



STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 26, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF JUNE 14, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2021**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:34 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Hume, Jennings, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Vice Chair Kennedy. Absent: Chair Miller and Director Howell.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of May 24, 2021
- 2.2 Resolution: Rescinding Resolution No. 21-05-0055 and Approving the Second Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with David Goldman
(B. Bernegger)
- 2.3 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Authorize up to 10 Free Ride Days on Bus and Light Rail to Encourage Ridership (D. Selenis)
- 2.4 Resolution: Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Transit Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Rancho Cordova (L. Ham)
- 2.5 Resolution: Approving the Visitor Access Policy (L. Hinz)
- 2.6 Resolution: Approving the Amended and Restated Agreement Incorporating all Previous Amendments to the Personal Service Contract for Temporary Employment with 1 Security Operations Center Manager, Robert Kerr. This Includes Amending Resolution No. 21-05-0063 to Update the Total Consideration for 1 Security Operations Center Manager Robert Kerr (L. Hinz)
- 2.7 Resolution: Approve Project List for Funding Under the Roadway Repair and Accountability Act (SB1) State of Good Repair for Fiscal Year 2022 (B. Bernegger)
- 2.8 Resolution: Ratifying Contract for Electronic Payment Acceptance Services Under State Agreement No. 5-10-99-02 with Elavon, Inc. for Payment Processing of Contactless Credit/Debit Card on Board Light Rail Vehicles (B. Bernegger)

- 2.9 Updates to the SacRT Fare Policy (B. Bernegger)
- A. Resolution: Temporarily Modifying the Fare Structure to include the City of Elk Grove Fares; and
 - B. Resolution: Temporarily Authorizing an On-Board Light Rail Discount Single Ride Fare Ticket
- 2.10 Resolution: Approving a Sole Source Procurement and Accepting Assignment from Elk Grove of the Amended and Restated Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle CNG Sales Agreement with Clean Energy (C. Alba)
- 2.11 Resolution: Approval of the Renewal of the Employment Practices Liability, Property, Boiler & Machinery, Crime/Employee Dishonesty, Privacy and Network Liability, Underground Storage Tank Pollution Liability and Flood for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Authorize the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate the General Liability Excess Insurance at a Not to Exceed Amount of \$8,870,792 for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and Authorize the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate the Renewal of the Property Insurance at a Not to Exceed Amount of \$2,750,000 for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (B. Bernegger)
- 2.12 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve a Charging Site License Agreement (Power Inn Station) with GiddyUp EV Charging, Inc. (B. Bernegger)
- 2.13 Resolution: Approve and Authorize the General Manager/CEO to Execute the Fourth Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Catalyst Development Partners for Calvine Road and Auberry Drive (APN 115-0130-061, 115-0130-071) to Extend the Term of the Agreement (B. Bernegger)

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets (J. Johnson/B. Bernegger)
- A. Accept Public Comments; and
 - B. Resolution: Adopt the FY 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets and Vote Allocations; and
 - C. Resolution: Authorizing the Filing of the FY 2022 Transportation Development Act Claim Based on the Adopted Budget

The Clerk read 1 public comment into the record from:

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila questioned the process for public comment for the budget. He also would like to know why SacRT is not using the Zoom webinar tool with the question-and-answer chat features. Mr. Tardaguila would like to know how many personal contract individuals are in the budget, how it is explained in the budget and when does something become public record. He also would like to know what the additions and changes were to the budget.

Brent Bernegger started his presentation noting that there were no significant changes to the Operating Budget or the Capital Budget from the last presentation on May 10th. Mr. Bernegger recognized SacRT is in the second year of the Ride Free Program and this program is seen as a catalyst for us to increase ridership. Our funded Capital Project total is \$367M and he anticipates more to come through. SacRT's total approved Capital Budget is \$1.2B.

Mr. Bernegger stated we have had a balanced budget for three years and positive results. Estimate budget for this year is to have a surplus of \$7.5M. The surplus/profit has been put into two funds, Working Capital, and an Operating Reserve Account. This will allow SacRT to build reliance on cash. Our reliance on credit will be much smaller in the future. Our current Operating Budget is \$214.3M.

ACTION B: APPROVED - Director Harris moved to close public comment and adopt the budget; Director Hume seconded approval of the item. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Hume, Jennings, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Vice Chair Kennedy. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Chair Miller and Director Howell.

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

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments for this item.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Information: Declaring Unimproved Property Adjacent to Power Inn Station as Surplus to Transit Operations

Brent Bernegger reported that the Power Inn site has 299 parking spaces and the number of spaces being utilized is well below capacity. At the peak, pre-COVID, there were 220-230 spaces being utilized but the average spaces used was around 100. The parking spaces make up 1/3 of the 12.65 acres that could be designated surplus. Mr. Bernegger stated that SacRT is looking at options as to whether to sell all the parking and then carve out a portion for our needs, or SacRT should keep all the parking for itself and then sell the unimproved areas. Mr. Bernegger said that staff will be looking at marketability and needs before it is brought to the Board on July 26th.

Director Valenzuela stated that if staff has not spoken with Councilman Guerra that they should check with him as Sacramento is in the middle of trying to find spots for folks experiencing homelessness. Director Valenzuela thought that this site, being relatively isolated from neighborhoods, could be a really good location for unhoused and would love to see it explored.

Mr. Bernegger stated that one option is unhoused but because the land is close to the University, that another option was student housing, low-income or retail. The land is close to the light rail tracks so it might be best to look at student housing options that could still meet the needs of low income or unhoused.

Director Serna appreciated Director Valenzuela mentioning the prospect of doing something for the unhoused. Director Serna mentioned the need to look at uses of property short term and long term. He encouraged staff to discuss with Councilman Guerra any opportunity to work with all the entities involved with the California Mobility Center as there might be a complimentary use that is not being thought of right now that we might need to consider relative to that initiative.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager's Report
 - a. Major Project Updates
 - b. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority – May 21, 2021 (Hume)
 - c. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li began his report by taking a moment to acknowledge the unimaginable tragedy that occurred at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Association's Light Rail Yard. Mr. Li stated that SacRT staff have reached out to its colleagues at VTA and stand in solidarity as they mourn the victims. Transit Stands Together and we are all part of the VTA Family at this moment.

Mr. Li stated that SacRT is further strengthening its safety and security policies and protocols, as well as our training program. SacRT will be adding more security guards in our key facilities and looking deeper in our workplace to identify any potential risks, especially recognizing signs of emotional distress and will follow through on corrective actions diligently.

Mr. Li acknowledged that unfortunately, a couple of days ago a non-revenue vehicle was stolen from the Wayside Facility when an individual entered through an unsecure door. SacRT is taking this situation very seriously and immediately met internally to review security protocols. Police have arrested the person who stole the car, and more details are being gathered.

Mr. Li indicated that tomorrow, June 15th, is the long-awaited reopening date for the state. Much of the guidance would be changing, but he wanted to remind everyone that masks are still required by the federal government when using public transportation until September 13th. Mr. Li stated that we are excited to welcome our customers as we bring back service to 100% capacity. And, in anticipation of the return of riders, last week we expanded the hours of SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center to operate 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Riders can also call SacRT Customer Service for information which is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Li then provided an update on State and Federal funding whereby the House of Representatives marked up the INVEST Act, a five-year bill authorizing the surface transportation program. The bill would provide \$547 billion over five years to invest in surface and rail transportation infrastructure. There is \$109 billion included for public transit and the funding levels represent a 38% increase in current spending levels. SacRT has been joined with the diverse array of transportation and environmental workers, safety advocates and others who are supporting the INVEST in America Act. This legislation represents an opportunity to invest in and rethink our infrastructure investments to help our communities meet growing mobility demands, create millions of jobs, take bold action on the climate crisis, while addressing disparities in communities across the country. Mr. Li is hoping this legislation moves through Congress this summer.

Mr. Li then stated that tomorrow is the deadline for state lawmakers to pass a budget for the fiscal year 2022. The state is still working on the details of an unprecedented budget surplus. The Governor's May Revise include significant investment in transit, and SacRT is hopeful to leverage the state budget to secure additional federal funding this year.

Mr. Li then noted that earlier this evening, the Board delegated the authority to staff to finalize a license agreement for a world class electric vehicle charging hub at the Power Inn Light Rail Station. The license would include up to 20 charging stations that would accommodate up to 40 vehicles, installation of solar canopies, Wi-Fi, and battery storage among other things, plus first and last mile solutions such as E bikes and scooters. This is the first phase of a four-phase plan. Mr. Li went on to say that SacRT will be hosting a groundbreaking “plug-in” ceremony on Tuesday, June 22 at the Power Inn Station at 9 am, and that he hopes many will join us as we celebrate this milestone and work in partnership to meet our clean energy and climate goals.

Mr. Li’s final remark was on the SacRT’s Network Integration Plan. Last week, SacRT published its draft network integration plan and placed it on the website for public review. As a condition of SacRT’s 2018 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant for 20 new low-floor light rail vehicles, SacRT is required to prepare a Network Integration Plan, which ensures that the project will be compatible with the California State Rail Plan. SacRT’s Draft Network Integration Plan assesses various potential future operating scenarios of SacRT’s Gold Line, as well as SacRT’s downtown bus network, for integration and connection with intercity rail service at the Sacramento Valley Station and other future rail connections. The Network Integration Plan examines the time frame of 2023 through 2027 and some of the key recommendations include:

- Begin operating 15-minute headways to Folsom on the Gold Line in September 2023, one additional track is complete.
- Add peak-hour tripper trains to the Gold Line, from Sunrise to the Sacramento Valley Station, in 2024.
- Extend Routes 30, 38, 51, and 62 into the planned new Sacramento Valley Station bus terminal, when built.
- Improve headways to 15 minutes on Route 62 when the ACE/San Joaquin trains begin stopping in midtown.
- Prioritize additional double-track on the Gold Line, from Schnitzer Steel to Aerojet, to improve reliability.

Mr. Li believes these planning efforts will enhance the state rail plan and improve mobility throughout our mega region. The draft report is expected to be presented to the SacRT Board as an informational item on July 26.

Director Budge referred to the Highway 99 closure and was wondering if as a result of offering free rides if there has been any uptick in ridership. She also mentioned she has received many alert notices of delays and inability to move and was wondering how that was working out.

Mr. Li responded that Caltrans is reimbursing SacRT for fare revenue loss and that this is a golden opportunity to do a great campaign and attract users to our system. In terms of ridership, Mr. Li did not have the information at this time but would send it to the Board. He then shared with the board that last month, student ridership increased

significantly which is very encouraging.

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

Director Harris mentioned that today he had an interesting discussion with people from Public Works, Sacramento State and others to talk about how to move the student population from student housing into Sacramento State. They looked at the area plan for 65th from many years ago and all options to move a significant number of students to the University. One item that came up was a potential station by the Ramona passthrough. Director Harris asked if there has been any planning or discussion regarding a new station by Ramona and if not, he would like to stimulate that discussion.

Mr. Li stated this topic has been discussed multiple years in the past and if the intent is verified, we would love to ensure that in our future. There also will be some significant federal/state funding variables. Mr. Li asked if in the meantime, when Director Harris spoke with constituents, if he could discuss SacRT extending some type of semi or SmaRT Ride service to address immediate needs. SacRT would like the opportunity as value can be best demonstrated by moving more riders.

Director Harris stated that the Sac Mobility Center may come to pass in that area, and they are going to form a task force for mobility options. Director Harris requested that someone from SacRT attend that meeting.

Mr. Li agreed to Director Harris's request and Director Harris will be speaking with Mr. Li about who would be appropriate to attend.

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 6:14 p.m.

Roll Call was taken via Webex: PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Vice Chair Kennedy. Absent: Chair Miller.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957

1) Title: General Manager/CEO

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 6:39 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary