



STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 14, 2020
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Brent Bernegger, VP, Finance/CFO
SUBJ: APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE \$27 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT FACILITY TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approving the recommended action will extend the Line of Credit (LOC) with US Bank from 9/30/2020 to 9/30/2021 and maintain the facility amount of \$27 million.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY21 Operating budget includes interest expense of \$350,000 and legal fees of \$20,000 related to the LOC. No changes to the FY21 budget are necessary for the adoption of the attached resolution.

DISCUSSION

Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) has shown improved financial position for four fiscal years in a row, this was evident as US Bank was able to reduce the fees associated with the LOC in previous years. However, in the current year due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and SacRT reliance on farebox revenues and sales tax-based revenues, the fees were slightly increased. To ensure that the fees are fair and reasonable SacRT consulted with Public Financial Management (PFM), SacRT’s financial advisor. PFM indicated that the fees are competitive and better than some other facilities that had recently been issued. The competitive fees are the result of SacRT’s continued dedication to fiscal sustainability and reserve growth. Table 1 below shows the comparison in interest rates between FY20 and FY21.

Table 1:

Rate Type		FY21	FY20	% Change
Used	LIBOR +	1.25%	1.10%	14%
Unused	-	0.450%	0.450%	0%

Having access to an appropriate working capital balance, whether through reserves or an LOC, resolves cash flow timing issues. In addition, sound fiscal policy dictates a contingency plan to meet short-term liquidity obligations. Due to the various delay in receipts of Federal, State and Local funds, as mentioned below, SacRT relies upon an LOC to ensure all operating payment obligations are met regardless of timing delays in cash flows.

Therefore, Staff recommends adopting the Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement with US Bank extending the term of the existing \$27 Million Line of Credit Facility Note for 12 months which is in compliance with public agency temporary borrowing practices as regulated by California Government Code Sections 53850 – 53858 and California Public Utilities Code Section 102584.

Background:

On November 1, 2013, SacRT and US Bank (Bank) entered into a Credit Agreement wherein the Bank agreed to provide credit to SacRT on an annual basis pursuant to California Government Code §53850 et seq., otherwise referred to as the TRAN Statute. In accordance with that arrangement, SacRT issued a Revolving Line of Credit (LOC) Facility Note in the amount of \$29 million with a final maturity date of October 31, 2014. Subsequent to the expiration of that note, SacRT has worked with Bank to issue multiple LOC notes, with the latest expiring on September 30, 2020 and issued pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 102584 and a Credit Agreement dated as of September 1, 2016, as amended from time to time (the “Existing Credit Agreement”). The parties have now agreed to the terms of an amendment to the Existing Credit Agreement that will extend the current \$27 million Line of Credit Facility to September 30, 2021.

SacRT’s operations are heavily reliant on the timely receipt of cash from the State, Local, and Federal Government agencies. As such, on an annual basis (since FY2004), SacRT’s Board of Directors has authorized the General Manager/CEO to issue an LOC Promissory Note for operating and capital cash flow purposes. California Government Code §53854 requires that any LOC note issued pursuant to the authorizing TRAN statute (Cal. Gov’t. Code §§53850-53858) must be repaid within 15 months of issuance. In January 2016, SacRT was granted a bit more flexibility by the State when Assembly Bill (AB) 422 (McCarty) went into effect. AB 422 added California Public Utilities Code Section 102584 to the Public Utilities Code (PUC), which provides SacRT with the authority to obtain a LOC with a maturity date of up to 60 months. California PUC Section 102584 also permits SacRT to provide a multiyear pledge of grant funds as collateral for its LOC. Both of these changes to the law create an opportunity for SacRT to secure a LOC on more favorable terms and will ultimately result in a reduction in costs associated with borrowing against the LOC. While SacRT could secure a longer term for its LOC, at this time its lender, US Bank has offered to provide a one-year extension on the \$27 Million LOC. However, because SacRT has the ability to provide a multiyear pledge, the Bank has eliminated some of the conditions it has historically imposed on SacRT because SacRT was limited to making a single year pledge, exposing the Bank to greater risk.

The LOC primarily serves as temporary gap funding for federal operating money budgeted by SacRT during the current fiscal year, but not received by SacRT until the following fiscal year. For FY 2021, SacRT has budgeted approximately \$35M of federal Preventative Maintenance (PM) revenue, 5307 Urbanized Area funding and 5337 State of Good Repair, to cover reimbursable operating expenses incurred during the fiscal year.

In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), this revenue will be recognized evenly throughout the year and the expenses will be recorded as incurred. However, from a cash flow prospective, SacRT may not receive these funds until August of the following fiscal year. This funding delay, in addition to funding delays from other State and Local government agencies, is why SacRT depends on a LOC.

Terms and Conditions:

The Credit Agreement (included as amended—by the Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement) has similar terms and conditions as the Existing Credit Agreement, such as: requirements addressing how SacRT pledges and sets aside pledged funds, notifying the Bank within 20 business days of apportionment of Federal Operating Grant Revenues, and notifying the Bank 5 business days upon receipt of Federal Operating Grant Revenues.

Other terms of the LOC are:

-)] The LOC Note term offered by the Bank is 12 months and a renewal/extension will be reviewed and approved by the Bank prior to the conclusion of the 12-month period.
-)] Interest rates are fixed at one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.25% for the used portion of the LOC and 0.45% for the unused portion of the LOC.
-)] SacRT agrees to pay to the Bank on the date of issuance, all reasonable costs and expenses of counsel to the Bank in connection with the preparation, execution and delivery of this Note and other associated documents, estimated to be \$20,000

In addition to the terms noted above, the loan is subject to bank limitations. The amounts advanced under the Credit Agreement, as amended, and the Amended and Restated Note cannot exceed \$27 million and the Bank will continue to have a pledge of a lien on and security interest in, the following (collectively, the “Pledged Revenues”): (a) a first lien and charge against (i) the first moneys received by the Borrower from the Federal Operating Grants received or accrued during the fiscal year in which the LOC Note is issued; (ii) the first moneys received by the Borrower from the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Grants received or accrued during the fiscal year in which the LOC Note is issued; (iii) the first moneys received by the Borrower from the STA Funds received or accrued during the fiscal year in which the LOC Note is issued; (iv) the first moneys received by the Borrower from the Measure A Revenues received or accrued during the fiscal year in which the LOC Note is issued; (v) the first moneys received by the Borrower from the Other Revenues received or accrued during the fiscal year in which the LOC Note is issued; and (vi) the first moneys received by the Borrower from the Subordinate Farebox Revenues received or accrued during the fiscal year in which the LOC Note is issued; and (b) a subordinate lien on any and all Farebox Revenues, subject only to the lien thereon securing the Senior Farebox Obligations, as each such term is defined in the Credit Agreement; the Pledged Revenues will be set-aside as set forth in Section 5.20 of the Credit Agreement.

Staff recommends that the SacRT Board of Directors enter into Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement with the Bank to extend the \$27 million LOC Facility to September 30, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-0091

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

September 14, 2020

APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE \$27 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT FACILITY TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 102584 of the California Public Utilities Code, Sacramento Regional Transit District ("SacRT") may seek and obtain a short-term revolving line of credit for operating purposes in anticipation of receipt of federal operating grants; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2016, SacRT entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Original Credit Agreement") with and issued a promissory note issued in the original principal amount of \$29,000,000 from SacRT, as maker, to U.S. Bank National Association ("US Bank"), as payee, and dated September 30, 2016 (the "Original Note") for a revolving line of credit in an amount not to exceed \$29,000,000 and with a stated expiration date of September 29, 2017 (the "Line of Credit Facility"); and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2017, SacRT entered into Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement extending the term of the Line of Credit Facility in an amount not to exceed \$29,000,000 to September 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2018, SacRT entered into Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement extending the term of the Line of Credit Facility in an amount not to exceed \$27,000,000 to September 28, 2019, and in connection therewith, SacRT issued an amended and restated promissory note, issued in the original principal amount of \$27,000,000 from the Borrower, as maker, to the Bank, as payee, and dated September 28, 2018 (the "Amended and Restated Note"), amending and restating the Original Note (as so amended and restated, the "Note"); and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2019, SacRT entered into Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement extending the term of the Line of Credit Facility in an amount not to exceed \$27,000,000 to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, US Bank has agreed to extend the term of the Line of Credit Facility in an amount not to exceed \$27,000,000 to September 30, 2021, secured as provided in said Section 102584; and

WHEREAS, the parties will enter into an Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement to amend the Original Credit Agreement, as previously amended by Amendment No. 1, dated September 29, 2017, Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement, dated September 28, 2018 and Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement, dated September 26, 2019, to extend the stated expiration date of the Line of Credit Facility to September 30, 2020 as evidenced by the Original Credit Agreement, as amended by the Amendment No. 1 to

Credit Agreement, the Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement and the Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement (the "Existing Credit Agreement" and as amended by the Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement, the "Credit Agreement") and the Note ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement and the Note, SacRT has pledged and granted a lien on and security interest in the following (collectively, the "Pledged Revenues"): (i) the Federal Operating Grant Revenues; (ii) the LTF Revenues; (iii) the STA Funds; (iv) the Measure A Revenues; (v) the Other Pledged Revenues; and (vi) the Subordinate Farebox Revenues (collectively, the "Available Non-Farebox Revenues"), and (b) a subordinate lien on any and all Farebox Revenues, subject only to the lien thereon securing the Senior Farebox Obligations, all as defined in the Credit Agreement.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement between Sacramento Regional Transit District and US Bank extending the stated expiration date of the Line of Credit Facility in an amount not to exceed \$27,000,000 to September 30, 2021, as evidenced by the Credit Agreement and the Note, in the form reviewed by the Board, is hereby approved.

THAT, the Board hereby agrees that the obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Agreement, the Note and the other Loan Documents, including the obligation to make all payments of the interest on and the principal of all Advances outstanding under the Credit Agreement, shall be payable solely from and shall be secured solely by a pledge of, lien on and security interest in the Pledged Revenues as set forth in the Credit Agreement.

THAT, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager/CEO to execute the Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement and any other agreements, documents, forms, or applications necessary to effectuate the transaction or secure advances under the Credit Agreement and the Note.

STEVE HANSEN, Chair

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