



STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 22, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Li, General Manager/CEO
SUBJ: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation — For Information Only.

State Legislative Update – Mark Watts, Smith, Watts & Hartmann

Presentation

Federal Legislative Update – Julie Minerva, Carpi & Clay, Inc.

Presentation

San Joaquin JPA Meeting – January 22, 2021 (Hume)

Written Report

SacRT Meeting Calendar

Regional Transit Board Meeting

March 8, 2021
SacRT Auditorium / Webconference
5:30 P.M

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

March 10, 2021
SacRT Auditorium / Webconference
9:00 A.M.

Mobility Advisory Council Meeting

March 4, 2021
SacRT Auditorium / Webconference
2:30 P.M.



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DATE: February 22, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Sarah Poe, Planner
SUBJ: SAN JOAQUIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING SUMMARY OF JANUARY 22, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation — For Information Only.

Director Hume attended the meeting representing SacRT.

The consent calendar was approved by the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) Board. The next meeting will be held as a virtual meeting due to COVID.

Item 3. Public Comments –

Mike Barnbaum requested that Routes 717 and 714 be restored as soon as possible, as well as café care service and through-way bus services. Mr. Barnbaum also provided comments following the presentation of Agenda Item 8 (SJJPA Business Plan), recognizing necessary steps for restoration and encouraging collaboration with other agencies.

Dylan Stone thanked SJJPA staff and AECOM staff for their work on the Madera Station Relocation Project.

Troy Hightower, consultant from Bakersfield, provided comments following the presentation of Agenda Item 8 (SJJPA Business Plan). He is concerned about planning efforts focused only on the northern part of the valley, not including the southern region.

Item 4 – SJJPA Board unanimously approved the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS/MND) for the Madera Station Relocation Project (Project). The project includes two phases. The first phase will relocate the station closer to Avenue 12, and is currently funded at \$24.9 million. Ridership is estimated to double by the end of phase one in 2025. The second phase will expand the station for high speed rail service. SJJPA staff will be working with the State to secure funding for phase two (approximately \$105 million), and ridership is projected to increase an additional 200K by the end of phase two in 2029. The environmental work began in early 2020, and the public review period in November 2020 received four comments. The report concluded less than significant impacts with mitigation.

Item 5 – SJJPA Board unanimously approved the Waiver of Potential and Actual Conflicts of Interest Letters with SJJPA Counsel and Neumiller & Beardslee (N&B), allowing N&B to concurrently represent SJJPA and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC), to prepare both the Joint Use Agreement and Rail Maintenance Facility Use Agreements for both SJJPA and SJRRRC. If a legal dispute were to occur between SJJPA and SJRRRC, N&B would be required to withdraw from representing both agencies, unless a waiver of potential/actual conflict of interest letter was provided.

Item 6 – SJJPA Board unanimously approved a reimbursement agreement with Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) for design, installation, operation, and maintenance of California passenger information display system (CalPIDS). The original software implemented in 2002 needs to be modernized; therefore, the procurement includes upgrades for the CCJPA, SJJPA, and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) passenger rail services. Design and testing will continue for three to six months. SJJPA will enter into a reimbursement agreement with CCJPA, with a 44.41% (CCJPA), 38.16% (SJJPA), and 17.43% (ACE) cost split. The funding source for this project is State of California Prop 1B, and is identified in current and future capital budgets.

Item 7 – Informational item regarding the Operations and Ridership Revenue Update was presented, and includes a funding relief package and allocation that attempts to balance both operating and revenue impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. SJJPA staff is working to reinstate cash payments since they are a significant portion of revenue, and is expected to begin in March 2021. Nov/Dec ridership dipped below Oct ridership, and is likely due to reinforced stay-at-home measures, following the same ridership spikes and dips as its peers.

Item 8 – Informational item regarding the 2021 SJJPA Business Plan was presented. The plan will be released for public review in February 2021, and submitted to the Board in April 2021. The plan will outline pandemic impacts, including details from a ridership and revenue perspective, as well as plans for restoration. The plan will put greater emphasis on transit connectivity, including consideration to disadvantaged communities.

Item 9 – SJJPA Board unanimously approved election of the new SJJPA Board Chair (Patrick Hume), and Vice Chair (Rodrigo Espinoza).

Item 10 – SJJPA Executive Director provided her report, and shared that the agency will begin showcasing stations along the corridor in their “Station Love Program”.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.