

## **STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** December 12, 2022  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Miller, Chair, Board of Directors  
**SUBJ:** COMMENDING JAY SCHENIRER

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

### FISCAL IMPACT

None as a result of this action.

### DISCUSSION

Jay Schenirer has been a member of the SacRT Board of Directors since 2012. The Resolution presented acknowledges Jay Schenirer's service on the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution commending Jay Schenirer.

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

# COMMENDING Jay Schenirer

*Whereas*, Jay Schenirer has faithfully represented the City of Sacramento on the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors from January 2012 through December 2022; and

*Whereas*, Jay Schenirer served as Chair of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors for 2015 and 2016; and

*Whereas*, RydeFreeRT has increased youth transit ridership, improved student attendance and reduced absenteeism, and provided more access to non-school related travel. Three months after its launch, SacRT immediately experienced a 127% growth in student ridership. As of September 2022, the program is currently on track to exceed 3.5 million student rides for the year; and

*Whereas*, Jay Schenirer served on numerous committees and regional boards representing SacRT; and

*Whereas*, during Jay Schenirer's term on the Board of Directors, Sacramento Regional Transit District:

- 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 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 I (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.
- Approved the agency's first fare reduction in its 47-year history in 2018, after implementing fiscal policies that renewed financial stability
- 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.
- 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, Jay Schenirer 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 community; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:*

*That*, all members of the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors and staff commend Jay Schenirer 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 11 years of service.

ATTEST:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

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STEVE MILLER, Chair