin believes the SacRT Forward project is a failure.

Sarah Kerber – Ms. Kerber thanked everyone for participating in the SacTRU challenge including Patrick Kennedy, Henry Li, SacRT staff and members of the public. Ms.

Kerber announced that Supervisor Patrick Kennedy was the winner of the challenge.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Resolution: Commending Patrick Kennedy (Chair Hansen)

Chair Hansen highlighted a few of Director Kennedy's accomplishments during his term as Chair for 2018 and 2019.

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

7.2 Information: Transit Oriented Development/Surplus Property Update (B. Bernegger)

Mr. Bernegger noted SacRT has been working with multiple developers and, as a result, has entered into 4 Purchase and Sale Agreements; two of which are with developers that have closed Escrow on the properties located at Arden Way and 65th Street. On the two remaining projects located at Cemo Circle and Calvine, the two remaining developers have signed agreements and are nearing the process to close escrow.

Mr. Bernegger reviewed each of the properties:

Arden Way – The Purchase and Sale Agreement with Community Housing Works was entered into in January 2018 and escrow closed July 3, 2018. Construction is estimated to begin December 2020. The project is a 4 story building with 128 affordable apartment homes.

65th Street - The Purchase and Sale Agreement was entered into in December 2017 and closed escrow November 2019; the permitting process has been completed with the City of Sacramento with the hope of commencing construction this month. The project will include street and utility work on 67th & Q including six bus berths, pedestrian improvements, and a new traffic signal light at 67th & Folsom. The Mobility Advisory Council has provided their input. The construction of the development should begin this summer and is anticipated to be completed by fall of 2021. The project is a 6-story building with 223 student housing units and 8,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

Cemo Circle - The Purchase and Sale Agreement was entered into in June 2016 and escrow is planned to close by the end of February 2020; the developer is USA Property Funds. The project is planned for 165 market rate apartments. Construction is planned to start this year and should be completed within 2 years.

Calvine and Auberry - The Purchase and Sale Agreement with Catalyst Development Partners was entered into in May 2019 and escrow is expected to close around February 10, 2020

February 2021; the buyer's plans were for a multi-family residential project.

Director Nottoli asked for the zoning on the Calvine property. Mr. Bernegger asked to provide the information to Director Nottoli at a later time.

Director Harris noted that the 65th Street project with Symphony Development was very difficult to consummate because of a Federal Transit Administration overlay and it took about 2 years to work through all the details. Director Harris thanked staff for sticking with the project, and noted that this project will be a beneficial boost for Sacramento State University.

Florin Light Rail Station: Staff has been working with the community to receive input regarding this property. In March 2019, a Request for Information was released to solicit information from the developers regarding a joint development opportunity. Staff received 5 responses which included proposals for mixed-use, affordable housing, commercial uses, transit supportive densities that blend the surrounding neighborhoods together, collaborative partnership opportunities that include services for housing, jobs, health and other community needs, neighborhood amenities such as parks, and other various forms of potential joint development. Staff is preparing a Request for Proposal and brochure. Staff has also been working with local agencies to provide all the stakeholders with SacRT's plans for land use in showing that public transit is really critical in this process. This project is expected to be completed by the end of February 2020.

As the projects progress, Staff will provide the Board with weekly updates through the General Manager's Report.

Director Nottoli indicated that Old Calvine extended is the boundary, and he wanted to stand corrected that Director Kennedy had been briefed on this property since it was in Director Kennedy's area.

Director Budge wanted to know if she could assume that when Staff talks about Mills Station that Staff is talking about their participation in Rancho Cordova's City Center Plan. Mr. Bernegger and Traci Canfield acknowledged positively to Director Budge's question.

Mr. Li thanked the Board for providing support and guidance in this process. Mr. Li also thanked the Real Estate and Legal Departments for their work on these projects.

ACTION: NONE – Oral Presentation by Brent Bernegger.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 General Manager's Report

- a. Quarterly Financial Report (2nd Quarter FY 2020) (Bernegger)
- b. Paratransit Inc. Board Meeting (January 9, 2020) (Hume)

- c. San Joaquin JPA Board Meeting (January 24) (Hume)
- d. Sacramento-Placerville JPA Board Meeting (February 3) (Budge)
- e. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li reported on his participation during a trip with some of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board Members that highlighted recent transit oriented development around San Diego's bus rapid transit and express bus lines. SacRT recently launched its comprehensive corridor study where Staff hopes to identify key communities and to implement a network of bus rapid transit and express lines. SacRT staff has been coordinating with Caltrans on a number of projects, including a potential bus on shoulder pilot for SacRT's airport and causeway service.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is responsible for programming and allocating funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. Mr. Li provided a welcome presentation and highlighted how SacRT is leading the transit industry in innovation and best practices at their last meeting in Sacramento. After the CTC meeting, the Commissioners rode a SmarT ride bus. SacRT is expecting to have some items on the CTC agenda including the reallocation of \$25 million in Proposition 1A funds to support the light rail modernization project, and SacRT will soon be submitting a competitive grant application to their Solutions for Congested Corridors program.

Mr. Li met with California State Treasurer, Fiona Ma, and Senator Richard Pan. Both are interested in helping SacRT's transit oriented development goals. Senator Pan supports the greenhouse gas footprint of state workers and Staff will be working with him and the Air Quality Management District to champion a Commuter Benefit program for the Sacramento region.

Brent Bernegger provided a 2nd Quarter Financial Report (FY2020). Mr. Bernegger reported that revenues are higher than expenses by \$2.1 million; year to date there is a surplus of \$3.5 million. In the future, Staff is expecting the federal funds to go down about \$1 million, and some State and Local funds are expected to go down about \$2 million. The Compressed Natural Gas tax rebate should arrive soon. Ridership has gone up (7.1%) during the second quarter, compared to the same time last year; and year to date is up 5.8%. The student free initiative is the main factor for the increase in ridership. Early estimates show ridership in January 2020 up – bus is up 10%; light rail is up 4%. Crime statistics year to date show that crime went down 14.1%. This percentage excludes two incidents of burglary to multiple vehicles.

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila

There were no additional comments provided from Director Hume on the Paratransit or San Joaquin JPA Meeting written reports.

Director Budge reported on the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor meeting of February 3, 2020. The action items on the agenda were the approval of the minutes February 10, 2020 Action Summary

and extending an offer of employment to the secretary of the JPA. Other reports included street improvements at Bradshaw and the double tracking in Folsom. Director Budge noted that Supervisor Frentzen's term is over, and a replacement has not been named as yet. The next meeting of the JPA is in May, and Director Budge thanked staff for the appointment of Michael Cormiae who will be a tremendous asset to the JPA because Mr. Cormiae has a rail background.

9. REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Hansen thanked staff for repairing a broken crossing arm at 10th & O and within ½ hour of it being reported, Staff was out there repairing it.

10. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (If Necessary)

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

16. ADJOURN

*Handout

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

STEVE HANSEN, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary