

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 10, 2022
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 13,
2021

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2021**

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of October 25, 2021
- 2.2 Resolution 21-12-0124: Authorize the Board of Directors to Teleconference from December 13, 2021 through January 12, 2022, in Compliance with the Brown Act Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, During the COVID-19 Pandemic (O. Sanchez-Ochoa/T. Smith)
- 2.3 Resolution 21-12-0125: 2022 Board Meeting Calendar (T. Smith/S. Valenton)
- 2.4 Resolution 21-12-0126: Conditionally Approving a Contract for Security Guard Services with Blue Knight Security & Patrol, Inc. (L. Hinz)
- 2.5 Ordinance 21-12-01: Adopt the Amended and Restated Title V Ordinance No. 21-12-01, "Providing a Special Claims Procedure" of SacRT's Administrative Code and to Rescind Ordinance No. 06-02-01 and Resolution Nos. 98-12-3249 and 21-03-0015 (B. Bernegger)
- 2.6 Resolution 21-12-0127: First Amendment to FY 2022 Operating Budget (B. Bernegger)
- 2.7 Resolution 21-12-0128: Approving the Renewal of All SacRT Health and Welfare Benefits for 2022 (S. Valenton)
- 2.8 Resolution 21-12-0129: Awarding a Contract for On-Call Revenue Vehicle Towing Services to North Valley Fleet Services Inc. (C. Alba)
- 2.9 Resolution 21-12-0130: Award Contract for Purchase and Installation of Above-Ground Floor-Mounted Wheel Truing Machine to HJR Equipment Rentals, Inc. DBA Delta Wheel Truing Solutions (E. Stanley)

- 2.10 Approving a Title VI Analysis and Amending the Fare Structure (B. Bernegger)
 - A. Resolution 21-12-0131: Approving a Title VI Fare Equity Analysis; and
 - B. Resolution 21-12-0132: Amending the Fare Structure to Add On-Board Light Rail and Elk Grove Fares
- 2.11 Resolution 21-12-0133: Approving a Sole Source Contract for Pre-Employment and DOT-DMV Certification Medical Examinations, Prescription Drug Safety Reviews, and Evaluation of Job Description Physical Requirements with Dignity Health Medical Foundation DBA Mercy Medical Group, A Service of Dignity Health Medical Foundation (S. Valenton)
- 2.12 Resolution 21-12-0134: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Priscilla Vargas (C. Alba)
- 2.13 Resolution 21-12-0136: Fourth Amendment to FY 2022 Capital Budget (B. Bernegger)
- 2.14 Resolution 21-12-0137: Amending and Restating Title XIII of the SacRT Administrative Code (O. Sanchez-Ochoa)
- 2.15 Resolution 21-12-0138: Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Low Floor Light Rail Vehicle Procurement with Siemens Mobility, Inc. for Purchase of Eight Additional S700 Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles (E. Stanley)
- 2.16 Resolution 21-12-0139: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Award a Contract for the Design-Build Equipment Replacement & Rehabilitation of Bus Maintenance Facility 1 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Facility with EFS West (L. Ham)
- 2.17 Resolution 21-12-0140: Ratifying the General Manager/CEO's Execution of Software Maintenance Agreements with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Pay Annual Software Support Fees for Trapeze Software Group, Inc. Products (S. Valenton)
- 2.18 Resolution 21-12-0141: Approving a Sole Source Procurement, Ratifying the General Manager/CEO's 2015 Execution of Two Authorization to Order Contracts Under State of California CALNET 3 Master Agreements C3-A-12-10-TS-01 and C3-B-12-10-TS-01 and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Bind SacRT to Contracts for Legacy Telecommunications Voice and Data Networks and Communications Services with AT&T Under State of California NEXTGEN Master Agreement (S. Valenton)
- 2.19 Resolution 21-12-0142: Award Contract for Insurance Broker Services to Alliant Insurance Services (B. Bernegger)

- 2.20 Resolution 21-12-0143: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Bus Shelter and Bench Acquisition, Installation and Maintenance, and Advertising Services with Clear Channel Outdoor to Include Shelters and Benches within the City of Elk Grove and Exercise the Option Years 11-15 (L. Ham)

Written public comment from Tamie A. Dramer, Member, Sacramento Transit Riders Union, was read into the record by the Clerk on Items 2.3 and 2.10.

Ms. Dramer gave a summary of SacTRU and then asked the Board to adopt the 2022 calendar Item 2.3 and commit to holding regularly scheduled meetings, not cancelling monthly SacRT Board meetings unless necessary. She stated that people make time in their lives to participate in monthly meetings to be able to advocate for the services they require, and that public participation is the root of making sure tax dollars and fares are used effectively.

Ms. Dramer stated SacTRU is also in support of Item 2.10 and that all fares and discounts should be the same districtwide, so that riders know exactly what fares are required at all times regardless of location.

Director Howell moved; Director Hume seconded approval of the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 2.4 which was pulled for discussion. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- 2.4 Resolution 21-12-0126: Conditionally Approving a Contract for Security Guard Services with Blue Knight Security & Patrol, Inc. (L. Hinz)

Director Valenzuela commented that concerns were raised about the President of Blue Knight Security & Patrol, Inc., and his political opinions as shown on social media. Director Valenzuela then mentioned that she had a conversation with Mr. Li that assured her that the process for complaints and the contract would be clear in the event there are any incidents.

Director Kennedy stated that he did not have the benefit of meeting with staff and if this item were to be decided on this evening, he is not comfortable supporting the item without an opportunity to fully vet the issues.

Mr. Li asked staff Lisa Hinz to update the Board regarding the issues that were brought to their attention with regards to John Jarrett, the owner of Blue Knight Security & Patrol, Inc.

Ms. Hinz acknowledged that after receiving the public comments earlier in the day, she took the opportunity to do a background check. Ms. Hinz reached out to both the Better Business Bureau and the Bureau of Security & Services. She made sure that Blue Knight's license was active and valid and that there were not any complaints. Ms. Hinz looked at social media outlets and called the owner, John Jarrett, and shared concerns including the term "transient

abatement” which was used on his LinkedIn account. Mr. Jarrett’s meaning of the term was that many businesses have issues with safety and security relative to transients or homeless encampments in and around their business and people feel unsafe when they approach these businesses. Mr. Jarrett immediately changed the words on his LinkedIn because he does not want it to be perceived in a negative connotation. Mr. Jarrett then shared his view on community-oriented placing and helping homeless people.

Director Valenzuela thanked Ms. Hinz and stated there were some other political posts shared with her that she does not agree with but that is not enough to say they do not get to work with SacRT. Director Valenzuela thanked Mr. Li for the fast response and for the conversations he had today with Mr. Jarrett and herself about making sure the contract expectations were clear and that there was a clear process if there was any mistreatment or bad behavior. Director Valenzuela then moved the item.

The Clerk read written Public Comment into the record from PJ, Casey Thompson, Emily Smet and John Jarrett.

PJ expressed concern over the approval of Blue Knight Security & Patrol for the onboard security at SacRT. PJ asked for safeguard policies and procedures to be put into place to ensure that any potential discrimination, abuse, or other mistreatment of poor or minority passengers could be documented, reported, and followed up on.

Casey Thompson expressed opposition to the approval of Blue Knight Security & Patrol for onboard security at SacRT. Casey referenced the social media post as well as the term “transient abatement” and stated public services are never best provided by private contractors who must turn a profit to provide service and recommended SacRT to employ security personnel directly. Casey asked to have safeguard policies and procedures put in place.

Emily Smet cited grave concerns regarding the approval of Blue Knight Security & Patrol for the security at SacRT. Ms. Smet referenced a social media post liked by the owner, John Jarrett and stated he has dangerous views on the unhoused and gun control. Ms. Smet is urging reconsideration and asking that if SacRT must go with the lowest bidder, that SacRT ensure that instances of abuse by security staff may be reported, documented, and tracked.

John Jarrett, President of Blue Knight Security, addressed a concern that came to his attention regarding a phrase on his LinkedIn page where he listed, “Homeless abatement,” as one of the services provided. The phrase was added in response to clients who ask if Blue Knight Security dealt with homeless and transient individuals. It was not meant to make people think that Blue Knight mistreated people that were less fortunate. Mr. Jarrett explained that he has spent most of his adult life trying to serve others, whether it was in the military, as a police officer or in his current role. Mr. Jarrett stated that he stresses to employees to use a compassion-based approach when called by clients to address homeless issues and treat them with respect, not disdain. Mr. Jarrett has reworded the phrase on his LinkedIn page, appreciates it being brought to his attention and hopes this clears up any concerns.

Public Comment was taken by phone from Jeff Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila asked for clarification given SacRT is not law enforcement and cannot arrest anyone if the security was primarily for the bus system, for the light rail locations or for the attempt at homeless shelters?

Ms. Hinz responded that many of the security guards SacRT use are either in SacRT parking lots for employees to prevent theft or at light rail stations out on the platforms. The security guards are not doing enforcement. It is more of a customer service function.

Director Kennedy stated he will be abstaining.

Director Valenzuela moved; Director Harris seconded approval of Item 2.4 as written. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Nottoli, Schenirer, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: Serna; Abstain: Jennings and Kennedy; Absent: None.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk read two written public comments into the record:

Jeff stated that employees do not have the proper tools or equipment to perform their duties safely, efficiently, or effectively and when issues are brought to management, the employees are disciplined and/or ignored. Jeff asked at what point will Board members take action so the issues do not become so bad that it creates unsafe and/or hostile working conditions for employees as well as customers. Jeff asked if Board members would be willing to meet with employees to try and resolve issues.

Staff Laura Ham, VP of Planning and Engineering responded to Jeff in writing.

Derek Korte asked why SacRT buses do not have warnings on the rear that read, "This Vehicle Stops at All Railroad Crossings" as well as "Makes Frequent Stops"?

Staff Carmen Alba, VP of Bus Operations responded to Mr. Korte in writing.

Public Comment was taken by phone from Jeff Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila requested the Board not to cancel meetings next year and asked staff to provide an update on Watt I-80. He expressed his disappointment that meetings are not in person and stated that he had difficulty accessing the online meeting. He requested an update from Director Hume about San Joaquin train platforms and thanked Director Serna for

making him aware of the public comment for the train platform at 19th Street. He hopes SacRT is reconsidering a bus stop beyond 19th Street and Q. Mr. Tardaguila asked about the Sacramento City College Train Station. These are items he would like to see come up for discussion this next year.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Intent Motion: Extend the Term of the Current Chair (Steve Miller) and Vice Chair (Patrick Kennedy) for One More Year as Chair and Vice Chair for the SacRT Board of Directors for 2022. (T. Smith/S. Valenton)

Director Schenirer moved; Director Budge seconded approval of Item 7.1. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- 7.2 Resolution 21-12-0135: Receive and File the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Reports on Compliance and Internal Controls as Required by Uniform Guidance, and the Transportation Development Act Report to the Board of Directors for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021, and Designate \$5,943,570 to SacRT's Operating Reserve (B. Bernegger)

Brent Bernegger reported that the June 30, 2021, fiscal year financial audit has concluded with close to \$6M of surplus that will go into the operating reserve. Mr. Bernegger thanked the finance team and introduced SacRT audit Partner Brad Shelle.

Mr. Shelle provided background on the results of the audit. He explained the objective is to express an opinion on the financial statements and that they are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The audit was completed in a timely and efficient manner thanks to the preparedness of the SacRT accounting and finance team. On all of the audits, an unqualified opinion has been provided which is the highest level of assurance meaning the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

Director Schenirer thanked Mr. Bernegger and all the finance staff and Mr. Li. He then stated SacRT had zero reserves and that the turnaround financially has been remarkable.

Director Schenirer moved; Director Hume seconded approval of Item 7.2. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela, and Chair Miller. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- 7.3 Information: Board Composition (O. Sanchez-Ochoa/S. Valenton)

Shelly Valenton started her presentation by recognizing the request from some of the SacRT Board members to have staff provide information on the current and the new structure and the composition of SacRT's governing board. The purpose is to provide a background and present to the Board available options for discussion and possible future action. Ms. Valenton

then noted that Assembly Bill 1196 was signed into law in September and will take effect January 1, 2022, which changes the current voting structure for SacRT Board of directors from a weighted voting structure to a one member one vote structure. She then summarized what that would look like for SacRT Board of Directors.

Ms. Valenton acknowledged that the County has raised concerns about its decrease in voting power while the City of Sacramento's voting power will increase in proportion. Ms Valenton also reported that during annexation discussions, the City of Elk Grove requested that SacRT increase its seat allocation from one seat to two as Elk Grove's population is almost double that of Folsom, Citrus Heights, and Rancho Cordova and staff committed that this item will be taken to the Board for consideration.

Ms. Valenton explained that the composition of SacRT's board is set out in state law. SacRT's Enabling Act under the Public Utilities Code (PUC) was established 50 years ago and dictates the Board's composition, the way board seats are allocated and if and how representation can be increased or decreased. The Enabling Act further sets forth how the composition can be changed.

Olga Sanchez-Ochoa then outlined and offered staff's analysis on available options to implement changes to the Board's composition and voting structures. She affirmed that SacRT's enabling act provides two options for changing the board seat allocation first pursuant to Cal. PUC section 102100.5 the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento are both authorized to voluntarily appoint fewer board members than their current Board member allocation. Pursuant to SacRT's enabling act, The City of Sacramento currently has four seats, and the County has three seats on the Board. Either jurisdiction may appoint fewer than their seat allocation so long as they each appoint at least one Board member.

The second option in SacRT's enabling act allows for the jurisdictions that sit on the SacRT Board to come together no more often than once every two years to reallocate the number of seats each jurisdiction is allowed. That reallocation must be based on the gross cost of service within each jurisdiction's boundary which means the more SacRT spends on service in any one jurisdiction, the greater the jurisdiction share of seats would be. In 2005 when the Board asked the legislature to adopt the weighted voting structure that we currently have, the Board briefly considered whether seat allocation based on gross cost of service would result in a more equitable distribution of seats. The Board at that time determined that the methodology would only result in more inequity among the jurisdictions and disregarded that option.

Ms. Sanchez Ochoa outlined three options for the Board's consideration: Option number one would be for the board to do nothing and opt to maintain the one member, one vote structure that will take effect January 1, 2022.

Option number two is to ask the City of Sacramento to voluntarily reduce its seat allocation pursuant to Cal PUC Section 102100.5 from four seats to three seats bringing it in line with the County's allocation of three seats thereby equalizing its voting strength with that of the County.

The third option was for the the Board to create an Ad Hoc subcommittee that would study the issue of vote allocation and discuss possible changes to the SacRT's Enabling Act to authorize a different Board composition or alternatively, discuss whether to reallocate seats pursuant to its members entities authority to reallocate seats based on the gross cost of service provided in each jurisdiction.

Director Serna believes this is an important enough prospective change to the SacRT voting system that he would feel more comfortable if the last option, to form an Ad Hoc subcommittee, was chose and some time was spent looking at options. Director Serna thanked staff for their assessment and assistance.

Director Howell said she isn't prepared to make a decision this evening and there definitely needs to be more conversation about this and she encouraged taking a look at population numbers and where services are being offered.

Director Hume announced that he brought this forward because it was discussed during annexation discussions with Elk Grove Director Hume thinks it merits further exploration because to go from weighted voting to a one-seat one-vote system Elk Grove's voting power gets worse. He emphasized that if you look at population standards, Elk Grove is nearly half the population of the City of Sacramento and yet has a third of the voting power. Elk Grove has nearly double the population of the other suburban cities and would be equal in voting power. From an equity standpoint, Elk Grove is expecting something to be done. Director Hume is in favor of option three.

Director Budge agreed with Director Hume with respect to the different population perspective and stated it is not just the amount of populations that are currently being served but there needs to be a way to serve growing populations. She went on to say that along with the City of Elk Grove, the cities of Rancho Cordova and Folsom are also growing dramatically and have enormous populations that would like an opportunity not to get in their single occupant vehicle to go to work. Director Budge is in favor of option three and would volunteer to be on the committee.

Director Kennedy understands Director Hume's position and that of the City of Elk Grove has an equitable issue that needs to be addressed. He agrees with Director Serna and Budge that further study is necessary and should be in the hands of the subcommittee.

Director Nottoli supports the idea of an Ad Hoc subcommittee. He added that as Director Budge has said, and others have referenced, that there are different combinations of how we recognize the constituencies we serve on respective bodies and boards but also how we then account for growth over time and SacRT certainly is unique in that there is accounting for where the service is. Having been a member of the Board for many years, Director Nottoli thinks it is important to look forward. He remembers the challenges 15 years ago working through the weighted voting and representation. He thinks this is timely and supports the Ad Hoc committee and agrees with Director Howell that looking at population numbers and

service assignments is needed. Director Notolli recommended having a timeline for when to expect to have additional comments if not a recommendation to come back to the board.

Director Jennings referenced Director Nottoli's last point and emphasized the timeline and the responsibilities and boundaries of the committee as far as what they can and cannot do and what they can bring back to the Board. Director Jennings said if the decision is made to go with option three, there should be a defined and clear timeline given the effective date of January 1, 2021, for the committee to come together to do the work, report back and then allow some time to be able to elaborate over the information.

Chair Miller asked if the new voting structure will go into effect for the first Board meeting in January if the Board does not take alternative action.

Ms. Sanchez-Ochoa responded affirmatively and stated that regardless of any action of the Board, effective January 1, 2022, the new voting structure of one member one vote system will take effect. It will take a legislative process to change the seat allocation.. Once the subcommittee does their work and makes recommendations to the full Board, then the Board determines what they want to do. Then it will be brought to the legislature to go through the process of having them change the Enabling Act to allow a different methodology for appointing seats or a different structure.

Chair Miller then brought up that option two would be easiest. He mentioned he is not wanting to speak for the City of Sacramento, nor does he know how much time they would need to consider that. He is also interested in hearing from the Board on the makeup of the Ad Hoc committee so that it is equitable as well.

Director Howell asked how many people would be on the Ad Hoc subcommittee and if there is maximum number.

Ms. Sanchez-Ochoa stated there is not a maximum and the last time the Board changed its weighting structure in 2005 the subcommittee had a member from the County a member from the City and then each of the other jurisdictions sat on the subcommittee. This was viewed as the most equitable way to discuss it so that everyone had a voice

Director Howell commented that if the subcommittee is going to get together, they need to do it quickly.

Director Hume stated he would be happy to serve on the subcommittee given Elk Grove is a major part of the discussion. He understands this is not a fix that is going to be put into place concurrent or in advance of moving to the one seat one vote system given this is going to require an act of legislature to change the enabling documents.

Director Harris agreed with Director Hume and added it is a situation that warrants extensive discussion to change our Enabling Act. It is a big change, and the metrics and equity issues need to be looked at carefully.

Director Howell brought up option two as something that could be done right away and then also have the subcommittee. She requested that the City of Sacramento reduce their number of seats right away to three and then move quickly forward with the Ad Hoc committee so that the request of the state legislature can be made to adjust the membership and the voting rights in accordance with what the board thinks is best for all patrons in the jurisdictions.

Chair Miller asked colleagues from the City of Sacramento if this would need to be taken back to council.

Director Valenzuela is supportive of a committee looking at this because it is much more complicated than just population. This warrants an opportunity to go back to the drawing board, especially if it will be going to go to the legislature, and really make sure all factors at play are considered before decisions are made. Director Valenzuela is not comfortable dropping somebody from the City right away.

Director Harris agreed with Director Valenzuela and emphasized there are many considerations and no urgency to decide tonight. Overall, the Ad Hoc committee can look at all of the considerations that are on the table.

Chair Miller asked if anybody would object to him forming an Ad Hoc committee with one member from each jurisdiction.

Ms. Sanchez-Ochoa informed that this is an information item and that if Chair Miller would like to form the committee it would need to be done in January.

Ms. Valenton added that January is the meeting where appointments will be made and reviewed so it is perfect timing to do this.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 General Manager's Report

- a. Major Project Updates
- b. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority – Meeting of November 17, 2021
- c. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority – November 19, 2021 (Hume)
- d. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li thanked the Board and the public for attending the last Board meeting of 2021. He announced SacRT would be safely celebrating the Outstanding System of the Year award in appreciation of SacRT employees and Board members, with holiday lunches at five different SacRT facilities.

Mr. Li highlighted the hiring events that SacRT is hosting, noting that the national workforce shortage is impacting all sectors of the economy, including public transit. Private transit agencies are struggling to meet service demands due to a driver shortage. Multiple large transit agency CEOs have mentioned they are going to reduce services from 10-25% due to the workforce shortage. Mr. Li stated that SacRT is faring better than many and is taking a

strategic and a proactive approach to meet workforce needs. Last week, SacRT hosted a hiring event that received great media attention and attracted over 80 individuals interested in employment. SacRT will be hosting a second event Tuesday, December 14th and expects similar interest. Mr. Li hopes the incentives, great benefits and other recruitment efforts will help backfill open positions.

Mr. Li then shared some tremendous and historical news that after several years of talking about the infrastructure package, the President signed a new five-year infrastructure investment into law. The historical package provides about 107 billion dollars for public transit and increases each of the formula and the competitive grant programs by up to 37% compared to current levels. The law will prepare the Sacramento region for at least 50 years or up to 100 years by rebuilding and replacing infrastructure that is nearing the end of its useful life. The formula and the competitive funding to SacRT will promote safety, help to combat the climate crisis and advance equitable access to transportation. With the increased federal support and investment, SacRT can envision a resilient and more equitable mobility network. SacRT is thankful for the Congressional delegation support.

Mr. Li then provided an update from the last board meeting when he was dedicated authority to finalize the terms of a safe parking lease with the City of Sacramento and Caltrans for a portion of SacRT's Roseville Road Station park-and-ride lot. Mr. Li knows the urgency and importance of this project and there have been numerous meetings and on-site visits held to try to move this along as fast as possible. Hopefully the lease agreement can be finalized by the end of the month and then immediately SacRT will seek federal approval to move forward with the project. Mr. Li said that he will be sure to keep the Board and the public updated on this important program.

Mr. Li announced that the SacRT marketing team has been busy supporting community events providing free rides on Small Business Saturday and to the 38th Annual Santa Parade which is one of the largest annual family events in the region. SacRT has also brought back the Holiday Bus, offered free rides, and collected donations for Civic Thread, formerly known as WALKSacramento. Free rides to the New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular event on Friday, December 31st will also be offered.

The SacRT Bus Operations team did tremendous work in assisting the 38th annual California International Marathon which attracted over 10 thousand runners. It generates nearly \$10 million in economic activities for the region. SacRT received great feedback from event organizers including one that Mr. Li shared on a slide that read as follows:

"Your team did a great job for the athletes with disabilities athletes this morning. Best service we've received from busing services in all the time I've been doing this."

Mr. Li concluded his remarks with providing a brief update on two recent conferences. He reported that SacRT and the region hosted the California Transit Association's 56th Annual Fall Conference and Expo at the beginning of November after nearly two years of cancellations. It was great to gather in person in Sacramento where over 400 people attended this conference. Mr. Li thanked SacRT staff who helped organize the event and shared that great feedback was

received as the host city. Additionally, the second event was the APTA conference. Some of the SacRT team including Chair Miller and Director Valenzuela, traveled to Orlando to attend APTA's TransFORM Conference and Expo. Over 10,000 attendees came, which was amazing to have this many people attending an event in one location. The conference is a public transit's premier showcase of the latest technologies and new services. It is a great way to connect with the industry. SacRT was honored to receive the Outstanding Public Transit System of the Year award while in Orlando. Mr. Li congratulated all SacRT staff, the Board of Directors and the community on this highest honor and recognition in the industry. SacRT looks forward to celebrating in person with the various internal and external partners this month and in the future.

Mr. Li wished everyone a wonderful holiday season and a Merry Christmas and then shared a short video.

Director Valenzuela thanked Mr. Li for sharing the video and then commented on labor shortages for possible future discussions. She mentioned daycare availability is hard to find and as a result, a lot of folks are choosing to stay home. Director Valenzuela is wondering if this is something that could be discussed with the unions and whether SacRT can help in some way. She shared that SMUD just broke ground on a day care facility.

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

Director Valenzuela thanked Mr. Li and staff for sending buses to help transport folks to encampments and to safety when warming centers are opened. She is hoping if in the future there could be a board item or talks about a set route for weather emergencies, not just for unhoused folks, but also for folks who just might need access to warming/cooling centers or extreme weather centers. Director Valenzuela is hoping for something more predictable such as when the centers get activated, here is where you can go to be picked up. There is also the challenge of once folks get to the respite centers, the need of going back to where they were.

Director Kennedy mentioned that when the change was made with paratransit, the Board asked for staff to come back with a presentation or report on the status of how it's going from a ridership standpoint as well as revenue versus cost and he asked for that report to come forward.

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

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:49 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

A) Conference with Real Estate Negotiator Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.8

- 1) Property: 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811
Agency Negotiator: Brent Bernegger, VP, Finance/Chief Financial Officer,
Traci Canfield, Sr. Manager, Real Estate/TOD
Negotiating Parties: The Evergreen Company
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
- 2) Property: 1201 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Agency Negotiator: Brent Bernegger, VP, Finance/Chief Financial Officer,
Traci Canfield, Sr. Manager, Real Estate/TOD
Negotiating Parties: California Dental Association
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
- 3) Property: 980 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Agency Negotiator: Brent Bernegger, VP, Finance/Chief Financial Officer,
Traci Canfield, Sr. Manager, Real Estate/TOD
Negotiating Parties: Prime US REIT
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
- 4) Property: 2710 R Street, Sacramento, CA 95816
Agency Negotiator: Brent Bernegger, VP, Finance/Chief Financial Officer,
Traci Canfield, Sr. Manager, Real Estate/TOD
Negotiating Parties: James R Day Trust
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Public comment was taken from Jeff Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila stated whether it is buying or selling he thinks the information should be able to be provided in the public sector.

Chair Miller stated that when it comes to price, terms, and negotiations it is one of those things that is covered in confidentiality and can go into closed session to discuss. When there is a reportable action, that is what will reveal the pricing terms that were agreed on, if reached in negotiations. The law allows the Board to convene in closed session for this.

14. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no Closed Session report.

16. ADJOURN

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary