



STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 25, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
September 27, 2021**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:30 p.m. via Webex. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Howell, Kennedy, Nottoli, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Absent: Director Harris, Hume, Jennings and Schenirer.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of August 23, 2021
- 2.2 Motion: Waive the First Reading of Ordinance No. 21-10-01, Amending and Restating Title I, "Procurement Ordinance" of SacRT's Administrative Code (O. Sanchez-Ochoa)
- 2.3 Resolution No. 21-09-0107: Repeal Resolution No. 21-08-0103 and Approve the Student Transit Pass Agreement 2021-2022 with the City of Sacramento (B. Bernegger)
- 2.4 Approving MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp Fiber Installation in Multiple Locations within SacRT Properties (B. Bernegger)
 - A. Resolution No. 21-09-0108: Approving MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp Fiber Installation at 39th Street and R Street; and
 - B. Resolution No. 21-09-0109: Approving MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp Fiber Installation at 65th Street and Q Street; and
 - C. Resolution No. 21-09-0110: Approving MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp Fiber Installation at 59th Street North of S Street
- 2.5 Conditionally Suspending Fares in the Natomas-North Sacramento SmarT Ride Zone for October 2021 and Approving Fare Subsidy Agreement with North Natomas Jibe (B. Bernegger)

- A. Resolution No. 21-09-0111: Conditionally Suspending Fares in the Natomas- North Sacramento Smart Ride Zone for October 2021; and
 - B. Resolution No. 21-09-0112: Approving the Fare Subsidy Agreement for Natomas-North Sacramento Smart Ride Service with North Natomas Jibe
- 2.6 Resolution No. 21-09-0113: Awarding a Contract for Purchase of Transit Buses to Gillig LLC Under the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Master Contract No. 06719-01 and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute Amendments to the Contract (C. Alba)

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager’s Report
 - a. Major Project Updates
 - b. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority – Meeting of September 15, 2021 (Harris/Kennedy)
 - c. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li acknowledged an item approved by the Board, SacRT’s North Sacramento – Natomas SmarT Ride zone. The microtransit service will be fare free for riders for the month of October. Mr. Li thanked Natomas Jibe Executive Director, Becky Heieck, for sponsoring this initiative as part of Clean Air Month.

Mr. Li proceeded with facilities update, announcing that a few weeks ago the SacRT Facilities team finished wrapping the last of the instrument houses along the Folsom Blvd – Gold Line corridor. The wraps cover the aging sides of the instrument house and improve the landscape along the track as it is important to keep the right of way clean. SacRT has coordinated with city and county entities to clear illegal dumping. Last

month, over 80 yards of debris were cleared along SacRT's track right of way from Butterfield to Bradshaw.

Mr. Li informed everyone that work has begun to replace and install a new west elevator at the Watt/I-80 light rail station. The installation is expected to take about 10 weeks following the demolition of the existing elevator. SacRT will operate a special elevator shuttle bus, on the east side of the station, to transport riders making connections via bus and light rail. The head sign of the bus will read "Shuttle" so that passengers know which bus to board and will operate approximately every 30 minutes.

Mr. Li congratulated the SacRT team on finalizing the installation of contactless fare payment devices aboard all SacRT light rail vehicles. SacRT partnered with Caltrans and the private sector to install touch-free fare payment technology, allowing riders to tap a contactless credit, debit, prepaid card, or contactless-enabled mobile or wearable device to pay fare when boarding light rail vehicles. SacRT is the first transit agency in California to introduce a contactless payment solution on a light rail system as part of the California Integrated Travel Project, a Caltrans initiative to facilitate easy and accessible travel planning and payments.

Mr. Li provided a state update mentioning that the Governor is currently reviewing hundreds of bills before the October 10th deadline. SacRT was notified on Friday that Assemblymember Cooley's legislation, AB 1196, to simplify SacRT's voting structure has been signed into law by the Governor and will be effective January 2022. Most transit districts in California have a one-to-one voting structure, and this change would bring SacRT in line with peers. The simplified voting structure will help maintain regional geographic equity as SacRT improves mobility throughout the County. Mr. Li thanked Assemblymember Cooley and Chair Miller for working with SacRT to make this happen.

Mr. Li then proceeded with an ADA paratransit news update stating that earlier this month SacRT launched the SacRT GO Paratransit app, which provides an additional option for customers to manage their paratransit transportation. The free SacRT GO Paratransit app, is available in the App Store and Google Play. The app allows the user to request a ride, manage trips, view trip details and get real-time updates about scheduled rides all from the convenience of a smartphone. SacRT is proud of how the SacRT Go paratransit service has been operated since bringing it in house. The last survey showed more than 96% satisfaction rate, and SacRT believes this app will further improve customer satisfaction.

Mr. Li noted that SacRT along with other businesses have experienced a shortage of manpower. Last Friday, SacRT was most affected by a shortage of manpower to date. SacRT is implementing mandatory COVID weekly testing and is facing some resistance.

Mr. Li reminded everyone that with the beginning of the school year, SacRT continues to offer free rides for youth in grades K through 12 through the RydeFreeRT program. Mr. Li thanked Directors from the City of Sacramento for championing the program and noted that last week the Sacramento City Council approved the funding to support the 3rd year of the program. In August, bus ridership was up 45% over August 2020, primary driven by student riders. With the annexation of transit services in Elk Grove, SacRT has extended its RydeFreeRT program to transit service serving Elk Grove. SacRT received an email from an Elk Grove mother very pleased with the service and Mr. Li shared the email:

For us, this free student pass on RT is one of the best initiatives the city has carried out, with direct benefits to kids and families. We didn't use the bus before because of the wait times and cost, so the inconvenience outweighed the benefits. But this no-cost approach for kids makes it a no-brainer. They are taking the bus to and from school each day (2 miles each way) - hopping on confidently and learning they can use RT safely, which is super important for teens. I hope the program continues. Thanks again, Julia "Ky" Gress

Mr. Li mentioned that he had a chance to talk with the Board of Eye on Sacramento and responded to their questions about how safe SacRT is. SacRT has received awards from the American Public Transit Association (APTA), for two consecutive years, which is a testament to SacRT's systems' safety. The entire Board of Eye on Sacramento will ride SacRT's system for four hours in October. Vice Chair Kennedy has graciously offered to ride with them.

Mr. Li announced that last week the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) presented polling results as they consider a potential transportation sales tax. Based on the polling, there is a lot of good things for transit. Mr. Li highlighted a few:

- First and foremost, SacRT remains the most trustworthy entity that would receive funding. In fact, SacRT's trustworthiness improved by 5% since the 2019 poll.
- Additionally, the poll showed that concerns about air quality and climate change have risen 15% since the 2019 survey. With the prolonged drought and devastating fires, Californians understand that they need to act quickly and boldly.
- The transportation sector accounts for over 50% of the region's greenhouse gas emissions and knows if an investment is made in transit, significant progress can be made toward cleaning the air.
- The poll also found the highest support for senior and disabled transportation and safe routes to schools.

- Finally, one of the most telling statistics in the poll, is that respondents indicated that when the pandemic is over, they show no hesitation about returning to transit. Those indicating they plan to ride transit increased by 2% for light rail and 3% for bus, over the 2019 survey.

Mr. Li stated that while the STA has decided not to sponsor a measure on the 2022 ballot that the need for additional local funding to meet SacRT's mobility, climate, and equity goals remains strong. SacRT will continue to seek other opportunities.

Mr. Li concluded his report with a Homeless Master Plan update. SacRT continues to have discussions with the City of Sacramento regarding parameters of a temporary safe parking location at SacRT's Roseville Road and Franklin light rail stations. As additional community outreach is needed, SacRT along with the City will be meeting with the Watt P-BID next week and a second meeting with Community groups and neighborhood associations is scheduled for the following week. SacRT anticipates the parameters around a safe parking proposal will come back to the Board soon for discussion.

Director Budge highlighted and thanked SacRT for wrapping the instrument houses along Folsom Boulevard.

Director Howell asked if the instrument houses in Folsom had been wrapped. Mr. Li responded that they were in much better condition, however, if they needed to be wrapped that SacRT would take care of it. Mr. Li then commented that the primary issue in Folsom is debris and that within the last month SacRT has cleaned up some of this debris.

Chair Miller and Director Howell thanked Director Harris and Vice Chair Kennedy for covering the Capitol Corridor meeting for Sacramento Regional Transit. Chair Miller asked Director Howell if she is going to be able to make the meetings or if a more permanent change should be made? Director Howell mentioned she has no problem if someone would like to take it over for her as a more permanent situation because her new work schedule makes it difficult for her to attend. Chair Miller started to appoint Director Harris to the Capitol Corridor and then Counsel, Olga Ochoa-Sanchez, stated the appointment would need to be agendaized and come back to the Board for approval.

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

Mr. Li mentioned the City of Sacramento might ask SacRT to hold a Special Board Meeting to discuss the homeless site locations. Mr. Li stated that with the exception of the safe parking item there are not any controversial issues that will be coming to the Board in the next three meetings.

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 5:58 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary