



STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 14, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF MAY 24, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
May 24, 2021**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:39 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Vice Chair Kennedy. Absent: Chair Miller.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of May 10, 2021
- 2.2 Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with David Goldman (B. Bernegger)
- 2.3 Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Purchase and Installation of Crane, Flatbed and Hi-Rail Equipment on SacRT Truck 732 to Doc Bailey Construction Equipment, Inc. (E. Stanley)
- 2.4 Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the FY 20-21 Operating Budget (B. Bernegger)
- 2.5 Resolution: Ratifying Execution of the Right-of-Way Agreement with the State of California (Caltrans) for Construction Support for the Camellia City Viaduct and Brighton Overhead Project and Approving Supplement No. 1 (L. Ham)
- 2.6 Resolution: Authorizing the Execution of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Projects and Certifications and Assurances and Submittal of Project Nominations and Allocation Requests to Caltrans for Fiscal Year 2020-21 (B. Bernegger)
- 2.7 Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Janitorial Services with Consolidated Facility Services LLC (L. Ham)
- 2.8 Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the Light Rail Stations Cleaning and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Rancho Cordova and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute Future Amendments (L. Ham)

- 2.9 Resolution: Approve Sole Source Procurement and Awarding a Contract for Camera Equipment and Installation for Elk Grove Annexation to Seon Design USA Corp. (C. Alba)
- 2.10 Resolution: Approving the Amended and Restated Agreements Incorporating all Previous Amendments to the Personal Services Contract for Temporary Employment with 1 Security Operations Manager, Robert Kerr, 9 Security Operations Center Specialists, Maksim Kozlov, Antwan Pippins, Daniel Cuevas, Devin Leach, Andrea Schaller, Heather Schaller, Keegan Sullivan, Xavier Butler and Joel Troche, 2 Security and Safety Specialists, Tino Bamberger and Benjamin Louie, and 1 Security and Safety Administrator, Mark Sakauye (L. Hinz)

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

- 3.1 Information: Caltrans Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) (D. Selenis)

Devra Selenis introduced Caltrans District 3 Staff (Dianira Soto and Sue Takhar) to provide an update on the development of several comprehensive multimodal corridor plans that are statutorily required for SacRT to apply for competitive grant programs. SacRT staff have been actively engaging Caltrans stakeholders to develop strategies and identify transportation projects that will reduce congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve multimodal access in the busy highway system.

Sue Takhar provided an update on the partnership that Caltrans and SacRT staff have established which include SacRT's support for their projects on the I-5, I-80 and Cap City Managed Lane Projects. Ms. Takhar noted that with SacRT's support Caltrans has been awarded many grants for this region.

Dianira Soto provided a briefing on two of four CMCP projects currently being developed (I-5 and I-80 CMCPs, and the I-5 and I-80 Managed Lane Project). Ms. Soto provided a description of the purpose, requirements, benefits and overview of a CMCP. Ms. Soto indicated that the next steps for future transportation projects funding are to have a prioritized list of projects. Caltrans and their partners can then apply for funding and implement a corridor schedule for improvements.

Director Valenzuela wanted to know if the American River crossing for light rail would qualify for this project. Ms. Takhar indicated that the comprehensive list will include projects like infrastructure projects, bike and pedestrian, mobility, light rail and vehicle procurement.

ACTION: None – Oral Presentation by Devra Selenis

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk read one public comment into the record from:

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila wants the Board to address public comments to encourage public support; wants more information in the budget, wants more time to read it, and wants to know what is different from previous years; wants to see more riders on buses and light rail, wants the bus stop back at the Target on 2nd Street; thanked staff for getting the 67th Street signal working, and wants the Board to understand how low floor light rail vehicle acquisition means redesigning light rail stations.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Information: Public Private Partnership: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure at the Power Inn Light Rail Station (B. Bernegger)

Jofil Borja noted that California State Treasurer Fiona Ma invited SacRT and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) to participate in a newly formed workgroup of state leaders from GoBiz, state financing authorities, CalEPA, CEC as well as private capital investors to look at how the Sacramento region could deliver projects that support the Governor's goals of zero-emission vehicle adoption. The goal was to look at pilot projects that could be delivered quickly with a potential public private partnership. SacRT and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) staff identified potential recommendations, and the group like the idea of installing high speed chargers in SacRT's light rail stations. The Power Inn site was looked at as the most viable site for this pilot project. The challenge of the project was to combine fast chargers, solar canopies, battery storage, fiber optic cables and future Wi-Fi, financial touchpoints, fleet charging and first and last mile solutions.

California State Treasurer Fiona Ma provided a history of what her office does for the State of California. This public private partnership project started back in February when the American Growth and Infrastructure (AGI) Corporation approached her office with a project of a high speed electric vehicle charging station given the Governor's Executive Order setting goals for zero emission vehicles. AGI did not ask the State for money but offered money that they had to invest. Treasurer Ma approached SMUD with the idea of creating a pilot project in this region. Through a combination of additional contacts, the project started to evolve with meetings that began in February 2021 among the partners. This project is moving quickly, and a press conference is being

held on June 22.

ACTION: None – Oral Presentation by Jofil Borja.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager's Report
 - a. Major Project Updates
 - 1. Return to Ridership
 - b. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li thanked the staff from Caltrans for their presentation on the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan. SacRT has been awarded funding to improve headways on the Gold Line and to speed up our light rail modernization project. Additionally, SacRT will be providing free rides on our light rail system as Caltrans closes portions of State Route 99 for critical road work.

Mr. Li mentioned that SacRT has won another national award – First Place in APTA's AdWheel competition for best Marketing and Communications to support ridership for SacRT's "Drive the Vote" campaign. Additionally, the Finance Department, for the 19th consecutive year, has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mr. Li indicated that the Governor's revised May budget includes transportation investments that will position the state to take advantage and leverage federal infrastructure funding. Key transportation investments include: 1) \$1 billion for transit and rail projects; 2) \$1.4 billion for zero emission buses and trucks; 3) \$407 million for zero emission rail and transit equipment purchases; 4) \$500 million for active transportation; and 5) \$500 million for high priority grade separations and grade crossing improvements.

Mr. Li noted that SacRT is working with the City of Elk Grove to bring the city's transit services into the district as a member entity effective July 1. SacRT has been operating e-tran and e-van services under contract since July 2019. SacRT and Elk Grove staff are working to develop an integration plan to ensure a seamless transition.

Mr. Li shared a video produced by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the American Public Transportation Association, and thanked the FTA and SacRT's federal delegation for their support of transit.

Devra Selenis provided an update on SacRT's proactive marketing outreach campaigns to attract riders including the Causeway Connection service connecting the cities of Davis and Sacramento; the SacRT GO paratransit services, the Wi-Fi super-hotspots, the RydeFreeRT fare-free youth program, and expanded SmarT Ride service to nine zones. Ms. Selenis shared the results of the SmarT Ride campaign. This campaign resulted in a ridership increase of over 50% in two of the three expanded service zones.

Staff plans to use similar tactics for all of their upcoming marketing campaigns, including the use of other languages. As the region reopens, SacRT has more ridership campaigns ready to roll out, such as welcoming the City of Elk Grove's transit services back into the SacRT District, adding a new SmaRT Ride zone, welcoming Elk Grove's youth in grades TK-12, a Los Rios campaign, Airport Express bus services, and new commuter Route 124. Staff will continue to work with our partners to continue to offer free rides for vaccines, free rides every Wednesday through June 16 to help job seekers within the Central City, free rides through May 30 so people can ride to their favorite restaurant throughout the system, free rides to alleviate traffic congestion during Caltrans Fix-Sac-99 project in June, and potentially free rides systemwide on the 4th of July to anyone wanting to travel to an independence day celebrations across the region.

Additionally, Ms. Selenis will be returning to ask the Board to approve a delegate authority to the General Manager/CEO to approve up to 10 system-wide "Free Ride" days for calendar year 2021.

SacRT is ready for the region to return back to a new normal and have launched the "SacRT is Ready -Get On Board" campaign to remind the public that our system is a clean, safe and convenient way to travel.

Staff is also working on a campaign to improve the customer service experience including contactless fare payment options, first mile/last mile partnerships, new apps, and our light rail modernization project.

Vice Chair Kennedy stated that the staff is doing a fantastic job. It is among the best of any public agency that he had ever seen.

Director Jennings is impressed with the marketing, ideas and innovations, and having the customer share in the experience is something that he had not seen in the past. He asked that Ms. Selenis thank the staff for a great job.

Director Hume noted that one thing that stood out knowing that the pandemic has presented a challenge and an opportunity trying to get people to rethink their patterns and get back on transit, was the tag line, "SacRT is Ready -Get On Board". The tag line shows compassion and enthusiasm.

Director Valenzuela thinks that the strategic use of free ride days is great, and she encouraged her colleagues to use their platforms to encourage people to ride.

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**
13. **CLOSED SESSION**
14. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**
15. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**
16. **ADJOURN**

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary