

## **STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** July 25, 2022  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Henry Li, General Manager/CEO  
**SUBJ:** GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

### **Major Project Updates**

Oral Report

### **SacRT Meeting Calendar**

#### **Regional Transit Board Meeting**

August 8, 2022  
SacRT Auditorium / Webconference  
5:30 P.M

#### **Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting**

September 14, 2022  
SacRT Auditorium / Webconference  
9:00 A.M

#### **Mobility Advisory Council Meeting**

August 4, 2022  
SacRT Auditorium / Webconference  
2:30 P.M

### **SacRT Awarded \$30 million Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program Funding**

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) was awarded \$30 million in state grant funding through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to help make major improvements to the Sacramento region's light rail system, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support jobs.

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) awarded SacRT funding to help fund three major projects. SacRT will receive \$23.6 million as part of a nearly \$600 million Light Rail Modernization Project an additional \$5 million to support connectivity and

planning at Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) to prepare for future development at the Railyards, and \$1.5 million for contactless fare payment devices onboard buses and light rail vehicles.

- **Light Rail Modernization Project:** SacRT is currently working on modernizing the light rail system with new low-floor light rail vehicles, converting 29 light rail stations on the Gold Line to accommodate new low-floor vehicles, and adding a “passing track” at the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station in Folsom to provide 15-minute service, rather than the existing 30 minutes. TIRCP funding will support the purchase of eight new low-floor light rail vehicles to replace vehicles that have passed their useful life. Low-floor light rail vehicles will produce operational efficiencies by speeding up train operating times, and optimizing boarding convenience and safety along with needed increased capacity.
- **Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Transit Center:** SacRT partnered with the City of Sacramento and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority on a project to improve connectivity of multimodal transit in the downtown core. Funding will support the construction of a new north-south aligned light rail station to connect the SVS to the future Railyards Plaza. This will catalyze the neighboring Railyards and River District developments while prioritizing transit ridership and active transportation.
- **Contactless Fare Payment on Transit:** SacRT partnered with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Visa, Littlepay, and SC Soft to offer a contactless method for payment on board light rail trains to help improve the customer fare payment experience. The innovative touch-free fare payment technology allows riders to tap a contactless credit, debit, prepaid card, or contactless-enabled mobile or wearable device (e.g., smartwatch) to pay fare when boarding light rail trains. The TIRCP funding will help expand the program to buses and on all new light rail trains.

### **8<sup>th</sup> & O Street Construction**

Effective Friday, July 15, 2022, the 8th & O light rail station *west* platform (trains traveling toward the 8th & Capitol Station) will be closed for approximately three years due to major renovation construction of the California Department of Water Resources Building, located at 1416 9th Street.

Light rail passengers should use the Archives Plaza Station *west* platform instead. The 8th & O Station *east* platform (trains traveling toward Archives Plaza Station) will remain open.

Bus stops located at 8th & O and 9th & O streets will also be closed during construction. Northbound bus passengers should use the stop at 8th & P streets, southbound bus passengers should use the stop at 9th & N streets.

The station and adjacent bus stops will reopen when construction is complete, which is estimated to be October 2025. Thank you for your patience during the service disruption.

### **SacRT is Hiring – Join Our Award Winning Team**

SacRT is hiring for many different positions. There are dozens of career opportunities available, which include medical, dental, paid sick leave and retirement benefits, and tuition reimbursement. Also, \$2,000 signing bonuses for bus drivers and paid training!

Come join an award winning team! SacRT was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Transit System of the Year in North America by the American Public Transportation Association.

All SacRT career opportunities are available on the online career portal at [sacrt.com/careers](https://sacrt.com/careers) or call SacRT Human Resources at 916-556-0298.

### **12th Street Right-of-Way Safety Project**

SacRT recently conducted a safety and security analysis in the area of North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, between Ahern and C Streets, along the Blue Line right of way. This section of the Blue Line has a long history of heavy foot traffic and trespassing. The 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is a convenient pathway from the social service providers north of the UPRR underpass into the downtown core. Along 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SacRT operates light rail service along a combination of mixed-use and exclusive ROW at grade with 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

A Hazard and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design analysis was conducted to identify potential safety and security hazards. Based on the information provided, SacRT implemented several steps to mitigate the trespassing issue.

- The first step after conducting the assessment was starting a program of counting all trespassers between the Alkali Flat Station and the UPRR underpass using a camera installed on top of an apartment building at Alkali Flat. Staff began counting on 8/27/20 and the program continues to this day
- The second step was to install new “No Trespassing” signage along this segment of the Blue Line ROW. This was completed on 10/1/2020
- The third step involved increasing enforcement of trespassing laws and monitoring the effect of these actions on trespasser numbers
- A fencing project was initiated to limit incursion into the ROW along the east-side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street at the UPRR underpass. The first segment of the fencing was completed in August 2021 and the final section was completed in June 2022.

As a result of these safety measures, we have seen a 30% decrease in trespassing along this corridor.

### **Responses to Questions Raised at Last Board Meeting**

During the meeting, Mr. Jeff Tardaguila described an incident that occurred to him while riding SacRT’s bus service and indicated he had not received any follow-up from SacRT staff. SacRT staff contacted Mr. Tardaguila five times over the course of the week following the incident and that Risk Management staff are still working with him on the claim.

Risk has intensely reviewed the video and available reports, and has not been able to identify the plate number or driver of the reddish/maroon sedan causing the hard-braking occurrence. Risk will continue to follow up with Mr. Tardaguila regarding his incident.

Mr. Paul Asturi commented about bus service in the vicinity of Florin Road and French Road. SacRT Planning staff had an extensive conversation following the meeting and a

bench has been installed at the Florin Mobile Estates per his request. Another meeting is scheduled with Mr. Asturi on July 28 with the Director Kennedy and Director Notolli.

Mr. Arthur Kettering commented that SmarT Ride is useful, but he occasionally wants to travel outside of the Citrus Heights zone. SacRT staff has coordinated with Mr. Kettering and has completed an ADA paratransit application as well as identified other transportation resources available to him.

Ms. Tara Ursell wrote in a comment requesting that SacRT add seatbelts to the buses that are used for Causeway Connection. SacRT has followed-up with Ms. Ursell via an email response.

Additionally, further questions were raised regarding SacRT's Watt I-80 elevator and stairwell work. The project is split into two capital projects:

It is split between two projects

- R347: Watt I-80 Elevator Replacement, fully funded at \$990,000. Work is pretty much complete with some follow up items with the vendor. Laura, please provide any clarifications or edits needed.
- B150: Watt I-80 Transit Center Design, this is the project that includes the full redesign of the Watt I-80 Transit Center. The project is budgeted at \$18,433,419, and is currently funded at \$11,653,364.

# SacRT GM Update

**ADA 32**   
Americans with Disabilities Act  
Celebrate the ADA! July 26, 2022



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# SacRT Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant

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## SacRT Awarded \$30 Million to Improve Light Rail System



# Community Funding Project Request



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**Project Sponsor:** Sacramento Regional Transit District

**Project Name:** Gold Line Light Rail Station Conversions

**Project Location:** Watt/Manlove Station (Sacramento, CA 95826), Mather Field Station (Rancho Cordova, CA 95827), Sunrise Station (Rancho Cordova, CA 95742) and Historic Folsom Station (Folsom, CA 95630).

**Requested Amount:** \$3,647,591

**Explanation:** The funding would be used to complete phase 2 construction of 4 low-floor light rail station conversions to accommodate new low-floor light rail vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because the current light rail vehicles and station configurations limit the mobility of many community members and the new vehicles and converted stations would provide increased ADA capacity and accessibility for passengers with bicycles and strollers.

[Member Certification Letter](#)

## FY 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

In accordance with Senate Rules and Committee requirements, Senator Padilla is disclosing all of his requests for Congressionally Directed Spending for Fiscal Year 2023.

Sacramento Regional Transit District	The modernization of the light rail system will increase reliability, improve accessibility, and encourage transit ridership. The existing vehicles and station configuration limit the mobility of many community members since they are high floor vehicles and boarding and alighting must take place via steep stairs.	Sacramento County CA	\$8,700
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# SacRT Launches In the Community Blog Site



## SacRT In the Community Blog



# 8<sup>th</sup> & O Street Platform Closure

## Rider Alert!

**As of Friday, July 15, 2022, the 8th & O light rail station westbound platform and 8th & O and 9th & O bus stops is closed for three years due to construction.**



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# 12th Street Safety Project

LRV camera image





# 12th Street Safety Project - Fencing

**Before**



**After**



- First Phase Completed August 2021
- Second Phase Completed June 2022



# Employee Appreciation





# APTA Transit Initiatives & Communities Workshop



# Roseville Road Safe Parking Program Update





# SacRT COVID Update

## Sacramento County

Total Cases  
**325,622**

Additional Cases:  
**3,442**

Case Rate  
**30.8**

Total Deaths  
**3,309**

Additional Death  
**26**

Epi-Curve by Episode Date

