

## **STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** July 25, 2022  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board  
**SUBJ:** APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF JUNE 13, 2022

### RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD MEETING  
June 13, 2022**

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken at 5:32 p.m. via Zoom. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Jennings, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Vice Chair Kennedy. Absent: Chair Miller. Director Nguyen joined the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of May 9, 2022
- 2.2 Resolution 2022-06-057: Authorize the Board of Directors to Teleconference from June 13, 2022 through July 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 2022-06-058: Approving the Third Amendment to the Agreement with County of Sacramento for Discount Purchase and Sale of Prepaid Fare Media (J. Adelman)
- 2.4 Resolution 2022-06-061: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for SacRT GO Vehicle Cleaning, Fueling, and Maintenance Services with Paratransit, Incorporated to Exercise Contract Option Year 3 (C. Alba)
- 2.5 Approving the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement for California State University Sacramento Student and Employee Transit Pass Program and Modifying the Fare Structure (09-10-0174) to Redefine Group Pass (J. Adelman)
  - A) Resolution 2022-06-062: Approving the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement for California State University Sacramento Student and Employee Transit Pass Program; and
  - B) Resolution 2022-06-063: Amending the Fare Structure to Modify the Definition of Group Pass
- 2.6 Resolution 2022-06-064: Approving the Amended and Restated Personal Services Contract with Robin Haswell for Capital & Operational Project Management and Coordination Services (S. Valenton)

- 2.7 Resolution 2022-06-065: Approving the Third Amendment to Ground Lease for Parking Purposes with R11 Properties, LLC and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Amend the Easement Agreement Pedestrian Access with R11 Properties, LLC (J. Adelman)
- 2.8 Resolution 2022-06-066: Awarding a Contract to Folsom Lake Ford for the Purchase of Ten Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles (C. Alba)
- 2.9 Resolution 2022-06-067: Approving the Contract for On-Call ZF Transmission Overhaul/Rebuild Services with Harbor Diesel & Equipment Inc. doing Business as HD Industries (C. Alba)
- 2.10 Resolution 2022-06-068: Approving Work Order No. 7 to the Contract for General Engineering Support Services – 2020 with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. to Provide Design Support During Construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project (L. Ham)
- 2.11 Resolution 2022-06-069: Approval of the Renewal of the Excess General Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Property, Boiler and Machinery, Excess Workers' Compensation, Crime, Cyber Privacy and Network Liability, Pollution Liability - Underground Tanks, Pollution Liability – Elk Grove, and Flood Insurance for the Period of July 1, 2022, Through June 30, 2023 (J. Adelman)
- 2.12 Resolution 2022-06-070: Conditionally Approving the Contract for On-Call Roll Up Door Repair and Replacement Services with J T Lewis, Inc. DBA National Garage Door (L. Ham)
- 2.13 Resolution 2022-06-071: Approving a Sole Source Procurement and Statement of Work No. 3 to the Master Services Agreement with Enterprise Networking Solutions Inc. (S. Valenton)

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila requested an explanation for personal service contracts.. He asked for clarification on the low floor dimensions regarding the Dos Rios construction and whether the rewarding of the contract for the Gold Line Folsom is a separate project. He then questioned the use of transcription for the public hearing and his concern of the Roseville Road safe parking having limited capacity when there are well over 300 unhoused there currently.

Vice Chair Kennedy asked Mr. Li if he would like to respond to Mr. Tardaguila's concerns specific to the low floor dimensions for Dos Rios and the Light Rail in Folsom.

Mr. Li answered that Folsom Gold Line and Dos Rios are two separate projects and staff will reach out to Mr. Tardaguila to address his concerns and comments.

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

### **3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets (J. Johnson/J. Adelman)
  - A. Accept Public Comments; and
  - B. Resolution 2022-06-059: Adopt the FY 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets; and
  - C. Resolution 2022-06-060: Authorizing the Filing of the FY 2023 Transportation Development Act Claim Based on the Adopted Budget

Jamie Adelman explained that the Operating and Capital budget that was presented in May is what is proposed to move forward, and she is available for questions.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila asked if the Watt I-80 elevator expense and surrounding service is in the Capital budget or related to the next project which is the stairwell. He also commented about the transcription of public hearing comments.

Vice Chair Kennedy offered Mr. Li a chance to respond.

Mr. Li shared that the budget for the capital improvements at Watt I-80 are included in the current budget and details will be shared with Mr. Tardaguila.

***ACTION B & C: APPROVED - Director Harris moved to close the public comment and adopt Resolutions 2022-06-059 and 2022-06-060; Director Howell seconded. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Jennings, Nguyen, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Vice Chair Kennedy. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Chair Miller.***

### **6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The Clerk read two written public comments into the record from Jeffrey Tardaguila and Tara Ursell.

Mr. Tardaguila was thankful for the addition and restoration of several shelters. He asked for an update on the emergency electronic signs upgrade at 29<sup>th</sup> Street Light Rail and if the transcription feature would be used for the public hearing. Mr. Tardaguila shared he was involved in a bus incident on route 51.. He was told that Risk assessment could not read his contact information, and this is the second time the reporting system has had a problem contacting him. He requested a review of the process. Mr. Tardaguila asked how many graduates there were from the Transit Citizen Academy and expressed his concern regarding bus cancellations.

Ms. Ursel is requesting the installation of seatbelts on primarily freeway-traveling vehicles such as the Causeway Connection and the airport bus.

Vice Chair Kennedy requested that Mr. Li have staff follow up with Mr. Tardaguila and Ms. Ursel.

Public comment was taken by phone from Paul Asturi.

Mr. Asturi lives in the vicinity of Florin, French and Gerber Roads approximately four and a half miles from Consumnes River College (CRC). Many people including himself are cut off to bus and light rail connections and he is proposing, if funding is available, to add additional fixed bus route service in the area to connect to Florin Mall or CRC so they can transfer and go anywhere in the Sacramento area.

Vice Chair Kennedy provided his office phone number for Mr. Asturi to call and set up a meeting.

Director Nottoli understood that some of the funding from County service area 10 would be used to promote ride share and some would be used to bring additional services to the area of South Sacramento, Florin and Vineyard which would then give constituents the ability to connect to other light rail and bus services.

Mr. Li mentioned SmaRT Ride service was expanded in two areas including Florin/Gerber and east of Elk Grove but SacRT is open to discuss options further.

Vice Chair Kennedy is happy to have Director Nottoli join this meeting with Mr. Asturi.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

## **8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 8.1 General Manager's Report
  - a. Major Project Updates
  - b. Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Special Meeting Summary - May 16, 2022 (Budge)
  - c. San Joaquin JPA Meeting Summary - May 20, 2022 (Hume)
  - d. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li wished everyone a happy Pride Month. He shared that he participated in the APTA Rail Conference in San Diego last week and then visited Mexico. He was impressed with Mexico's bus rapid transit network, one of the most impressive networks in North America, and proposed the possibility of a delegation trip there in the future.

Mr. Li provided a ridership update announcing that last month was SacRT's strongest month since the onset of the pandemic for both light rail and bus service carrying nearly 1.1 million riders.

Mr. Li gave a brief update on the status of the approved Safe Parking Program at the Roseville Road light rail station. SacRT and the City have been meeting weekly to coordinate in preparation for the launch and are hopeful Caltrans will sign off on the final leasing agreement this week. SacRT will immediately request approval from the FTA.

Mr. Li proudly reported that SacRT successfully completed the 2022 FTA triennial review which covered 23 areas. SacRT received great feedback from reviewers and the FTA staff on responsiveness, organization, and dedication to the review process with specifically high marks for the complete turnaround of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Programs. The review required support and expertise from over 50 SacRT team members and months of dedicated work hours. Mr. Li recognized Jamie Adelman, Shelly Valenton, Coye Carter and Sarah Kerber who collectively led the coordination and managed the FTA triennial review process.

Mr. Li announced that SacRT was recognized by APTA receiving two first place 2022 Ad Wheel Awards. He congratulated the Marketing team.

Mr. Li reminded everyone that youth in grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> can enjoy more freedom this summer to get to many places by taking advantage of SacRT's RydeFreeRT program. Students/youth can ride the entire SacRT network for free all day anytime during regular service hours.

Mr. Li shared that SacRT, in partnership with Civic Thread, is working on a Bus Stop Improvement Plan for the SacRT service area. The plan will create a comprehensive list of necessary and desired improvements to bus stops, amenities and supporting pedestrian infrastructure. The community survey will remain open through June 17, 2022, and feedback will help SacRT focus the plan on areas with the greatest needs.

Mr. Li announced that SacRT continues to aggressively recruit for new team members to better address the workforce shortage by holding hiring events and offering signing bonuses for new bus drivers.

Mr. Li recognized the hiring of Tony Bizjak, retired SacBee reporter, is now contracted as a writer and a partner to help SacRT get to the next level by sharing stories locally and nationally.

Mr. Li shared a recent event which includes a partnership with Visit Sacramento and the World's Strongest Man organization to solidify Sacramento as a world destination, drawing thousands to the region. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30 strong man athletes tested their strength by pulling one of SacRT's new buses, which weighs approximately 40,000 pounds. The SacRT bus and brand were televised around the world as athletes competed for the epic title of World's Strongest Man.

Mr. Li shared some photos which included Assemblymember McCarty, who honored SacRT for community service during the pandemic, SacRT's DBE and Procurement teams who participated in events to help small businesses compete for SacRT contracts and some fun social media photos.

Mr. Li concluded his remarks by recognizing the observance of Juneteenth which is also known as "Emancipation Day" or the "Day of Freedom," to commemorate the abolishment of slavery in the United States.

Vice Chair Kennedy commended Mr. Li on his wise decision-making since becoming general manager and mentioned the hiring of Tony Bizjak was genius.

Public comment was taken by phone from Glenn Mandelkern, Jeffery Tardaguila and Arthur Kettering.

Mr. Mandelkern wanted to bring attention to a Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Transit Certificate being offered by University of the Pacific (UOP). He then shared recruiting ideas referencing the World's Strongest Man event and he wonders if the large Ukrainian population or others with diverse backgrounds could be inspired to become SacRT bus drivers.

Mr. Tardaguila thanked Mr. Li for the free passes which he believes is encouraging more people to ride the bus. He expressed concern that the General Manager report is oral and not included in the Board packet. Mr. Tardaguila is concerned that SacRT has recently lost some key employees that have institutional knowledge that is needed for the future. He then encouraged directors to find out how bus cancellations are affecting regions. Mr. Tardaguila requested that reports from Directors on the meetings that they attend receive additional recognition.

Mr. Kettering shared some concerns and examples where SmART Ride can pick him up where he lives but is unable to take him where he needs to go.

Vice Chair Kennedy asked Mr. Li if staff could get in touch with Mr. Kettering to hear his ideas and concerns.

Mr. Li agreed and said staff would be in touch.

Director Budge proposed that the special separate meeting reports be placed under agenda item 9. Reports, ideas and questions from directors, and communications.

Vice Chair Kennedy and Mr. Li agreed.

9. **REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**
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 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call was taken via Zoom: PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Nguyen, Jennings, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Vice Chair Kennedy. Absent: Directors Howell and Chair Miller

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957

1) Title: General Manager/CEO

Before recessing to Closed Session, public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila and Arthur Kettering.

Mr. Tardaguila expressed concern that there is no report back after closed sessions.

Vice Chair Kennedy requested that the item be on the agenda at the next meeting because the evaluation is something that should be very public and transparent.

Director Howell mentioned unless there is a new contract for Mr. Li which would be public information it would be considered a personnel matter.

Vice Chair Kennedy would like the public to know what the Board thinks about the general manager in order to maintain the trust in the organization.

Mr. Kettering wanted to ensure that SacRT had his phone number and asked if the 84 Bus Route is on the list for a change in September.

Vice Chair Kennedy said the question would be added to the list.

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 7:06 p.m.

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STEVE MILLER, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

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Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary