

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 12, 2022
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Miller, Chair, Board of Directors
SUBJ: COMMENDING DON NOTTOLI

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recognizes Don Nottoli for his service on the Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) District Board of Directors.

FISCAL IMPACT

None as a result of this action.

DISCUSSION

Don Nottoli has been a member of the SacRT Board of Directors since 1998. The Resolution presented acknowledges Don Nottoli's service on the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution commending Don Nottoli.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:
December 12, 2022

COMMENDING Don Nottoli

Whereas, Don Nottoli has faithfully represented the County of Sacramento on the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors from December 1998 through December 2022; and

Whereas, Don Nottoli served as Chair of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors for 2003 and 2011; and

Whereas, Don Nottoli was instrumental in televising SacRT Board Meetings on public access and setting up the five retirement boards; and

Whereas, Don Nottoli served on numerous committees and regional boards representing SacRT; and

Whereas, during Don Nottoli's term on the Board of Directors, Sacramento Regional Transit District accomplished the following among many others:

- Extended light rail to the Mather Field/Mills Station in 1998, a 2.3-mile extension east from Butterfield Station.
- Started construction of the South Line (future Blue Line) in November 1999.
- Extended light rail to the Amtrak/Sacramento Valley Station in 2001, marking the start of the Amtrak/Folsom Gold Line extension.
- Introduced the McClellan Shuttle and the Rancho CordoVan.
- Opened the first phase of the Blue Line to south Sacramento in 2003, a 6.3-mile extension with seven new stations.
- Extended light rail in 2004 from the Mather Field/Mills Station to Sunrise Boulevard with three new stations.
- Extended light rail in 2005 by 7.4 miles east from the Sunrise Station to the city of Folsom, which included four new stations.
- Completed the final segment of the Gold Line (also referred to as the Amtrak/Folsom Corridor) project in 2006, with the opening of the .7-mile light rail extension to Sacramento Valley Station with the addition of two new stations, connecting light rail with Amtrak/Capitol Corridor rail service, and fixed route bus.
- Opened the 7th & I/County Center Station in 2007.
- Opened the Green Line to the River District in 2012, which extended light rail 1.1 miles north connecting downtown Sacramento to the River District.
- Opened a second Bus Maintenance Facility in McClellan in 2013 to approve operational efficiencies and service coverage throughout the County.
- Opened the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College extension in 2015, which extended light rail 4.3 miles from the terminus at Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College and opened four new stations ahead of schedule and under budget.
- Benefited from the passage of Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, which invested approximately \$54 billion across California to fix bridges, roads, freeways and includes funding for public transit.
- Launched one of the nation's first on-demand microtransit services, called Smart Ride, in 2018, which has grown to one of the largest and most successful microtransit services in the country.
- Approved the agency's first fare reduction in its 47-year history in 2018, after implementing fiscal policies that renewed financial stability.
- Approved the Light Rail Modernization Project in 2018, which includes new accessible low-floor light rail vehicles, updated station platforms, and adding a "passing track" to Folsom area stations to allow the light rail system to operate every 15 minutes systemwide.
- Reimagined SacRT's entire bus network in 2019, which provides improved frequency, more weekend and evening service, and better routing to serve activity, employment and education centers.
- Launched the nation's first unrestricted systemwide student fare-free program in 2019, called RydeFreeRT, which offers free rides for youth and students in grades TK through 12th.
- Successfully executed transit annexation agreements with the cities of Folsom and Citrus Heights in 2019, and Elk Grove in 2020.
- Launched a new public intercity express bus service in 2020 that travels between the UC Davis campus and the UC Davis Medical Center, called Causeway Connection, using 12 zero emission electric buses secured through an Electrify America grant.
- Launched SacRT GO paratransit services in 2020, which transitioned the operation of ADA paratransit and non-ADA demand response service back in-house after more than 30 years of contracting.
- Launched the Airport Express bus route 142 in 2020 with service between downtown Sacramento and the Sacramento International Airport in partnership with Yolobus.
- Completed the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 (Blue Line to Cosumnes River College) project with the opening of the Morrison Creek Station between the Meadowview and Franklin stations in 2021.
- Approved SacRT's Zero Emission Bus Rollout Plan in 2021, which will transition SacRT's fleet to 100% zero emission by 2040.
- Partnered with Caltrans, Visa, Littlepay, and SC Soft in 2021 to launch the first contactless method for payment on board light rail trains in California.
- Progressed transit-oriented development with the opening of the first student transit-oriented housing project in the region at the University/65th Street Station in 2022, called the Wexler, and additional property sales.

Whereas, SacRT was awarded American Public Transportation Association's – 2021 North America's Outstanding Public Transportation System of the Year Award for accomplishment and innovations in public transportation; and

Whereas, serving on the Board of Directors, Don Nottoli had a guiding vision for development of public transit and has advocated and contributed to many public transit initiatives dedicated to improving transit for the Sacramento region ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That, all members of the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors and staff commend Don Nottoli for his leadership, outstanding governance and service as both Board member and Board Chair, and for his commitment to high-quality public transportation throughout the District during his 24 years of service.

ATTEST:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

STEVE MILLER, Chair