

## BoardComments - Re: SacRT Board of Directors Meeting Rescheduled for Noon on Monday, March 23

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**To:** <boardcomments@sacrt.com>  
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**Subject:** Re: SacRT Board of Directors Meeting Rescheduled for Noon on Monday, March 23  
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Greetings Regional Transit Family:

It's been awhile since I have been present, and was hoping to today at 5:30pm, but understand during Governor Newsom's temporary executive order, that I cannot. I wanted to comment on matters not on the agenda, as well as item 7.2 by Laura Ham and item 8.1 by Henry Li.

### **Public Addresses Board on Matters Not on the Agenda**

You may have noticed that I have not been present at a board meeting since January came to a close. That's because I have been on assignment regarding how Regional Transit will be impacted (positively and negatively) on the "YOLO GO" Project. Similar to "SacRT Forward," the "YOLO GO" Project aims to reimagine the route network that YoloBus currently operates. In attending AIM Consulting outreach sessions on this project, as well as critical board meetings of the Yolo County Transportation District, I am pleased to report that Consultant Dan Boyle out of San Diego is recommending that Routes 42A and 42B improve service frequency to operate once every thirty minutes. Today, these routes operate once an hour. To do this, would result in other service reductions and/or service eliminations. Routes 40 and 41 would combine to operate as one local route between Sacramento and West Sacramento. Service in the SouthPort area would be limited to peak only and perhaps one midday trip. Having Routes 42A/42B going to once every thirty minutes is the biggest game changer in the project at this point in time. The hope is for full YCTD Board adoption of this project at 7pm on Monday, May 11th. Stay tuned for further updates on this developing project, especially as it pertains to how it would affect operations at the Sacramento Regional Transit District.

### **Agenda Item 7.2: Approving the Sacramento Regional Transit District's Contagious Virus Emergency Service Reduction and Shutdown Plan**

"Shutdown" is a scary word, especially in the public transportation industry. From a public transportation advocate's perspective, it means broadcasting to your fellow riders and others, including elected officials that you heard that as of such and such a date and time, there will be absolutely no available public transportation to go anywhere or anyplace. While service reduction, like going to a "Sunday+" schedule puts a little bit ease of mind and puts to rest the question of whether there would be service or not. Heck, I will be the first to admit that I sent text messages out to staff as soon as Governor Gavin Newsom issued the recent "stay-at-home" order. In my message I had asked about the availability of bus and rail service even operating for the next day. My instincts always tell me to send

text messages first before ever posting anything on social media whenever you are unsure about something. The lesson in life here is that you can never ask too many questions in a crisis situation, especially in the era and age of social media that we live in. To the staff that I do have your direct number, it is purposes like this where having your number is so critical, and in doing so, allows social media to become a secondary outlet to broadcast information, not the first. In closing, I want to now take the opportunity to ask, right here, and not on social media until we are given precise and clear answers to our vital questions on this topic, so I ask you all this:

- 1) Are there any possibilities in which public transportation would be shutdown completely at SacRT, or better yet, the entire 6-County/22-City SACOG Region.
- 2) What measures do we collectively need to impose so as to always prevent a complete shutdown of public transportation of ever happening?
- 3) Can anyone this afternoon, in today's meeting, clarify and hopefully ease the fears of the transit riding community, whether the rider is a rider by choice, or a rider out of necessity, that this particular item does not set the stage for a complete shutdown of public transportation in the SACOG Region? Thank you.

**Item 8.1: General Manager's/CEO Report**

In this report, we were all given the upcoming "SacRT Meeting Calendar." I want to broaden that and expand it for a moment to the "Transit Meeting Calendar" and say this important piece. Despite the global pandemic of COVID-19, the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Board will continue with its original meeting schedule. To that end, I have been in communication with staff regarding March 27th, which is this Friday. The meeting will take place starting at 1pm via conference call. If anyone on staff or any member of the public wishes to attend and voice their comments on matters within the purview of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, they can do so by contacting [+1 \(646\) 749-3112](tel:+16467493112). Once you call in, you will need a security access code to virtually enter into the meeting. That code is: 386-963-317. Among important agenda matters facing the SJJPA are the business plan update, emergency service reduction plan, looking at up to three bus routes to sell bus only tickets under the new state law of SB-742 (Allen) of 2019, and adopting the San Joaquin Council of Governments Board Chambers in Stockton as the next SJJPA Board Meeting location for a date certain of Friday, May 29th, which is the Friday after Memorial Day.

If any staff member or board member needs to contact me with any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone or text, or feel free to send me a post on my Facebook Page. My Facebook Profile is me standing tall with "Sacramento Proud and New Era of Proud" in my profile picture.

Sincerely,

Mike Barnbaum  
Mobile/Text: [\(916\) 390-3989](tel:9163903989)

Sent from my iPhone  
While "RIDING" Public Transportation

Or “FLYING” Southwest Airlines

On Mar 22, 2020, at 1:02 PM, Sacramento Regional Transit District  
<dselenis@sacrt.com> wrote:



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In response to Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 related to the COVID-19 crisis, **the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) Boardroom and Administrative offices will be temporarily closed to the public to follow state and federal guidelines on social distancing until further notice.**

However, the SacRT Board of Directors meeting will be streamed on SacRT's website at [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) and will be re-broadcast on Metrocable (Channel 14) at [sacmetroable.tv](http://sacmetroable.tv) on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. and replayed on Saturday, March 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written public comments relating to the [SacRT Board Agenda](#) prior to the SacRT Board of Directors meeting at [boardcomments@sacrt.com](mailto:boardcomments@sacrt.com).

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time.

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Please explain how this process will work Monday ?!.

If schools are closed will this Sunday+ bus continue thru June rotations?

G M please explain better why and how to better use other microtransist services ?

With as many times as bus bridges have been used , can 15 be restored to downtown to provided dependable I/80 to downtown service ?

How will lightrail electronic boards explain Sunday + schulede ?