



STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 23, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF JULY 26, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
July 26, 2021**

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of June 14, 2021
- 2.2 Resolution: Ratifying the General Manager/CEO's Execution of the First Amendment to Work Order No. 2 to the Contract for General Construction Management Support Services (GCMSS) with 4Leaf, Inc. (L. Ham)
- 2.3 Resolution: Amending and Restating Title XIV of the Sacramento Regional Transit Administrative Code (O. Sanchez-Ochoa)
- 2.4 Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Bus Vehicle Advertising with Lamar Transit LLC (D. Selenis)
- 2.5 Resolution: Authorizing the Execution of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Project(s), and Certifications and Assurances, and Submittal of Project Nominations and Allocation Requests to Caltrans for Fiscal Year 2020-21 for LCTOP Revised (B. Bernegger)
- 2.6 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the Director, Engineering and Construction, or Their Designee, Authority to Approve Plans and Designs for all Public Works Projects (L. Ham)
- 2.7 Resolution: First Amendment to FY22 Capital Budget (B. Bernegger)
- 2.8 Approving the Ninth Amendment to the Student Transit Pass Agreement – 2015 with Los Rios Community College District and Modifying the Definition of Prepaid Fare in the Fare Structure (B. Bernegger)
 - A. Resolution: Approving the Ninth Amendment to the Student Transit Pass Agreement – 2015 with Los Rios Community College District; and

B. Resolution: Amending the Fare Structure to Modify the Definition of Prepaid Fare

- 2.9 Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the Contract with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for Relocation of a Transmission Line for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (L. Ham)
- 2.10 Resolution: Declaring a Portion of 3009 Power Inn Road Excess to Transit Operations as Surplus (B. Bernegger)
- 2.11 Resolution: Repealing Resolution No. 21-04-0038 and Delegation of Authority for Reimbursement Agreement for the North 12th Street Fence (L. Hinz)

The Clerk read one public comment into the record from Helen O'Connell on Item 2.6

Director Schenirer moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of Item 2.10. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Directors Hume and Jennings.

- 2.10 Resolution: Declaring a Portion of 3009 Power Inn Road Excess to Transit Operations as Surplus (B. Bernegger)

Director Valenzuela asked for a description of the process once the Board approves the item as she interested in how SacRT will decide who gets access to the property and what type of development proposals to expect. Brent Bernegger explained that once the Board approves the item, Staff will market the property under the new Surplus Land Act first to affordable housing agencies. If any agencies are interested, Staff will bring back to the Board the proposals for review. If no affordable housing agency has interest, the property will be marketed to the public. Director Valenzuela asked that if an affordable housing agency offered a below market offer, would the Board still see the offer and be able to consider it. Mr. Bernegger indicated that he would bring all offers, including those that may be below market value, to the Board for consideration.

Director Valenzuela moved; Director Howell seconded approval of Item 2.10. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Directors Hume and Jennings.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Resolution: SacRT's Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award from the American Public Transportation Association and Approving a One-Time Incentive Pay for All Employees (S. Valenton)

Shelly Valenton revealed that SacRT has received another American Public Transportation Association (APTA) award: the Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award for the best transportation agency in North America. This is the highest honor given to a transit agency. SacRT will receive this award at the APTA Annual Conference and Expo in November.

Ms. Valenton stated that despite ridership declines, SacRT has protected jobs and ended the fiscal year with a \$12.8 million surplus, increased its operating and capital reserves, been an active social partner providing Wi-fi buses and free rides to voting centers and vaccination sites. In addition, SacRT has transitioned to in-house paratransit operations and received high customer satisfaction ratings, completed the Elk Grove annexation, and continues to expand SmarT ride microtransit services, received over \$366 million in grants and more.

In recognition of this award, SacRT would like to propose a one-time incentive pay to its employees which will be funded through out fiscal year 2021 operating surplus.

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

- 7.2 Resolution: Annual Performance Based Evaluation for the General Manager/CEO and Fourth Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Henry Li (S. Valenton)

Shelly Valenton stated that the Board met in Closed Session on June 14, 2021, to discuss the General Manager's annual performance evaluation. The Board was provided with a comprehensive list of SacRT's accomplishments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 as well as the General Manager's goals for FY 2022 which was included in the Staff Report. The Board met and determined that in most cases the General Manager exceeded the goals set for FY 2021. In recognition of this, it is proposed that the General Manager receive a 3% performance based salary increase similar to what all other employees are receiving annually. It is also proposed that the General Manager receive \$7,000 annually in the form of an employer contribution to a 401(a) deferred compensation plan for the Board's consideration.

Director Schenirer noted that under the leadership of Henry Li, the organization has become a model for other agencies across the country.

Director Howell complimented Mr. Li on how quickly he turned SacRT around as well as leading all of the employees at SacRT.

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

7.3 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Revenue Refunding Bonds and Approving an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement – (B. Bernegger)
[Note: Resolution A Requires 2/3rd vote]

- A. Resolution: Authorizing (1) the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$50,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Sacramento Regional Transit District Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A, (2) the Execution and/or Delivery of a Master Indenture, a First Supplemental Indenture, a Bond Purchase Contract, Preliminary and Final Official Statements and a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and (3) Certain Related Matters; and
- B. Resolution: Approving the Execution and Delivery of an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with U.S. Bank National Association and a Promissory Note Evidencing Advances to be Made by U.S. Bank National Association Pursuant to a Line of Credit Facility in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000,000 at Any One Time with a Final Maturity Date of September 30, 2022

Brent Bernegger recapped the SacRT bond issued in November 2012 and noted that within the document there was a feature to allow SacRT to early refinance the debt should market conditions improve. The savings from this refunding is anticipated to be used for SacRT's capital needs. SacRT's annual payment through FY 2028 is estimated to be \$1.5 million (for 6 years), as opposed to the current payment of \$3.5 million. SacRT's financial improvement as well as the security pledge of the Series 2021 bonds has resulted in a rating of A2 which is higher than the current rating on the Series 2012 Farebox Revenue Bonds of A3.

Darren Hodge, SacRT's financial advisor from PFM, stated that SacRT will be refinancing all of its outstanding series 2012 farebox revenue bonds (\$44.6 million). SacRT will be able to generate a savings of about \$11.6 million, and more importantly the cash flow savings which will be a reduction in the overall debt service payments over the next 6 years. Staff tried to undertake this transaction in early 2020; however, the pandemic stopped the progress. Over the next 12 months, SacRT worked with the

financing team as well as SacRT's line of credit bank (US Bank) to develop a structure that was very marketable for investors and achieved the A2 rating to get SacRT lower yields. SacRT will post its primary marketing document on July 29th, putting SacRT into price the bonds on August 5 (setting the yield on the interest rates on the bonds), and ultimately closing August 19th.

Director Howell assumed that this is in large part because of the turn-around of SacRT and that our credit rating has improved dramatically since 2012. Mr. Bernegger indicated that it is a combination of the two that have helped SacRT along with the additional security pledge of the LTF revenues. Mr. Hodge also indicated that the financial position of SacRT allowed Staff to negotiate with US Bank to improve the terms and allow SacRT to include LTF revenues of pledge to the bonds.

Director Howell moved; Director Schenirer seconded approval of Resolution A. Motion was carried by 2/3rd roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Directors Hume and Jennings.

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

7.4 Information: SacRT Draft Network Integration Plan (L. Ham)

Laura Ham stated that Mr. Li provided the Board and public with an overview of this plan at the June 14th Board meeting. The plan is a condition of SacRT's grant sponsor, Caltrans, for SacRT's 2018 grant under the TIRCP program which funds SacRT's 20 new low floor light rail vehicles to ensure that major state funded rail projects connect cohesively with the state rail system. The grants primary bus service subject is future Gold Line service, future bus service to the Sacramento Valley Station and potentially the Railyards, and integration of fare into a state-wide system. The Network Plan is a technical study and does not propose service changes. The document has been out for public review since June, but prior to enacting any major service changes SacRT would have to do a more thorough round of public engagement including a Title VI analysis. The comment period will conclude at the end of July, and Staff will respond to any comments, and then bring back a final version in the August/September timeframe to the Board.

ACTION: None – Oral Presentation by Laura Ham

7.5 Information: Strategic Action Plan for Sacramento Regional Transit Safe Parking Locations (C. Flores/B. Bernegger/L. Hinz)

Chris Flores, Brent Bernegger and Lisa Hinz introduced the item.

Mr. Flores stated that homelessness is an ever-growing issue in our community and across the country. Many individuals turn to public transit vehicles, stops and stations for shelter. It is a growing challenge for many transit agencies and impacts employees and passengers who use public transit. In Sacramento County, there are nearly 6,000 persons experiencing homelessness as of January 2019 based on a study from Sacramento County. The number of homeless has worsened due to the pandemic. SacRT is committed to being a partner with regional agencies as they work to solve homelessness. SacRT does not receive any local, state, or federal funding to address homelessness. SacRT has hired a master's in social work to connect those experiencing homelessness with critical social services, and has partnered with housing, homeless and shelter services to provide tickets so unhoused individuals that can travel on the SacRT system and has coordinated to provide shuttle services to/from cooling and warming centers and Project Room-key hotel sites. SacRT has revamped our fare inspection program to emphasize customer service. At the end of 2020, Mayor Darrell Steinberg announced his intent to create a city wide master plan for homeless housing solutions. The City of Sacramento (City) Council has unveiled potential sites to shelter homeless in their districts. The City is scheduled to vote on the Masterplan on August 10.

Brent Bernegger identified 3 light rail parking lots that the City is considering for safe parking locations: Franklin, Roseville Road and Florin. The program would allow the City to provide temporary living arrangements for individuals that qualify. The City would manage a safe housing program allowing only overnight stays to those who have a car, van, or RV, and the City would operate and maintain restrooms, and other services to help while finding the unhoused individual a more permanent solution. Mr. Bernegger provided a breakdown of the three sites in consideration:

Franklin Station: The site has 680 parking spaces available and pre-COVID utilization was at 50%. The lot was procured with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, so use of this lot will require FTA's approval. The plan is to utilize 40-100 parking spaces for parking and services needed to operate the program.

Roseville Road: The site has 1,087 parking spaces and pre-COVID utilization was around 40%. The site was funded with Caltrans funds money and would need approval from Caltrans and concurrence from the FTA. The plan for this site is to carve out 100-300 spaces.

Florin Road: The site has 1,076 parking spaces and pre-COVID utilization was around 15%. The site was funded with FTA money, and their concurrence is required. The neighboring site has an open area without adequate fencing which could result in unsupervised spillover. SacRT will be leasing some of the parking spaces to PG&E for underground work. The request for this site is 125 cars.

Lisa Hinz provided overall concerns and considerations. Safety and security are SacRT's number one priority for its riders and employees. Providing shelter for the unhoused population in SacRT's rail parking lots will undoubtedly increase SacRT's

exposure to safety and security related events. SacRT riders and their perception of safety and security has been an ongoing issue for SacRT for decades. As SacRT tries to rebuild ridership, the customer's perception of safety and security is paramount. The CPUC oversees rail safety in California, and has expressed their concern over providing shelter to unhoused individuals in proximity to railroad tracks. It is their recommendation that SacRT provide its own security guards 24/7 to these locations in addition to what the City will be providing. People near SacRT's right of way are the potential for increase accidents, incidents, and occurrences. SacRT has already seen an increase in mental health related accidents this past year along its system. Providing safe parking for a segment of the homeless population warrants a discussion on the progress made on the issue of safety and security for our riders and their vehicles. SacRT has seen a \$700,000 increase for insurance for 2022, and fire, accident and/or crime in our parking lot will be responsibility of SacRT. Additionally, increased job duties and responsibilities for SacRT staff (rodent infestation, hazmat spill, suicide, or death) could prevent SacRT from being able to focus on providing transportation.

Chris Flores summarized the report noting that the City of Sacramento is scheduled to vote on the homeless siting masterplan on August 10, 2021. The City has identified 3 SacRT light rail station parking lots for potential safe parking locations. The City has requested the SacRT Board provide feedback on their proposal and provide parameters regarding potential sites such as number of parking spots, hours of operations, type of vehicles allowed, timeline for pilot, etc. The SacRT Board, state and federal regulators would have to approve any project before it could move forward.

The Clerk read into the record 13 written public comments from:

The Brown Cattle Company
Rebekah Evans – 80 Watt District/PBID
David Kuhnen – Watt Avenue Partnership/80 Watt District
Todd Berry – B & Z Properties, Inc.
Tina Dover – B & Z Properties, Inc.
John S. Foggy – Rocklin 65
Michael Ault – Downtown Sacramento Partnership
Deacon Dennis Gorsuch
Sharon Yoder – Yoder & Co., CPA
Mary Egan and Bob Thomas
Corey De Roo – Florin Road Partnership
James C. Young – Business Owner
Chris Evans – Antelope Business Community District

Director Budge stated that all jurisdictions have unhoused issues. Director Budge is very concerned that as SacRT tries to get back to a point where people are willing to ride SacRT, specifically light rail, that this is a significant block to increasing ridership that SacRT is striving for. Director Budge does not see this as fulfilling the goals of the District in creating choice ridership on the system and is sympathetic to the plights of

the business community. Many jurisdictions have law enforcement programs that try to help the local businesses deal with loitering, panhandling and vandalism of cars. Director Budge is hopeful that this item will come back to the SacRT Board for action.

Director Harris stated that SacRT needs to take action and the impacts of homelessness in Sacramento have become very dire. The impacts to business are undeniable and the impacts to SacRT are very strong. The Roseville Road area already has homeless camping. The idea is to create a safe ground scenario whereby you can apply safety, hygiene, and services to aid the situation. If the City and County of Sacramento do nothing, the extent of homelessness will increase dramatically and the impacts of the homeless population upon business and those in houses will become every more extreme. If safe space is not provided for the homeless, our problems get worse. It has already been demonstrated that the City can run safe ground and control the homeless population in the adjacent area. Taking no action and not allowing sites to be used is going to be at the detriment of the City and County, and we lose a great opportunity. Director Harris does not believe this will impact ridership negatively.

Director Serna expressed his concern about the process moving forward and the opportunity for the community to engage regarding this proposal before a decision is made by the SacRT Board. Mr. Flores noted that further conversation with the Board will occur after the City makes their decision on the location of the sites. Director Serna reiterated that SacRT will need to meet with business/property owners and the public to hear their comments with this proposal. Director Serna indicated that he previously visited the Roseville Road and Swanston sites, and that the Swanston site had more challenges than the Roseville Road site. Director Serna indicated that he is supportive of the concept but owes it to adjacent property owners and PBID representatives to make sure that they have every opportunity to fully understand what it is that is being proposed and be able to provide comments.

Director Nottoli stated there was an attachment to one of the letters dated July 1, 2021 from the Watt 80 District, addressed to the City of Sacramento, with questions regarding the proposal and is curious how this was brought to people's attention when it was cited that people only learned of this less than a week ago via the Staff Report that SacRT issued, or by some contact with SacRT staff. The questions are legitimate questions regarding siting and oversight at any of the proposed locations, and what rules are going to apply. Director Nottoli wanted to know what the role of the SacRT staff is in addressing these questions in the letter noting that the City Council will take this item up soon. Director Nottoli indicated that a lot of the sites are in the unincorporated area in Director Serna and Supervisor Desmond's districts.

Director Valenzuela responded to Director Nottoli's concerns noting that this is an evolving process, and the City will negotiate the safe grounds. The process has generally been to negotiate the agreement before final approval. Director Valenzuela indicated that she is currently negotiating with private landowners about these parameters which include answering the questions posed in the letter, the rules for the site, about a good neighbor policy, and standards and expectations before a final

decision is made by the entity for use of their site for safe camping/parking. Director Valenzuela indicated that a number of these questions have been answered through the City's existing safe grounds team. There are very clear standards and best practices that have evolved through those safe ground practices.

Brent Bernegger noted that what is important is to see if the SacRT Board wants staff to prioritize this program, and it would be helpful for staff to receive direction from the Board if this is the priority or whether to work on other projects.

Director Nottoli indicated that if the Board made this a priority, SacRT would engage the public in conversations regarding the facilitation of this project. Mr. Li noted that it is a team effort to work on this project understanding the comments from the Board and the public. Director Nottoli also wanted to know whether this would be a temporary or long term use of the property, and what if anything will be done to address people's choice not to take advantage of what is being offered at any location. He also wanted to know what latitude SacRT has if there is a spillover effect in relation to the transportation of people in providing for safe, secure, accessible, and affordable transportation for any who chose to use our service.

Director Schenirer noted that a single business or organization cannot solve the problem of homelessness. This solution has to be collective and regional because it is a regional challenge. The proposal that is being discussed today is part of a larger solution. The conversations within the City and the siting plan that is being done with the County will attack some of the issues with homelessness but not all. The business community and neighborhood are suffering. If nothing is done, it will only get worse. All of the questions in the public comment letter are reasonable questions and are all answerable. Director Schenirer is going to ask City staff to work with SacRT staff to provide answers to these questions. Director Schenirer provided information on the work he has done on the W/X shelter which will serve 100 individuals and is scheduled to be open in September. The shelter will first serve those most in proximity to the shelter. Through the process the City has created a good neighbor policy with input from the community which has been signed by the operator of the shelter as well as signed by the City. The shelter will have 24 hour security. Director Schenirer noted that the community must be engaged and thanked staff for their work on the project, and for their continued work on the project.

Director Valenzuela stated that no one is alright with what is happening on the streets of the City. The end solution is not safe grounds, but is housing and services where people can go that has all the amenities that people need more permanently. These sites are incredible opportunities. Director Valenzuela indicated that she has learned a lot going through this process and has figured out what needs to be put in place in the beginning to ensure success. Director Valenzuela offered to talk to anyone who wants to know more about safe grounds or would like a tour of a safe ground. Director Valenzuela encouraged the Board to try this even if it is in phases or as a pilot project noting that the City of Sacramento cannot do this by themselves because they do not have enough land or resources.

Director Howell noted that she appreciates all the comments. The SacRT Board had this same conversation a couple of years ago about the Florin Road light rail park and ride lot. The neighbors and businesses close by were not happy with the idea. The public and the business community need the opportunity to provide comment on this project, and be involved. All areas in this region have homelessness and each jurisdiction is working on it in a way that works for their community, but it appears that the City of Sacramento seems to be pushing this on the County. Director Howell suggested that SacRT would have to be a limited short-term basis (30 days), and see how it works, and then decide whether to continue the program.

Chair Miller provided an overview of issues to be addressed: indemnification/hold harmless; an agreement with SacRT with an agreed upon time that has an exit clause if this program does not fix the problem; a pilot phased approach to see how it works; loitering enforcement and whether the sites are fenced; need to understand the word “temporary”, which he believes is six months based on code definition; and would like consideration for restoration of the parking lots and the markings in the parking lots, and repairs to all damage mitigating the risk to the operating and capital funds.

Chair Miller understands that housing and mental health treatment and services, and drug addiction treatment and recovery is very important. Chair Miller agrees that it is best that we get help the people that we can help noting that those with cars are probably more receptive to help. Chair Miller supports the idea of giving this a try but would want to do it with some safety clauses for SacRT, especially if SacRT gets sued before, during or after the program.

Director Harris asked Staff if the Roseville Road site would require FTA approval and if so, what kind of time frame would be required to get said concurrence. Brent Bernegger indicated that the Roseville Road site would require FTA concurrence, and speculated that it might be 3 – 6 months to do so.

Director Schenirer asked to clarify next steps as summarized below:

Continue to work with the staff at the City, answer the questions from the Board, reach out to FTA, put together some plans for outreach to the business communities around the 3 sites and then come back to the Board once the City Council makes their decisions that these 3 sites are still on the list, and then talk about how to proceed from there.

Mr. Li indicated that Staff has already talked to FTA in anticipation of this direction and FTA indicated they want transit agencies to work with local governments to see what can be done. Mr. Li indicated that Staff would continue to work with the FTA. Staff has also talked with the CPUC.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager's Report
 - a. Major Project Updates
 - b. Capitol Corridor JPA Meeting Summary – June 16, 2021 (Miller)
 - c. Capitol Corridor JPA Special Meeting Summary – June 30, 2021 (Miller)
 - d. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li stated that the Outstanding Transit System award looked SacRT's achievements over the last three years. This award is an agency-wide award and SacRT could not have done this without the dedicated team of employees that make the agency move every day, along with the strong leadership from the Board of Directors.

Mr. Li reminded everyone to continue to take the necessary precautions to protect and prevent the spread of COVID-19. The California Department of Health stated that since January COVID-19 cases have occurred among unvaccinated Californians. SacRT will be extending its free ride program to/from vaccination sites until the end of September. SacRT has also reinstated the policy that all SacRT employees, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors to help prevent the spread.

Mr. Li acknowledged the loss of a number of team members over the last year. He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance. He recognized Darryl Abansado as one of those team members who the Board was most familiar with.

Mr. Li noted that he, Chair Miller, and Vice Chair Kennedy toured the Siemens facility in South Sacramento. Siemens will officially begin production of SacRT's 20 new low-floor light rail vehicles soon. The SacRT Mobility Advisory Council was also able to recently tour the Siemens factory and provide insight on the S700 vehicles SacRT will be receiving.

Mr. Li acknowledged that July 26th is the 31st anniversary of when the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. Mr. Li also acknowledged June 28th as the 1 year anniversary of SacRT GO paratransit services.

Mr. Li stated that on July 1, the City of Elk Grove officially annexed their transit services into SacRT. A ceremony was held at the Elk Grove bus yard for the kick-off. All 5 Elk Grove City Councilmembers and Director Nottoli attended the ceremony.

Mr. Li recognized Brent Bernegger on being named by the Sacramento Business Journal as a Chief Financial Officer of the Year honoree. Mr. Bernegger oversees SacRT's budget, grants, revenue, real estate, procurement, and retirement departments.

In closing his remarks, Mr. Li noted that he was joined by Congressman Ami Bera and Vice Chair Kennedy at the Mather Field/Mills light rail station. The House of

Representatives passed a historic surface transportation reauthorization bill that significantly increases transit funding levels above the baseline and that Congressman Bera inserted \$2 million specifically to support SacRT's light rail modernization project. Congress is still working out the details on the surface transportation reauthorization and a broader infrastructure package, and SacRT is hoping for swift action this summer. Additionally, Senator Padilla submitted a \$10 million request in support of our light rail modernization program. Congresswoman Matsui is helping SacRT to secure a \$25 million request from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program.

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

Director Budge asked that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Jim Notley for his service to the disabled community and for those working toward transit mobility,

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 adjourned the Open Session portion of the meeting in memory of Jim Notley and recessed to Closed Session at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call was taken at 7:40 via Webex. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Absent: Directors Hume and Jennings.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Conference with Legal Counsel
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(b)
Anticipated Litigation

One Case

13.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6
District Negotiator: Stephen Booth

1) Employee Organization: ATU

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 8:05 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary