

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 22, 2022
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF AUGUST 8, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
August 8, 2022**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. PRESENT: Directors Hume, Kennedy, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Chair Miller. Absent: Director Jennings. Director Howell joined the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Director Budge joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Director Harris joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Director Nottoli joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of July 25, 2022
- 2.2 Approving a Contract for On-Call General Environmental Support Services with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Conditionally Approving a Contract for On-Call General Environmental Support Services with Michael Baker International, Inc. (L. Ham)
 - A) Resolution 2022-08-086: Approving a Contract for On-Call General Environmental Support Services with AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; and
 - B) Resolution 2022-08-087: Conditionally Approving a Contract for On-Call General Environmental Support Services with Michael Baker International, Inc.
- 2.3 Resolution 2022-08-088: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Executive Support Services with Carter Executive Consulting, Inc. (S. Valenton)
- 2.4 Resolution 2022-08-089: First Amendment to the FY23 Capital Budget (J. Adelman)
- 2.5 Resolution 2022-08-091: Ratifying the General Manager/CEO's Execution of the License and Services Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc., Ratifying Execution of a Quote with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to add Additional Licenses, Approving the First Amendment to the License and Services Agreement with Tyler Technologies, and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Pay Annual Software Support Fees for Tyler Technologies Products (L. Hinz)

2.6 Resolution 2022-08-092: Awarding a Contract for State Lobbying Services to Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (D. Selenis)

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila and Glenn Mandelkern.

Mr. Tardaguila commented on item 2.6. He was pointed out that Townsend was involved in previous proposition legislation related to transit and involved with the Citizens initiative.

Devra Selenis responded that Townsend Public Affairs is a different firm and is not associated with the firm that was involved in the Citizens lead initiative.

Mr. Mandelkern commented on Item 2.3 suggesting that SacRT leadership look into an article published by Metro Magazine titled “The Brave New World of Recruiting.” He also commented on Item 2.4 expressing his concern that the Connect Card was not working this past weekend and recommended including a resolution to the Connect Card issue in the technical upgrades.

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, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Director Jennings.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila and Glenn Mandelkern.

Mr. Tardaguila stated that there was not enough public transportation available at the Peach Festival in Folsom on Sunday. He also had Connect Card issues over the weekend and recommended having the Connect Card terminals in the low floor stations be encased in the light rail vehicles where cameras could prevent graffiti and damage. Mr. Tardaguila shared a concern regarding the disability handrail length being only six inches on some buses and recommended posting information for riders regarding the construction at Sutter Hospital.

Mr. Mandelkern shared an elevator safety issue at the Watt I-80 light rail station where a cable and clutch are exposed preventing the elevator from operating properly. He is concerned about the graffiti at the Watt I-80 station and the overall appearance and requested that it receive attention.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project Update and Delegate Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter into a Funding Agreement with the City of West Sacramento (L. Ham)

A.) Resolution 2022-08-090: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter into a Funding Agreement with The City of West Sacramento for the Revised Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project

Laura Ham provided a recap of the background of the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project that included the project development, bids issued on the original project, the partners proposed simplified alignment, the funding secured to continue project development and discussion regarding new alignment and design.

Ms. Ham illustrated benefits of the re-design alignment and potential concerns. She shared an estimated project schedule based on the re-design start in October 2022, anticipated to enter construction in early 2027 and completion in 2029. The re-scoped project estimate is \$160M.

Ms. Ham stated that SacRT is asking the Board for authority to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the City of West Sacramento to fund completion of the Small Starts Grant Application, including updated design, environmental and SacRT labor.

Ms. Ham noted that West Sacramento has asked that before finalizing the agreement, the City of Sacramento City Council take action to support the new project alignment on N. Street and determine the best path forward for allocating additional project development funds to the project. SacRT is hopeful this will occur in the next month.

Ms. Ham thanked the leadership at the City of Sacramento for assisting in moving forward with a potential council discussion and West Sacramento for working with SacRT on the additional funding allocation and new agreement.

Mr. Li clarified that the City of Sacramento would not be responsible for any further funding in the future which was the agreement at the March meeting with Congresswoman Matsui.

Ms. Ham stated that SacRT has current reimbursement agreements with both cities and believes the City of Sacramento funding has \$149,000 remaining. Once that is expended there would be no additional funding.

Ms. Ham explained that SacRT will be returning to the Board with consultant work order amendments and will then formally update the FTA.

Director Valenzuela thanked Mr. Li and staff and stated that she appreciates the conversation that was convened with the Congresswoman and representatives from West Sacramento and agrees that the alignment makes sense for connecting people to the rest of the region and is happy to move the item.

Director Budge requested for the PowerPoint to be shared with Directors.

Ms. Ham confirmed that this will be done.

Director Budge knows how long West Sacramento has wanted to connect to light rail and agrees that this is logical. Director Budge asked Ms. Ham for clarification on the grants application and funding.

Ms. Ham responded that the goal is preserving the existing \$50M allocation with potential to pursue additional federal funds at least up to a 50% match on the overall project. She then clarified some additional timelines and details for Director Budge.

Director Harris stated that he has served on the Streetcar Committee from inception along with Chris Ledesma from West Sacramento. He stated the alignment shown going to the Sacramento Valley Station would have been disruptive to the master plan and that this alignment makes more sense. It would connect people in West Sacramento into SacRT's line which would give them more options and he thinks SacRT would garner more ridership by accepting this new alignment.

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Mr. Tardaguila agrees this is a better alignment and hopes it serves the purpose of connectivity. He asked if the \$30M is the amount for getting over to West Sacramento or in total, if the new route would require underground electrical or utility work to be relocated, and if there would be any other additional changes or impacts.

Mr. Li responded to Mr. Tardaguila stating this is why SacRT would like to have a funding agreement to conduct analysis and a developmental review, but it will take around nine months to have the answers.

Mr. Mandelkern shared an observation about the new apartment buildings on the west side of the river in West Sacramento and is wondering if some of the concepts that SacRT has been able to use in terms of transit-oriented development could be shared and presented to Yolo Transit or the appropriate parties if the stations get built there.

Director Valenzuela moved; Director Harris seconded approval of Resolution 2022-08-090. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Director Jennings.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Li thanked everyone for joining the meeting and reminded everyone that SacRT is hiring and there are many career opportunities available with SacRT's amazing team.

Mr. Li announced due to continued workforce shortages and COVID related challenges, there will be service adjustments to four bus routes effective Sunday, August 28, 2022. Three of SacRT's SmaRT Ride Zones will have enhancements starting August 29, 2022, which includes the downtown zone serving Mirasol Village, the Natomas-North Sacramento SmaRT Ride zone expanded to include a connection to the Veteran Affairs Medical Clinic and business in the southwestern part of McClellan Park and the Elk Grove zone expanded to provide connection to route E113 which includes many stations and stops.

Mr. Li was excited to announce that SacRT has been recommended for \$2M in funding from SACOG's Revolving Match Fund Program. He thanked the SACOG Board members for their leadership and support. This SACOG program intends to fill the gap and make the region competitive until additional local funds are available.

Mr. Li provided an update on the transportation Measure A stating that a little over a week ago, the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) took action to move it to the ballot. He thanked the seven SacRT Board Members that are on the STA Board for their leadership and support.

Mr. Li gave a quick legislative update, sharing that SacRT's sponsored legislation, AB-2015 is expected to pass out of the legislature later this week. The Governor is expected to sign the bill soon, which will bring efficiencies to SacRT's procurement process and update outdated language in SacRT's Administrative Code. Mr. Li thanked Assemblymember Cooley for championing the change and Chair Miller for his assistance. SacRT expects to have a more robust and ambitious legislative agenda especially with the Board approving the new state lobbying contract with Townsend Public Affairs just this evening.

Mr. Li thanked Director Valenzuela for her participation at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Transit Board Members Seminar last week. Director Valenzuela participated on a panel titled: Rebuilding Ridership and The Value of Transit Beyond Ridership: What the Data Can Tell You and How They Can Support a System Redesign. Director Valenzuela was able to share SacRT's many initiatives, including SacRT's effort to support the community throughout the pandemic.

Mr. Li acknowledged that school districts in Sacramento have returned from summer recess and students can take advantage of SacRT's RydeFreeRT program for youth in grades TK through 12th. Mr. Li thanked County leaders and Supervisors for approving the funding for this program.

Mr. Li provided a brief update on the Roseville Road safe parking, stating that staff continues to participate in weekly coordination meetings with the City of Sacramento for the tentative launch in a couple months.

Mr. Li concluded his report by sharing a video that documents the amazing work that SacRT's Social Service Practitioner is doing in the community to help address the homeless crisis. The full blog story can be found at sacrt.com/blog.

Director Valenzuela stated she is glad Mr. Li ended with the video which helps make the case for why it is so easy to go anywhere and talk about SacRT. Folks are impressed and excited to hear about some of the innovations that are going on at SacRT. She enjoyed traveling to Salt Lake City with the Board Clerk, Tabetha Smith.

Director Valenzuela shared a point of recommendation for her colleagues about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding. It was mentioned to Board Members at the APTA convention that because the funding is appropriated does not mean it is allocated or that the full amount would be received. She recommended being conscious how the money is spent and how we talk about spending the money so a case can be made to future congressional sessions that they should keep funding this unprecedented level of support for transit.

Director Valenzuela was at a different conference in Denver and learned that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding counts as match funding for IIJA grants and something to think about is how to leverage some of the work that was started using ARPA funding and support from other jurisdictions to bring in more of that IIJA funding. Mr. Li agreed to bring a workshop to talk about the federal funding opportunities that are coming so that when at APTA again, even more best practices can be shared.

Director Nottoli did not see the video since he is on the phone, but he heard the dialogue and had an occasion last week to talk with Rose Atega and was impressed with her knowledge of those she was working with and the successful outcomes. Director Nottoli thanked Ms. Atega, Mr. Li and SacRT staff as partners in the community for continuing to take on the challenge of helping and keeping a system up and running, safe, and available to riders from all walks of life.

Director Budge thanked Mr. Li for developing a program extending hiring needs to select groups including refugees from Ukraine. She said it is a wonderful thing to have somebody in this country reach out and try to make them feel welcome and help them find a job that will benefit them personally and their entire family.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila, Glenn Mandelkern and Helen O'Connell.

Mr. Tardaguila thanked Mr. Li for updating the website with the three-year closure information and requested additional updates be added. He appreciates the effort Mr. Li has made with Sacramento Steps Forward and looks forward to more conversations related to the Citizens Academy and other matters.

Mr. Mandelkern was very impressed by the video stating that although it was on an otherwise uncomfortable subject, it was very captivating and inspiring.

Ms. O'Connell requested the language and information for Measure A and AB-2015.

Mr. Li stated that Mr. Flores would send it to her first thing in the morning.

The Clerk, Ms. Smith, commented that she enjoyed traveling with Director Valenzuela and that she did an amazing job representing SacRT at the APTA Conference in Salt Lake City.

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

9.1 San Joaquin JPA Meeting Summary - July 22, 2022 (Hume)

9.2 Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Meeting Summary – August 1, 2022 (Budge)

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 6:36 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary