



STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 14, 2020
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cindy Brooks, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF AUGUST 24, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2020**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:31 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, and Chair Hansen. Directors Hume, Miller and Serna arrived shortly after roll call. Director Jennings arrived after Consent.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Approval of the Action Summary of August 10, 2020
- 2.2 Resolution: Conditional Approval for Sacramento Regional Transit District, Easton Development Company, LLC and the County of Sacramento to Acquire Easements In/Around the Hazel Park and Ride Lot (B. Bernegger)
- 2.3 Resolution: Approving a Contract for Workers' Compensation Third Party Administrator Services with Intercare Holdings Insurance Services, Inc. (B. Bernegger)
- 2.4 Resolution: Approval of a Campaign Contribution Policy Prohibiting Campaign Contributions to Members of the SacRT Board by SacRT Employees During Work Hours and/or Within SacRT Facilities (O. Sanchez-Ochoa)
- 2.5 Student Ridership Initiative Transit Pass (B. Bernegger)
 - A. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve the Amended and Restated Student Ridership Initiative Student Transit Pass Agreement with the City of Sacramento; and
 - B. Resolution: Conditionally Authorizing Students (TK-12) Residing in or Attending School Outside the City Limits of Sacramento and Within SacRT's Service Boundary to Obtain an Annual Student (TK-12) Pass Prepaid Fare Valid from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 Without Payment by a Sponsoring Entity
- 2.6 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award and Execute a Contract for Compressed Natural Gas Equipment Maintenance, Repair, and Parts Services (L. Ham)

Director Serna thanked Ms. Sanchez-Ochoa for her help and support for bringing Item 2.4 (Campaign Contribution Policy) forward for approval.

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Budge moved; Director Harris seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Kennedy, Miller, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna and Chair Hansen; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Jennings.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

6. **PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The Clerk read into the record one public written comment, summarized below:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum requested that Staff provide the Board with a report as to the progress being made to return Route 20 in Folsom, Route 142 Airport Express, and the 200-series supplemental school trippers back into service.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair reordered the Agenda to take Item 7.2 before Item 7.1 because two Board Members needed to leave the meeting early.

- 7.2 Resolution: Authorizing the General Manger/CEO to Award a Sole Source Public Works Contract to a Qualified Plumbing Company to Perform an Emergency Repair and/or Replacement of One or More Pipes Leaking a Significant Amount of Water Under Bus Maintenance Facility 1 (L. Ham) – Requires 4/5th Vote

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Schenirer moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Miller, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna and Chair Hansen; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

7.1 Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project Update (L. Ham)

- A. Resolution: Approving Reimbursement Agreement for the Redesign of the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project and Small Starts Grant Submission with the Riverfront Joint Powers Authority; and

- B. Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the Contract for

Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Design Services with HDR, Inc.;
and

- C. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for Environmental Support Services for Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project with AECOM; and
- D. Resolution: Approve Termination of the Subrecipient and Interagency Agreement, Authorize Project Sponsorship and Ownership to Transfer to SacRT, and Directs the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate Replacement Agreements with the Cities Prior to the Dissolution of the Authority

Laura Ham introduced the item, provided an overview of the Project, and reviewed the actions taken by the City of Sacramento Council and West Sacramento Council to move the project forward with SacRT as the owner and operator of the project.

Director Harris noted that he is not a proponent of this project and is concerned that the project does not offer any immediate benefits to the City of Sacramento. For the 1.1-mile service, he believes that “rubber tires” could be extremely effective between the City of Sacramento and West Sacramento. He is concerned that the Staff Report does not analyze what it means to SacRT’s finances and operations, and that there are other projects that could benefit more, such as the 3-mile extension to Elk Grove and the Green Line.

Director Schenirer noted that the City of Sacramento voted in favor of moving forward for the future. The potential for moving forward is worth taking this next step. It is true that SacRT does not want to leave 50 million dollars on the table. The work done with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Congresswoman Matsui is vitally important as we move forward. It is important for new neighbors to get from West Sacramento to Sacramento, and this project will also help relieve congestion. Director Schenirer moved the item.

Director Budge expressed her concern that this project is coming to the Board to make a decision as the project process has not been vetted. She is also concerned that the 2 x 2 meetings and staff’s progress has not been reported to the SacRT Board or Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board. She feels that there will be very few riders because project has only one destination, Sutter Health Park.

Director Hume asked Mr. Li if SacRT really wanted to take on this project. Mr. Li indicated that the FTA Regional Administrator called him and was very happy that the item was on the agenda. Mr. Li indicated that this call showed that FTA wants to move the project forward. Mr. Li noted that if SacRT ever wanted to move other projects forward, that they are going to need the support of FTA. If SacRT gives up 50 million dollars now, FTA will be disappointed. Mr. Li indicated that it has been difficult to bring this item to the SacRT Board in the past because SacRT was not the owner of the

project. Director Hume then stated that he is concerned that SacRT could be in jeopardy of losing funds, if this project does not move forward.

Director Howell indicated that the ridership may strictly be to the River Cats game, as Director Budge indicated, rubber tire vehicles or trolleys might be less expensive to operate, and does not see it being a regular ride or generating tourism.

Chair Hansen noted that SacRT is fairing better than other transit agencies. He believes that in order to further decongest the freeways, SacRT needs to grow south and north. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is supportive of this project. This Project is different because it crosses boundaries and is an opportunity to connect to West Sacramento and expand further west. Ultimately this project could be extended past West Sacramento to Davis moving heavy commuter traffic off the freeways and on to transit. This is one of the projects that has a congressional earmark and West Sacramento has identified a tax to pay for their match. This is a beginning of a partnership over the causeway. Chair Hansen noted that the reason he recommended the JPA be dissolved was because SacRT has not received the responsiveness out of the JPA. The reason the two cities took ownership of the project was to save money. Chair Hansen seconded Director Schenirer's motion.

Director Nottoli asked Mr. Li to clarify a statement he made regarding future funding for SacRT if this project did not move forward. Mr. Li clarified that he did not want to imply that it would affect future funding.

Director Nottoli wanted to know if the monies from the Cap and Trade carryover (\$30 million) is solely dedicated to this project, and whether this money would still be available for the revised project. Chair Hansen indicated that as far as he was aware the Cap and Trade money was still available, which is a smaller version than the prior project.

Director Nottoli wanted to know what the change of mode was depicted in the PowerPoint. Chair Hansen noted that the mode proposed was a rubber tire vehicle, which FTA did not support.

Director Harris wanted to clarify that as a City Council member he put forward a motion to deny \$149, 000 which did not carry, that the Green Line was the beginning of a project to get over the river to Natomas, and then to the Airport that would expand SacRT's reach. Director Harris stated that the JPA process has been opaque and gone under the radar. He wanted to know if FTA is fitting the project to the money and where the estimate of ridership was on this Streetcar. He is concerned that FTA does not want a mode change, but we are still calling it a Streetcar, when it is clearly a light rail line. Director Harris indicated that this Project will cost SacRT money, and wanted to know what kind of ridership is expected. Mr. Li indicated that if the mode changes the current funding sources will need to reapply. SacRT planned to sign an Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement with West Sacramento to pay for part of the costs, and if Measure A would pass in 2022, SacRT would have the money to run it in the future.

For the first five-years SacRT could get Cap and Trade money.

Director Budge reiterated that there has been so little discussion on this project and its issues. She indicated that the Staff Report indicated that if the partners did not agree to assist with O & M costs, SacRT would be responsible. Chair Hansen indicated that some of these issues would be vetted later after the dissolution of the JPA.

Director Schenirer indicated that this is not the final step, and it does not exclude SacRT from working on other projects, like light rail to the airport. Director Schenirer believes that moving forward with this project, does give SacRT a better opportunity at monies from FTA.

Director Howell requested that Item B be voted on separately as she needed to recuse herself from voting on that item.

Director Schenirer moved; Chair Hansen seconded approval of Items, A, B, C and D.

ACTION: ITEMS A, C AND D - DID NOT PASS: A roll call vote was held. Ayes: Directors Jennings, Kennedy, Schenirer, Serna and Chair Hansen. Noes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume and Nottoli. Abstain: None; Absent: Director Miller.

ACTION: ITEM B - DID NOT PASS: A roll call vote was held. Ayes: Directors Jennings, Kennedy, Schenirer, Serna and Chair Hansen. Noes: Directors Budge, Harris, Hume and Nottoli. Abstain: None; Director Howell recused herself from voting because HDR is a client. Absent: Director Miller.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager's Report
 - a. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li thanked staff who have been working to keep the trains and buses running through the smoke and the pandemic.

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

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

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:46 p.m.

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

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.1. Conference with Legal Counsel
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)
Anticipated Litigation

A. One Case

14. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no Closed Session Report.

16. ADJOURN

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

STEVE HANSEN, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary