

## **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 KERRI HOWELL

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recognizes Kerri Howell for her service on the Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) District Board of Directors.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None as a result of this action.

### DISCUSSION

Kerri Howell has been a member of the SacRT Board of Directors since 2019. The Resolution presented acknowledges Kerri Howell's service on the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution commending Kerri Howell.

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

# COMMENDING Kerri Howell

*Whereas*, Kerri Howell has faithfully represented the City of Folsom on the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors from January 2019 through December 2022; and

*Whereas*, Kerri Howell has used her background and expertise in engineering and knowledge of transportation, roadways, and finance to work to improve transportation options and reduce congestion for the residents of Folsom and the Sacramento region; and

*Whereas*, Kerri Howell served on committees and regional boards representing SacRT; and

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

- Led the efforts to successfully annex the city of Folsom's transit services into SacRT's system, resulting in seamless connectivity and expanded regional ADA paratransit service.
- 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 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, Kerri Howell 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 wish to convey their appreciation to Kerri Howell for her outstanding leadership, her dedicated service as a Board member, and her commitment to high-quality public transportation throughout the District during her four years of service.

ATTEST:

HENRY LI, Secretary

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

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STEVE MILLER, Chair