



STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 24, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cindy Brooks, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF MAY 10, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2021**

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of April 26, 2021
- 2.2 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate and Execute the Third Amendment to the Agreement with the County of Sacramento for Sheriff Deputy Services (L. Hinz)
- 2.3 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with the City of Sacramento for Peace Officer Assignment (L. Hinz)
- 2.4 Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Maintenance, Repair and Rental Services for Parts Washing Machines to Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. (E. Stanley)
- 2.5 Resolution: Approving the Fifth Amendment to the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (B. Bernegger)
- 2.6 Resolution: Conditionally Awarding a Contract for 1225 R Street Electrical and Mechanical Upgrades to Studebaker Brown Electric, Inc. (L. Ham)
- 2.7 Resolution: Approving the High Capacity Bus Corridor Study (L. Ham)
- 2.8 Resolution: Amending and Restating the Bylaws of the Mobility Advisory Council (C. Alba)

Director Hume moved; Director Howell seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of Items 2.2, 2.3 and 2.7. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- 2.2 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate and Execute the Third Amendment to the Agreement with the

County of Sacramento for Sheriff Deputy Services (L. Hinz)

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

- 2.3 Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with the City of Sacramento for Peace Officer Assignment (L. Hinz)

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

- 2.7 Resolution: Approving the High Capacity Bus Corridor Study (L. Ham)

Director Budge requested that the Board postponed the item to a future meeting to allow additional time for review of the study. Chair Miller indicated that staff was ready to make a presentation to the Board at this meeting. Because grant funding is involved, this report must be approved by the end of May to apply for that funding.

Director Serna requested Counsel's advice on whether there is anything that prohibits a presentation based on noticing. Olga Sanchez-Ochoa indicated that the Board could have a discussion and hear the presentation because the item is agendized; however, a more formal presentation would require it to be agendized so that public can be aware that there is a full presentation.

Laura Ham indicated that SacRT received a Community Services Planning Grant to conduct this study. SacRT is due to submit it to Caltrans by the end of May. Ms. Ham noted that the plan is a range of options for SacRT to explore further, and one of the possible outcomes is that SacRT pursue additional funding to do additional study on the corridors that have been identified for potential study.

James Boyle, Director of Planning, provided an update and talked about the public outreach process that has occurred thus far and the corridors that have been identified in the plan.

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

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

Note: This item was continued to the May 24, 2021 Board meeting.

The Clerk read 1 public comment from Mike Barnbaum and 1 response from Devra Selenis into the record from: Mike Barnbaum

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.1 Public Hearing: Preliminary FY 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets (B. Bernegger)
- A. Accept Public Comment on the Sacramento Regional Transit District Preliminary FY 2022 Operating and Capital Budget; and
 - B. Motion: To Continue the Public Hearing to June 14, 2021

The Clerk read two public comments into the record from:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum thanked staff for preparing the budget and for holding a public meeting to allow the public to provide comments and ask questions.

Barbara Stanton – Ms. Stanton would like to see the fiscal impact section of the Staff Reports in a different format that is easier to read.

Brent Bernegger provided an update on the preliminary FY 2022 Budget and changes that have occurred since the budget was released. The operating budget is now moved \$214.3 million, and the capital budget is \$152.3 million.

Director Nottoli asked if Staff could address Ms. Stanton's concerns. Mr. Bernegger noted that he spoke to Ms. Stanton to explain how the Staff Report document is written and agreed to find a way to provide an easier way to explain the fiscal impact section in the document.

Director Valenzuela suggested that actuals from the previous year be included in the preliminary budget.

Director Hume moved; Director Harris seconded approval to continue to the Public Hearing to the June 14, 2021 SacRT Board meeting. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent:

None.

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk read four public comments into the record from:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum noted that he will be starting a new chapter in his life, beginning, May 17th as a SacRT Transit Ambassador.

Steve Cohn – Mr. Cohn congratulated Mr. Barnbaum

Michael Ault – Mr. Ault indicated that several discussions with SacRT staff related to downtown events and activities have occurred to promote the downtown core. He indicated that recently the Downtown Partnership was informed that those plans would not be able to move forward, and the change will impact their ability to produce the event in its current format.

Bay Miry – Mr. Miry and his group of owners is recommending a solution of expanding the H Street line and eliminating light rail on K Street. Mr. Miry summarized how the change could occur. Mr. Miry would like Staff to consider a substitution to the alternative and indicated that his K Street working group would prioritize identifying private funding and pursue federal and other funding for this alternative.

Director Miller asked Staff to work with Mr. Ault and the Downtown Partnership regarding his concerns on downtown event plans.

Director Serna wanted to remind staff to avoid any differences of opinion about the future of light rail in downtown. Director Serna suggested working through the Downtown Partnership that represents the downtown core group of businesses would keep things organized.

Director Valenzuela also suggested that staff work with transit riders like the Transit Riders Union for their suggestions on the future of light rail in downtown Sacramento.

Director Kennedy agrees with Director Serna about working with the Downtown Partnership on the future of light rail downtown.

Director Harris congratulated Mike Barnbaum on his employment with SacRT.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Update (L. Ham)

- A. Resolution: Approving the Assignment Agreement for the Downtown Riverfront Street Project between the Sacramento Regional Transit District and the Riverfront Joint Powers Authority

and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute an Amendment to the Amended and Restated Interagency and Cost Reimbursement Agreement; and

- B. Resolution: Repealing Resolution No. 20-09-0103 and Conditionally Approving the Third Amendment to the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Design Services Contract with HDR; and
- C. Resolution: Repealing Resolution No. 20-09-0104 and Conditionally Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Design Services for the Streetcar Design Services with AECOM

Laura Ham provided an update on the progress on the project since the Board's most recent action back in September 2020. The primary condition related to obtaining full funding for project development be obtained from non-SacRT sources. The project funding shortfall of \$711,000 was addressed through a recent award of a Sacramento Area Council of Governments Maintenance and Modernization grant. SacRT staff also negotiated terms of a future Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the City of West Sacramento. Full funding has been secured and the Board's conditions have been addressed.

Director Harris reminded the Board that he is not a fan of this project; has raised his objections in the past. He reminded the Board that initially they voted not to own and operate this project, and then two weeks later reversed their decision. Director Harris indicated that it is time to take step back and revisit the project because the project is no longer a Streetcar; it is light rail which requires a greater turning radius.

Director Valenzuela believes that there are other projects that could benefit from this type of money if the Federal Transit Administration is agreeable, such as using it for operations and maintenance. She expressed her opposition to the project.

The Clerk read two public comments into the record from: Jason McCoy submitted a letter from Aaron Laurel; and Tamie Dramer.

Director Serna stated that he respects Director Harris and Valenzuela's objections to the project. Director Serna asked Mr. Li to address the possibility of forfeiture of other projects if this item was not approved. Mr. Li indicated that if SacRT does not move forward with the project, the Federal and State money will have to be returned to the respective agencies. Director Serna asked for clarification on assertions that have been made if an affirmative vote moving this forward might forfeit other priorities. Mr. Li stated that moving forward with this project may not affect SacRT's funding sources in terms of other priorities.

Director Schenirer commended SacRT Staff and Aaron at West Sacramento. The last time the Board discussed this subject the Board put parameters around the project, and

those have been met. Director Schenirer asked what a negative vote would do to the potential future funding. These state and federal funds are the next step to public transportation into Yolo County for SacRT.

Director Hume noted that the fear of losing funding because you did not spend it recklessly is anathema to the allocation of taxpayer dollars for good purposes. Director Hume wanted to know why the money could not be allocated to the intended purpose which is transit connectivity between the two cities. This project has changed significantly from its original state into something that is not even close to what it was intended to be.

Mr. Li indicated that Chair Miller talked to the new Mayor and City Manager of the City of West Sacramento and Councilmember Ledesma. They talked about potential different options. The City of West Sacramento indicated that they want to expand service further into their business centers, and are trying to make this project more meaningful to the City of West Sacramento. Mr. Li indicated it would be very difficult to change the current scope because if changed significantly, the Federal Transit Administration will say call this a new project, and then we would have to start from scratch with the state and federal monies. In addition, West Sacramento taxpayer monies could be gone. Mr. Li indicated that the studies the Board is being asked to approve will provide an update to the ridership forecast. With the SmaRT ride service in the downtown area and service to the Railyards that might help the current revised scope of the project.

Director Budge agrees with Directors Harris, Valenzuela and Hume. She still opposes the project. Although taxpayers dollars are being funneled to SacRT from Washington DC, these funds should be used for a project that is cost effective, valuable and useful. Director Budge indicated that there is no logic to running light rail from the Sacramento Valley Station to the ball field. She does support the progress that West Sacramento has made over their life as an incorporated city, and appreciates the fact that going down to the South Port area is a really great way to bring those people into the activities that they have created along the riverfront.

Director Howell agrees with her colleagues and that this project reminds her of a project in Alaska. Director Howell talked about the Alaska project which created a new light rail system that does not connect to anything else with the large price tag it carried. Director Howell suggested that this corridor would be better served by bus rapid transit.

Director Valenzuela noted that the Staff Report indicated that it would cost \$1.5 million to operate this service annually for a 3 stop train, and this funding would come from funding sources that SacRT could be using to expand transit to areas that need more frequency, to ramp up pass programs, and for other programs.

Mr. Li clarified that West Sacramento would cover part of the operations and maintenance costs; however, SacRT would also be liable.

Director Harris noted that SacRT may not lose anything, or gain anything, with this project in terms of the money. Director Harris indicated that things have changed politically in Washington and whatever infrastructure bill passes at the Federal level, he believes that opportunities will avail themselves to SacRT for projects that are better than this one.

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

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager's Report
 - a. Major Project Update
 - b. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority – April 21, 2021 (Harris/Miller)
 - c. Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority – May 10, 2021 (Budge) – Oral Presentation
 - d. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li began his report by providing a report back to Director Valenzuela regarding SacRT's workforce salary and diversity audit. SacRT's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer recently conducted such an analysis which found that SacRT has met or exceeded utilization requirement and racial, gendered pay/salary equity goals. The three key findings in the report included: 1) 69% of the workforce are minority/non-white, 2) SacRT achieved pay equity goals between genders, and 3) SacRT employs over 33% female in the workforce; 40% in the management workforce.

Mr. Li also provided a SacRT GO ADA Customer Satisfaction Survey update. SacRT began operating ADA service in-house in July 2020. SacRT's team did a great job in all categories of the survey; 9 of 10 categories receiving 94 of 100 or better. The practice of the 90-minute minimum window between rides has ended. This will benefit SacRT's customers and will improve on-time performance.

Mr. Li provided a major project update on several projects: Zero Emission Bus Planning, charging Stations at the Power Inn Light Rail Station, the Dos Rios Light Rail Station, and the free rides for vaccines.

The California Air Resources Board has adopted the Innovative Clean Transit Regulation in 2018. The SacRT Board has adopted a zero emission bus roll out plan, and staff is working to comply with the regulations. SacRT already has 21 electric buses (12 big buses and 9 small buses). SacRT will be receiving 3 big new buses in August that will serve the airport starting in September. Mr. Li also indicated that there may be an opportunity to expedite SacRT's conversion to a zero emission fleet because President Biden's American Jobs Proposal includes \$200 billion to jumpstart electric

vehicle deployment, and in the Senate, a standalone proposal, Clean Transit for America, calls for a \$73 billion program to replace 70,000 buses and 85,000 cutaways nationwide.

SacRT partnered with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the California Treasurer's Office, and others to install 10 high speed charging stations that can equip up to 20 vehicles at one time at the Power Inn light rail station with the goal of installing 100 charging stations at this location, if feasible, within 5 years. This project also includes the installation of solar canopies, Wi-Fi, broadband accessibility, and intelligent battery storage for public and private use.

In 2019, SacRT was awarded \$17.5 million from the Transformative Climate Communities grant for the future Dos Rios Light Rail station to serve the River District. The program provides funding for reducing greenhouse gas emissions through development and implementation of neighborhood transformative climate community plans that include projects that provide local economic, environmental and health benefits to disadvantaged communities. The new station will be located between the Globe and Akali Flat light rail stations.

The SacRT free ride program for vaccines has provided more than 1,700 rides for people getting to/from vaccine centers in March and April. SacRT will be extending the program through July 31st, and will re-evaluate the program closer to that date to potentially extend it again.

Mr. Li shared a newsclip highlighting a hiring initiative in partnership with the Downtown Sacramento Partnership, and the R Street, Midtown and Broadway Business districts. SacRT has teamed up to offer free rides every Wednesday through June 16th in support of local businesses and job seekers.

Director Budge provided a verbal report from her Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA meeting today. The Operating and Capital budgets were approved during the meeting. There is a coalition of outdoor groups that have been working for several years to provide a natural trail along the right of way of this corridor. This group has installed bridges, done clearing, and created culverts to get the excursion trains from Missouri Flat to Latrobe running again. Mark Rackovan reported that the Federal Railroad Commission and the Public Utilities Commission inspected the corridor between Highway 50 and White Rock Road so that the excursion train can run from the hotel in Folsom to Latrobe. Sacramento County also shared improvements that they are making to Folsom Boulevard. Director Howell added that the train runs from the Hampton Inn hotel in Folsom. The City has donated to the volunteers a passenger vehicle (Class 1) to restore, and that is why the federal people were inspecting the rail to see what improvements have to be made. Director Nottoli noted that the group has an ambitious plan to connect the trail from west of Sacramento to Carson City with links between Sacramento and Tahoe. Director Budge indicated that the group wanted to connect to a bike packing trail in Carson City. This trail runs from Missouri all the way to Sacramento.

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 7:44 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary