

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 12, 2022
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Kevin Schroder, Senior Planner
SUBJ: SAN JOAQUIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING
SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 18, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

SacRT Board members present:

Chair Pat Hume was not present for the regular meeting of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority on November 18, 2022.

Meeting Notes

Item 2. Public Comments

Mike B: He wanted to discuss consent calendar.

John Webb: The removal of the café car and addition of vending machines downgrades the quality of experience for riders.

Item 3. Consent Calendar

Mike B: Asked about future meeting setup (in-person or webinar). Discussion to be had next year about the format of future meetings.

Item 4: Approve a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Authorizing the Chair to Execute the FY 2023 San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Service Operating Agreement with Amtrak and Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Any and All Documents Related to the Project including Approving any and all Amendments thereto within Her Spending Authority (Stacey Mortensen)

Staff Comments:

- Negotiations with Amtrak for the 2022-2023 Operating Agreement have been underway since Spring 2022.
- The Agreement is based upon Forecasted costs by Amtrak and approved funding levels approved by California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA).
- The annual cost estimate for the San Joaquin's service (\$90,442,882) and the required FY 22/23 State/SJJPA contribution (\$63,203,722) and are in excess of state approved funding levels.

Fiscal Impact:

- State funding for the San Joaquin's Operating Agreements was approved in the FY 22/23 Annual Business Plan award letter from California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)
- Approve agreement at state funding level, and then afterwards "true-up" the amount to make sure no agency is left behind without funds.

Board Comments: N/A

Public comments:

- Mike B: Concern about strike progression.
- Answer: Potential cancelation preparations have been examined. However, this agreement has no influence on the potential Amtrak strike.

Board Vote:

- All approved.

5. Board Member Comments

- Hudson: Wants to discuss or hear concerns about hydrogen trains from other board members.

6. Executive Director's Report

- Madera station project still in the running for federal funding.
- Rail academy: There has been a submission of a workforce development application for funding.

CLOSED SESSION

Adjournment