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**Cindy Brooks**

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**From:** Helen OConnell <17newdayrise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 9:08 AM  
**To:** Board Comments  
**Subject:** 2.6 engineering design please make sure that it is friendly for wheelchairs blind and deaf people and other physical limitations it's easier to change a line on a plan than a wall in a building thank you very much Helen O'Connell

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**From:** Watt Ave <info@80wattdistrict.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2021 11:52 AM  
**To:** Board Comments; Tina Dover; Todd Berry  
**Subject:** RE: B & Z Properties, Inc. - Todd Berry  
**Attachments:** RT\_Business Community\_Todd 7 22 2021.pdf

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Thank you.



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Attn: Board of Directors

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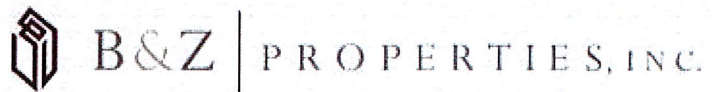
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**Attachments:** RT\_John Foggy.pdf

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**John S. Foggy**  
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## 80 Watt District-PBID

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**To:** Board Comments; TellHenry; David Kuhnen  
**Subject:** RE: RT Proposed Safe Camp/Safe Park- Roseville Road  
**Attachments:** Request to Sac RT\_SafePark\_SafeCamp.pdf; Roseville Road\_RT Station Homeless Encampment.pdf; Watt Categories Map (4-15-2019) -.pdf

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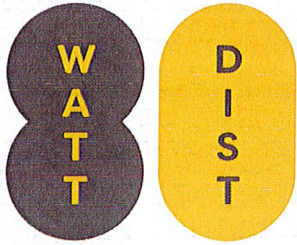
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Thank you.  
Respectfully,  
Rebekah Evans

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The 80 Watt District-PBID (Property Business Improvement District), was created in 2016, which encompasses Roseville Road (from the RT parking lot/overpass of I-80 and continues to Palm Avenue). As you probably know, the PBID was created by the local businesses (who assessed themselves) to improve the safety & security, create a 'clean business area,' make capital improvements and bring back a quality of life, quality of work, quality of business to this area.

During the time the District has been in place, we have made substantial investments to improve the area, such as:

1. Over \$700,000.00 invested in private armed security (in 2021, we were able to expand to ONE Officer serving 24/7 throughout the entire District)
2. Crime was down 45% prior to COVID according to the Sacramento Sheriff (2016-2019)
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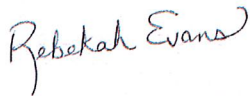
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Rebekah Evans, Executive Director

Cc:

David Kuhnen, Recycling Industries  
Spencer Eberle, HB Towing  
Jim MacLaughlin, MacLaughlin & Associates  
Virginia Sickle, Longview Storage  
Sam Wingard, Ethan Conrad Real Estate  
Michelle Murphy, Mercy Housing  
Doretha Flournoy-Williams, The Ripple Effect  
Sandra Bettencourt, Horseman's Association  
Seth Astle, The Gun Range  
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The Honorable Councilman Sean Loloee  
Michael Ault, Downtown Partnership  
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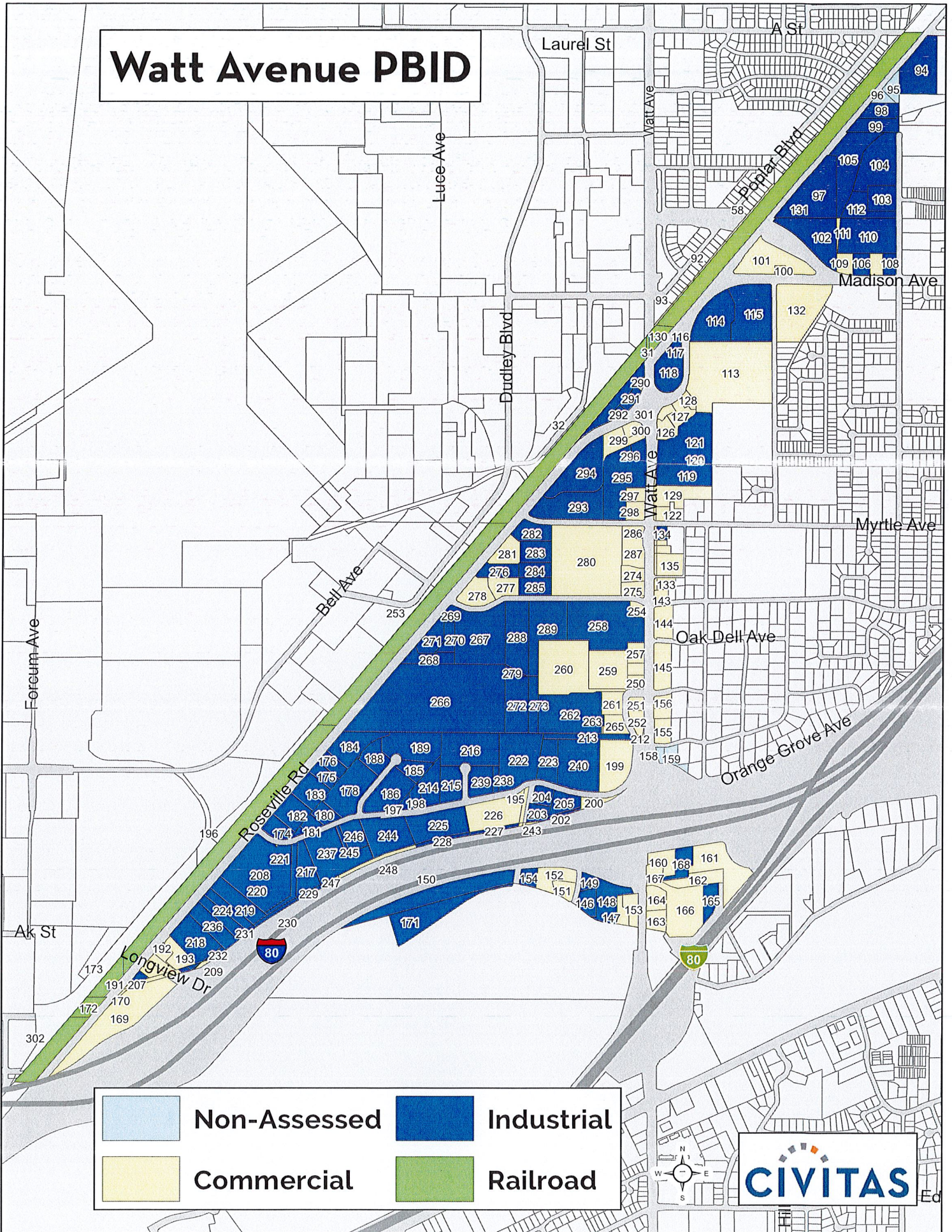
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# Watt Avenue PBID



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**Subject:** RE: Public Comment- for July 26/ ITEM: 7.5 (Safe Camp/Safe Park Site Selection)  
**Attachments:** RT\_Public Comment submission.pdf; SacRT Board of Directors - July 26, 2021 - Agenda Item 7.5 (1).pdf; Request to Sac RT\_SafePark\_SafeCamp.pdf; Roseville Road\_RT Station Homeless Encampment.pdf; Googlemap\_RTParkinglot - Copy.JPG

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*To Whom It May Concern:*

As there is not an opportunity to take Public Comment in your Zoom meeting on Monday, July 26. for Item 7.5, we request this submission to be read below, along with our letter (which was emailed several days ago) be given to all the RT Board of Directors. We have dozens of property owners & business owners who would like to also submit a public comment for this item- as we have not been given any knowledge of this proposal prior to this meeting. Thank you for submitting this to the correct email address. We will all be at the zoom meeting on Monday, July 26- if you are able to set up the public comment in your public forum. Thank you.

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Watt Avenue Partnership/ 80 Watt District

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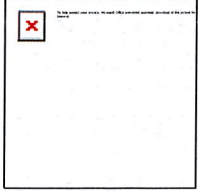
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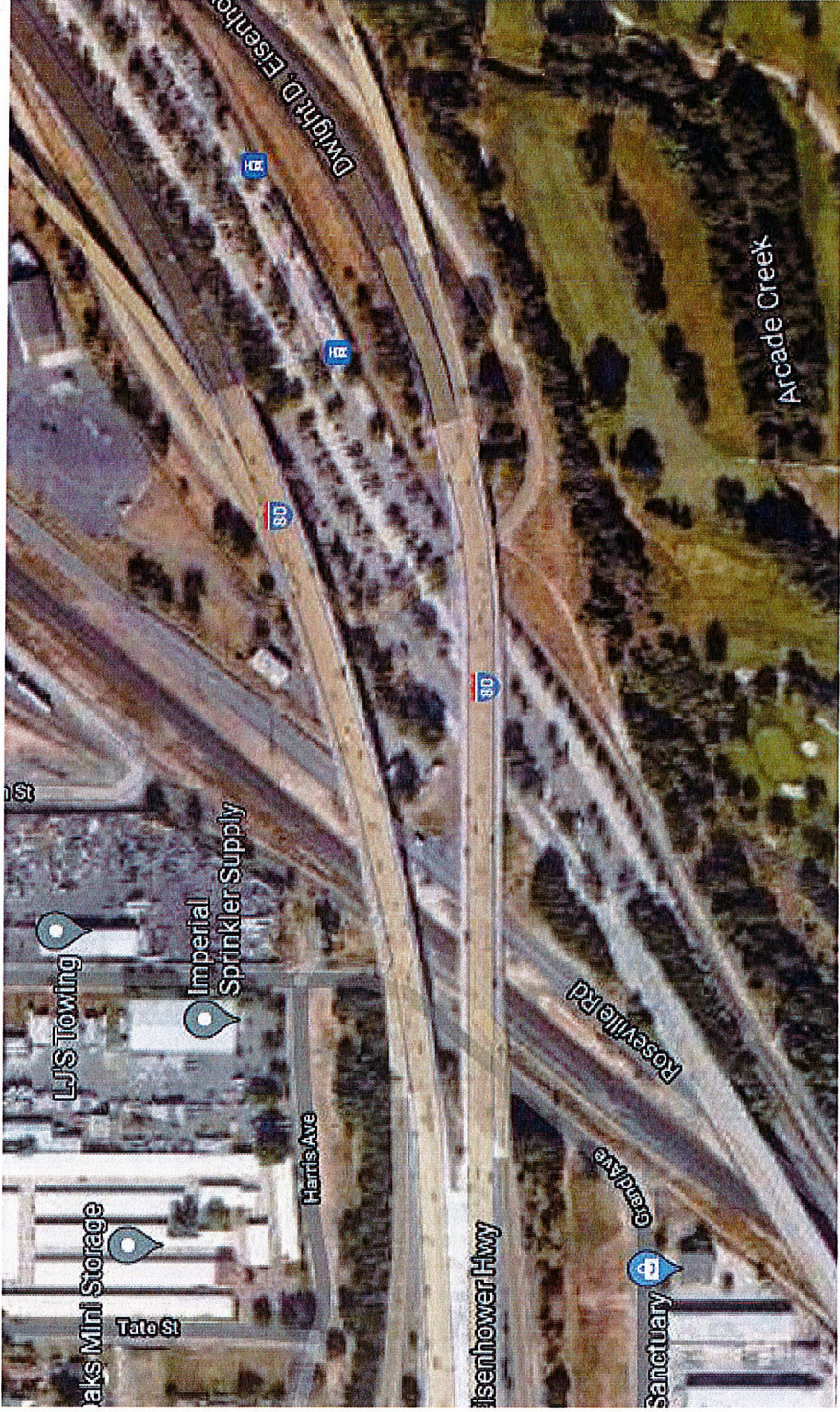
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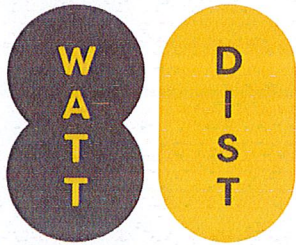
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Attn: Board of Directors

### RE: Proposed Homeless Camp at Roseville RT Parking Lot

To The Honorable RTD Board of Directors;

*On behalf of the 196 Property Owners, 350+ Businesses and those residents who live and work together in the 80 Watt District-PBID, we request that the proposed 'Safe Park/Safe Camp,' for the 150 RV's and 150 tents, to be looked at through the lens of the PBID businesses & residents, before making your decision and/or approval.*

The 80 Watt District-PBID (Property Business Improvement District), was created in 2016, which encompasses Roseville Road (from the RT parking lot/overpass of I-80 and continues to Palm Avenue). As you probably know, the PBID was created by the local businesses (who assessed themselves) to improve the safety & security, create a 'clean business area,' make capital improvements and bring back a quality of life, quality of work, quality of business to this area.

During the time the District has been in place, we have made substantial investments to improve the area, such as:

1. Over \$700,000.00 invested in private armed security (in 2021, we were able to expand to ONE Officer serving 24/7 throughout the entire District)
2. Crime was down 45% prior to COVID according to the Sacramento Sheriff (2016-2019)
3. 5000+ bags of trash dumped from 2016-2021 (this does not count illegal dumping)
4. **Invested over \$2,720,800.51** into this Property Business Improvement District since 2016

Our understanding is, that this encampment is still in the proposed stage, it would be our hope that prior to any decision regarding using the designated lot, that the 80 Watt District be included into the conversation. We do understand the plight of the homeless, we work with them daily. We also understand the plight of those without income and addicted to drugs, as we work with them daily, as well. We understand the plight of the mentally ill, we try to find help for them DAILY, but always come up short with support for their needs. Without significant mitigations and programs to ensure the safety of both the residents and surrounding businesses, this area will fall back into disrepair, which had

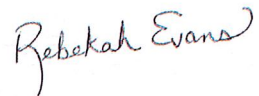
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We respectfully request that prior to any final approval for the RTD parking lot or any other surrounding area that will have an impact to the District, that the community of the 80 Watt District to be included in the conversation, as we will bear the negative impacts of the proposal.

We appreciate your service to the RTD Board and look forward to working together, if it does come forward, so that the benefit of all sides of the conversation is heard and can be more effective and successful as possible.

Respectfully,



Rebekah Evans, Executive Director

Cc:

David Kuhnen, Recycling Industries  
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# STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** July 26, 2021

**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors

**FROM:** Chris Flores, Special Assistant to the General Manager/CEO, Brent Bernegger, VP, Finance/CFO, and Lisa Hinz, VP, Security, Safety and Customer Satisfaction

**SUBJ:** STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR SACRT SAFE PARKING LOCATIONS

## RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation — For Information Only.

## RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Information Only.

## FISCAL IMPACT

None.

## DISCUSSION

In December 2020, City of Sacramento Mayor Steinberg announced his intent to bring forward for approval by the City Council a proposal to prepare a Master Siting, Programmatic, Operations and Financing Plan (Comprehensive Master Plan) to address the homelessness crisis. The city’s proposed plan has set a goal to shelter and house 5,000 unhoused individuals and to prevent others from becoming homeless.

Sacramento City Councilmembers have developed district focused short- and long-term solutions to address homelessness over the course of the last several months. Three SacRT light rail parking lots were identified by the City as potential sites for safe-parking for unhoused individuals:

- Franklin Station (D7) – 40 - 300 parking spots
- Roseville Road Station (D2) – 100 – 300 parking spots
- Florin Road (D5) – 40 – 120 parking spots

The Sacramento City Council is scheduled to take a single vote on the Comprehensive Master Plan during their Council meeting on August 10, 2021, and members of the Sacramento City Council have asked that this item be presented to the SacRT Board for discussion and input.

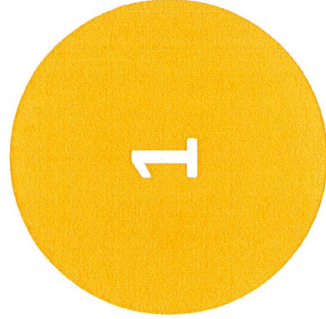
# Strategic Action Plan for SacRT Safe Parking Locations



**Chris Flores, Special Assistant to GM/CEO**  
&  
**Lisa Hinz VP, Security, Safety & Customer Service**  
&  
**Brent Bernegger, VP Finance/CFO**



# Agenda



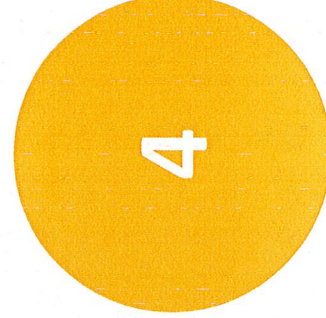
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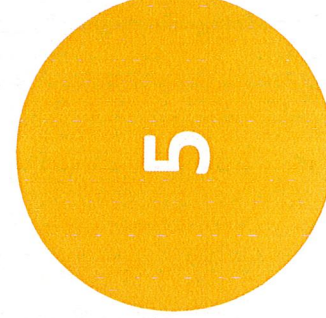
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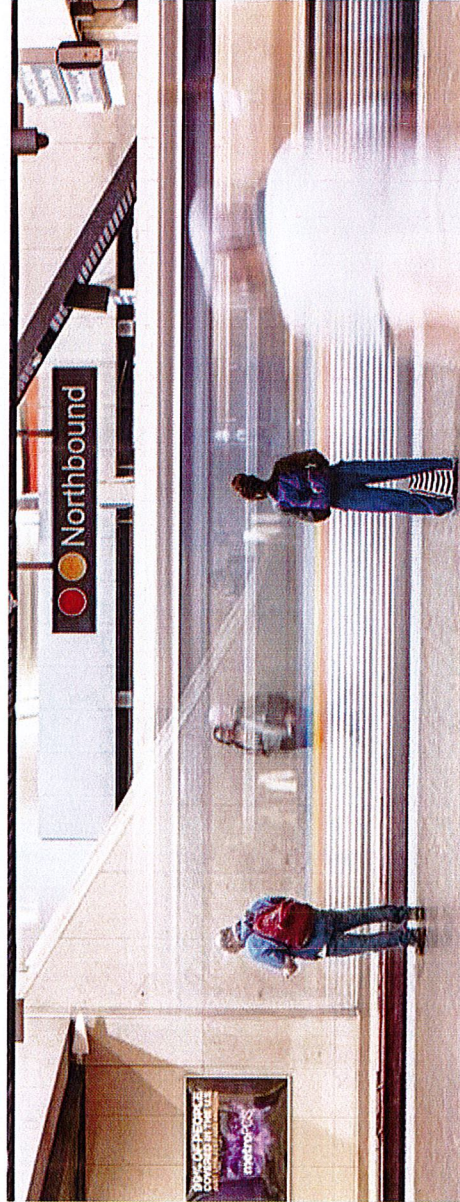


**Next  
Steps**

# Transit's Response to the Homelessness Crisis



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APTA takes the issue of homelessness seriously and encourages transit systems to share best practices in finding long term solutions for people who are homeless.

Share Your Practice

Nearly 6,000 people experiencing homelessness in Sacramento County on any given night, according to the County's last Point-in-Time Count – January 2019.



# SacRT is Focused on Addressing the Homelessness Crisis



# Proposed Sites

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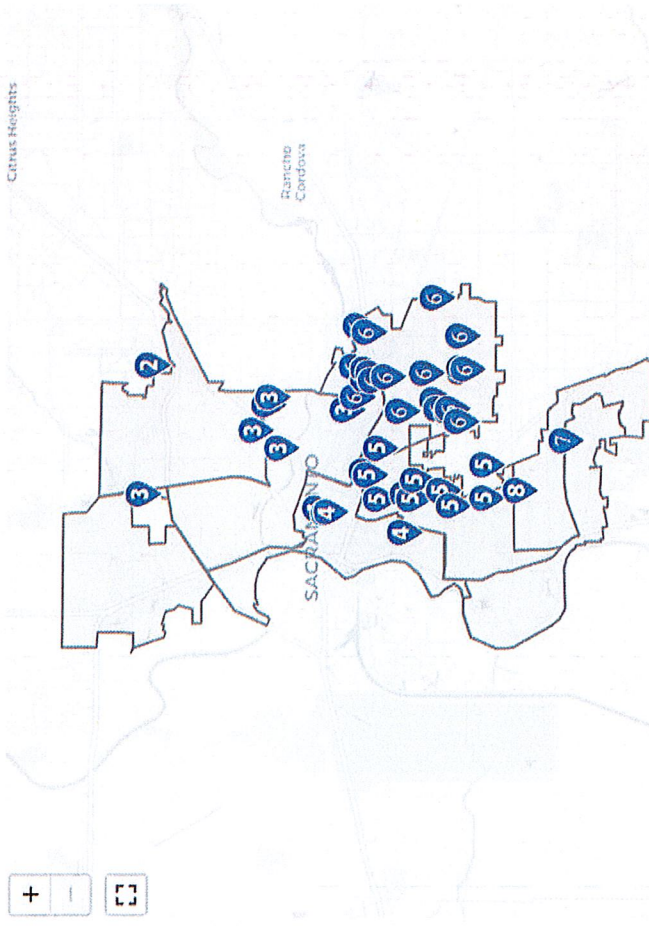
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BY TERESA CLIFT

### WHERE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE PROPOSED SHELTERS FOR HOMELESS

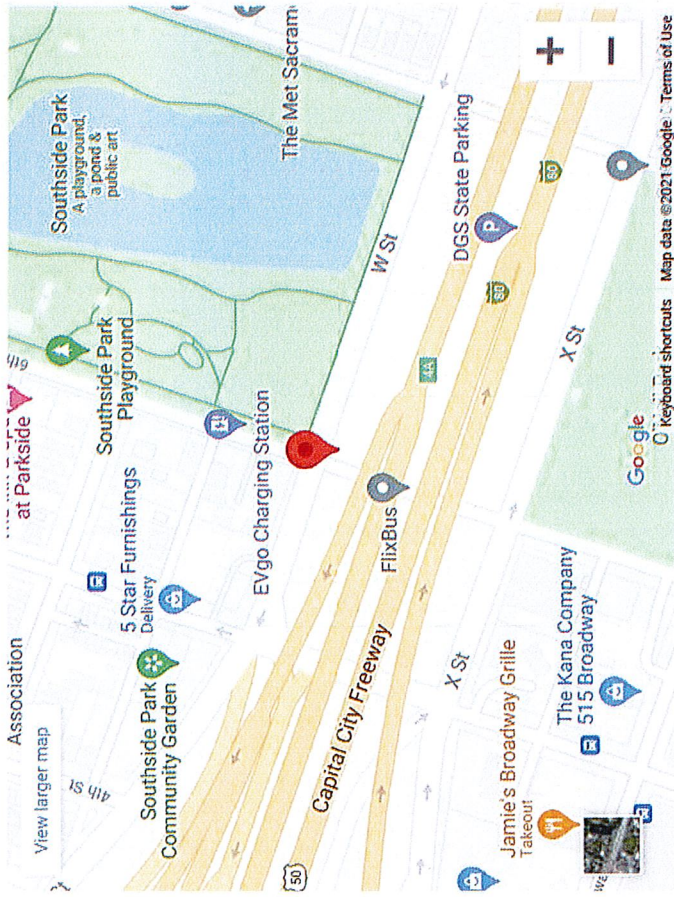
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# Safe Ground & Safe Parking Sites

## Safe Ground

The City of Sacramento has opened its first "Safe Ground" site in a parking lot near W and Sixth streets in downtown Sacramento.



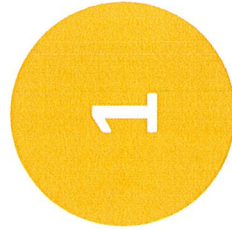
## Safe Parking

The City of Sacramento has launched a "Safe Parking" site in a parking lot on the southern section of Front Street.



# SacRT's Potential Assistance

SacRT has 3 park-and-ride lots that are currently underutilized:



Franklin  
Station



Roseville Road  
Station

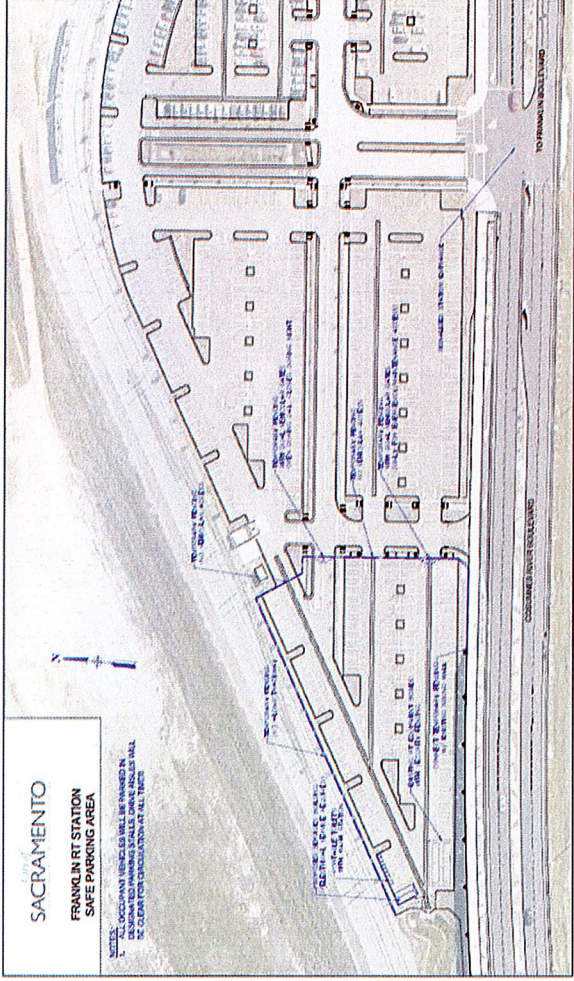


Florin  
Station

## Proposed Concept:

- Opportunity to temporarily utilize sites while permanent housing in progress.
- City to manage site, risks, security to help people that currently live-in cars: along roads, residential neighborhoods, etc.
- Limit the use to cars/vehicles parking onsite (no tents).
- City to provide secure restrooms to reduce existing unsanitary conditions.

# Franklin Road SacRT Parking Lot (D7)



## Site information:

- 668 spaces total
- Pre-covid average usage: 335 (50%)
- FTA permission required
- SacRT will retain area and access to storage of equipment

## Request for temporary use 40 – 100+ spaces:

Met with Director Jennings during Jan 2021

# Roseville Road SacRT Parking Lot (D2)



## Site information:

- 1,087 spaces total
- Pre-covid average usage: 438 (40%)
- Cal Trans permission & FTA concurrence required

## Request for temporary use 100-300 spaces:

- City of Sacramento - April 27th Presentation
- Proposal - Min of 100 spaces for vehicle only use
  - RV's and Cars (with 24/7 services and security)
  - Policy development will need to be agreed upon

# Florin Road SacRT Parking Lot (D5)

## Site information:

- 1,076 spaces total
- Pre-covid average usage: 159 (15%)
  - (includes bus training usage)
- Leasing 1/3 land (next 9 months)
- Near mobile home and School
- Open field next to parking
- Adjacent to Habitat for Humanity housing
- FTA permission required

## Request for temporary use up to 125 spaces:

- Marked and designated parking paved slots
- Parking areas for large or small vehicles
- Area open for staff, facilities, resources



# How is SacRT Involved...



- Does the homelessness crisis impact SacRT & can we help? **Yes!!**
- What has SacRT been doing to help?  
**Provide services, such as...**
- How does this benefit the region? **Meets the mission of: Safe, Clean and Convenient Services.**



# SacRT Support



- **SacRT is a committed community partner**
- Social responsibility to provide safe, clean, and convenient public transit
- A safe place to stay, will help create a pathway out of homelessness
- **Access to resources**
- **Ability to connect individuals with city and county services**
- Improve customer experiences and outcomes
- Removing barriers to stability

# Benefits & Opportunities



- Potential to house those living along our right of way
- Safe place to get a good night sleep and then connect with resources
- Easily find and connect individuals with services
- Protection from severe weather
- Controlled access to right of way
- Treating individuals with dignity

# How This Program Helps

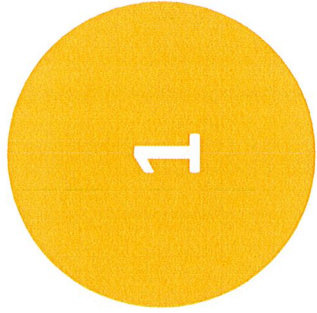
## **Temporary/Immediate Solution:**

- **Safe parking program**
  - Offers security and peace for people living in their vehicles.
  - Provide a welcoming environment, meaningful resources and tools.
  - Help families stabilize and transition back into permanent housing.
  - Opportunity to safely and securely provide space for unhoused individuals within the transit system.

## **Long-Term Vision Solution:**

- **Property dispositions/Joint developments**
  - SacRT has plans to evaluate underutilized sites and surplus property for future housing needs.
  - This will allow the site to be temporarily utilized while neighboring cities programs come up with permanent solutions.

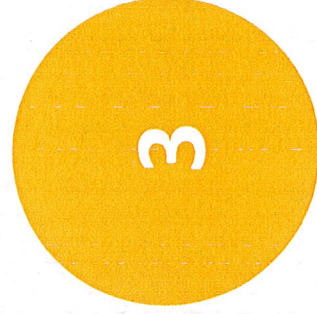
# Overall Concerns



Safety/Security



Customer  
Perception



Financial  
Consideration

# Safety & Security



- CPUC Oversight
- Increased SacRT Security Staff
- Health and Welfare
- Adults and Children Close to Tracks
- Boise Decision

# Ridership Impact



- Customer Perception
- Safe and Inviting Environment for Riders
- Mismatch in Services Versus Needs

# Liability

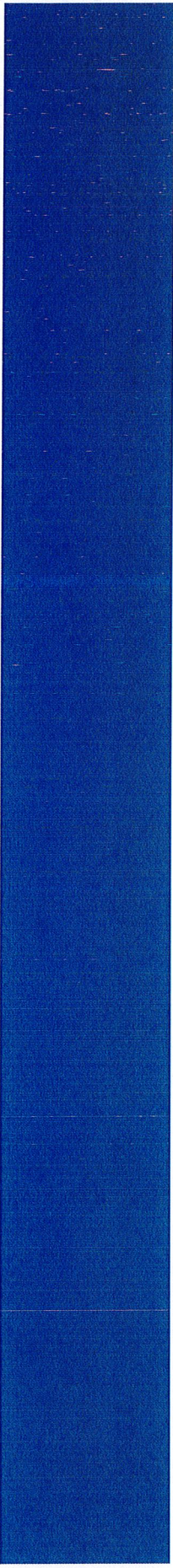


- Financial Consideration
- Possible Increase or Dropped by Insurance
- Injury or Accident Could Make SacRT Liable
- Infrastructure Concerns
- Trespassers Along Right of Way
- Expanded Employee Responsibilities

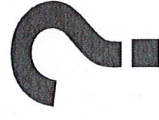
## Next Steps

- Sacramento City Council to vote on the homeless siting masterplan on August 10th.
- 3 SacRT light rail park-and-ride lots for potential safe parking locations.
- The City has requested the SacRT Board provide feedback on how many spots to be include.
- Mayor supports pilot/phased approach.
- The SacRT Board and state and federal regulators would have to approve any project before it could move forward.





# Questions, Comments, Feedback



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**Cindy Brooks**

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**From:** Sharon Yoder <syoder@yodercpa.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 24, 2021 5:25 PM  
**To:** Board Comments  
**Cc:** Rebekah Evans (wattavepbid@gmail.com); Sharon Yoder  
**Subject:** Proposed "Safe Park/Safe Camp" in Rapid Transit parking lot near Hwy 80 between Fulton and Watt

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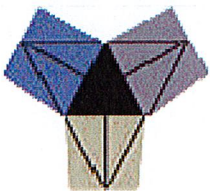
*Placing a homeless camp at the border of the City/County boundaries adjacent to the 80-Watt District and in the Sacramento RT parking lot appears to be irresponsible and short-sighted, as well as wasteful.*

- *Homeless people come to an area because their friends are there, and there is no push-back. This proposal will attract more homeless people. Mentally ill and criminal homeless will not agree to live in the camp and will continue to be a problem.*
- *The 80-Watt District and Sacramento RT stations are already challenged locations. Also, they are in a "Transportation District."*
- *The mission of the 80-Watt District is "Safe and Clean."*
- *Rapid Transit and the Transportation District goal is to attract more people that utilize public transportation – not repel them.*
- *Degrading Rapid Transit's ability to provide "Safe" journey hurts downtown areas who need customers.*
- *Sacramento city sales tax revenues correlate with successful downtown businesses.*
- *This proposal will hamper the objectives of both the District and RT's goals.*
- *The city has not demonstrated a willingness to cooperate with adjacent jurisdictions.*
- *80-Watt District and RT will incur additional costs due to security and property damage. Will they be reimbursed?*
- *Homelessness will continue. It is not temporary, even though you say the safe park & camp location is temporary.*
- *Let's find a long-term solution for the homeless who want shelter.*

*I request that the proposed 'Safe Park/Safe Camp' be denied.*

*Respectfully,*

Sharon Yoder, CCP



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**From:** Mary Egan <eganpersonal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 1:40 PM  
**To:** Board Comments  
**Cc:** Bob Thomas  
**Subject:** Item - Parking Lots for Temporary Homeless Services

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For the last year Bob Thomas and I have been deeply involved in aligning city/county services toward temporary humane and supported encampments and safe parking as a first step toward housing the unhoused.

The RT spaces - are a starting point to address county wide need estimated at 10000 unhoused. These spaces are essential as a first step. The time is now. Your vote is critical.

We support the allocation of RT parking lots as proposed.

Mary Egan and Bob Thomas

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Sacramento Regional Transit  
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Sacramento, CA 95816  
Attn: Board of Directors

**RE: Proposed Homeless Camp at Roseville RT Parking Lot**

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As a **property owner** in the 80 Watt District-PBID, we request that the proposed 'Safe Park/Safe Camp,' for the 150 RV's and 150 tents, be looked at through the lens of the PBID businesses & residents, before making your decision and/or approval.

Over the past year, the number of homeless individuals in our area has increased, even with the full time security measures taken by the 80 Watt District team. The problem has become much more visible and the impact on the entire community and my property, is more apparent.

We understand that homelessness is a complex social issue with many contributing factors that cannot be easily or quickly solved by a single agency or organization, however, the theft, vandalism, fear, and loss of business is rampant since the COVID & Camping laws went into effect and we are suffering. If you add to this struggle by placing a 'homeless town,' on the outskirts of our business area, we are extremely concerned for the additional issues and dangers our businesses and employees will face.

We know the City of Sacramento and County of Sacramento has more work to do, and the business community in the 80 Watt District looks forward to the involvement of our entire community as we take on this serious issue.

We were only made aware of the potential proposal to re-task the property between Winters/ Roseville Road by the District team, today, July 21, 2021, as they've been asking for confirmation on this proposal and received no solid information.

We respectfully request that prior to any final approval for the RTD parking lot to be used in this capacity, that the business community be included in the conversation, as we will bear the negative impacts of the proposal. We ask that the attached following questions be answered, and that the human safety factor be looked at.

We appreciate your service to the RTD Board and look forward to working together, if it comes forward, to have the benefit of all sides of the conversation and is as effective and successful as possible.

Respectfully,



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**From:** Corey Deroo <Corey@florinroad.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 2:13 PM  
**To:** Board Comments  
**Cc:** Watt Ave; Chris Evans; Tiffani Fink; Barbara Etrick (barbara@teametrick.com)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT! Item 7.5: Comments for tonight's RT board meeting

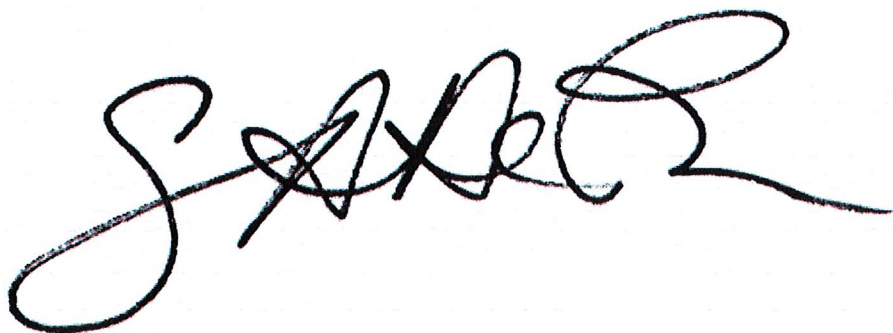
**Importance:** High

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Good Afternoon –  
Please see the attached memo from Florin Road Partnership regarding the proposed safe park sites.  
Thank you.

Today. Tomorrow. Together.

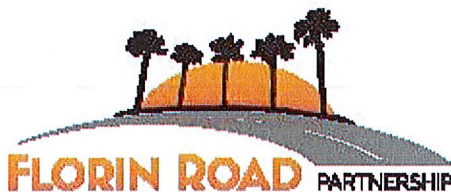
#WeAreFlorin  
#OpenForBusiness



Corey A. De Roo, MBA-Marketing  
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Monday, July 26, 2021

Re: Safe Park Site – Florin Station et al.

*Executive Director*  
Corey De Roo, MBA

Greetings Regional Transit Board of Directors –

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*Bower Properties*

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*District 5*

To our great surprise, Florin Road Partnership was informed about the choice of location (Florin Light Rail Station) by Regional Transit staff, not the organization(s) proposing the site. Despite the possible Brown Act violations by suppressing public comment at today’s “informational” meeting, our South Sacramento community still expects an opportunity to comment and be included in discussions regarding the impacts of this proposed action. We are making the assumption that, moving forward, protocols to include the community will be added.

Florin Station is located in the heart of our district. It is facing Florin Road, with Habitat for Humanity Homes on Indian Lane, approximately 500 feet from the proposed site. Luther Burbank High is located just across Florin Road, many students use Light Rail to get to school. Furthermore, just across the tracks are Southgate Mobile Homes Estates with many fixed income senior citizens who cannot afford to relocate.

As with our community’s previous stance in 2019 **AGAINST** this site being used for homeless impact mitigation, we *continue* to **strongly oppose** the use of this location along with the other three (3) locations as a “Safe Parking Site” as proposed. The negative impacts on our community as well as our businesses already desperate for COVID-19 recovery will be numerous.

We agree that the Florin Station is underutilized and greatly look forward to the continued acceptance of site proposals to reimagine this location as per ULI’s 2018 National Project. The Florin Road Partnership will work with Regional Transit every step of the way as we move forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Corey De Roo, MBA  
Executive Director

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David Kuhnen, Chairman of the Board  
Watt Avenue Partnership/ 80 Watt District



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**From:** Michael Ault <mault@downtownsac.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 11:17 AM  
**To:** Board Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment | Agenda Item 7.5

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Honorable Members of the Regional Transit Board:

We value and appreciate SacRT's continued commitment as a community partner in support for our unhoused population through social work services, ride passes for unhoused individuals, shuttles for warming and cooling centers as well as Project Room-Key Sites. We applaud the collaboration of SacRT with Sacramento City Councilmembers to present potential concepts for safe ground sites as part of their ongoing support in assisting with the homeless crisis. This crisis in Sacramento is a regional challenge that requires a multi-jurisdictional approach and collaborative neighborhood input to ensure effective solutions throughout the city and county.

While temporary safe ground sites are necessary short term as long-term solutions are identified, any proposed site must include community input and dialogue with neighborhoods and PBIDs to ensure proposals are accompanied by City of Sacramento commitments to provide best practices such a good neighbor policy, onsite security, hygiene support and wrap around services. Furthermore, safe ground sites must include the assurance of a clean, safe and secure environment for residents.

We appreciate your service to the SacRT Board and look forward to being a partner in our aliened efforts to provide solutions for the most vulnerable population of our region.

Michael



**Michael Ault**  
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**From:** Dennis Gorsuch <dennisgorsuch@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 12:10 PM  
**To:** Board Comments  
**Cc:** 'Dennis Gorsuch'; 'Lou Vismara'; 'Jon B. Fish'  
**Subject:** Concurrence with Plans for Three Safe Campground Sites

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am in support of the three safe campground sites, and strongly urge the approval of these sites by the RT Board.

Please let me know if I may answer any questions.

Respectfully,

Deacon Dennis Gorsuch  
Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Sacramento

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**From:** Carol Young <carol@rincondelrio.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 4:03 PM  
**To:** Board Comments  
**Subject:** Item 7.5

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Please Consider These comments:

I have owned a warehouse on 4550 Roseville Road since 1985. I have paid property tax every year and voted to self-assess in order to fund the 80 Watt District PBID because Sacramento County did not have the resources to protect the area.

Now, in addition to this millstone, the County is in effect imposing a taking of my property to provide land for the homeless population. Of course, the intent is wonderful; but the road to hell is paved with good intentions. This idea solves nothing but creates new, intractable problems.

In my 75 years I've learned one thing: Anytime the government tells you something is temporary, it will become indestructible and permanent lasting for eons, morphing into unanticipated negative outcomes. Please do not do this. You are literally destroying an area for exactly nothing in return.

James C Young  
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**From:** Lisa Hinz  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 4:32 PM  
**To:** Cindy Brooks  
**Subject:** FW: RTD Board Meeting Item 7.5 Comment

Hi Cindy,

Did you see this comment?

Lisa

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**From:** Antelope Business Community District <cevans@abcdistrict.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 1:28 PM  
**To:** boardcomments@rtboard.com  
**Cc:** Lisa Hinz <LHinz@sacrt.com>  
**Subject:** RTD Board Meeting Item 7.5 Comment

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To the Honorable RTD Board,

The Antelope Business Community District is a Property Business Improvement District that represents 96 business property owners and 130+ businesses, all of whom will be negatively impacted if the proposed Roseville Road "Safe Park" location is selected without substantial, memorialized and monitored mitigating measures.

As a PBID, we work with our homeless individuals daily. Sometimes hourly. The homeless we work with have different needs, issues, and concerns than other areas of Sacramento. We believe that as one of the areas most impacted by this proposal, we have a valuable perspective to add to the conversation.

Obviously, the full depth of our concern can't be explained in a 250-word email. While at tonight's meeting public comment isn't being allowed, we want to be on record that we respectfully request: Prior to any additional consideration of this proposal, input and support be received from the public. The businesses that will bear the consequences of this proposal should have an opportunity to provide their perspective via more than email. I know that many of the businesses in my district would want to contribute to the conversation.

We appreciate your service to our community and look forward to cooperatively working together towards a common goal of helping those in need.

Respectfully

Chris Evans  
Executive Director  
Antelope Business Community District  
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