

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 14, 2022
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 28,
2022

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
February 28, 2022**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:31 p.m. via Zoom. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Jennings, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna and Chair Miller. Director Kennedy joined the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Absent: Directors Hume and Valenzuela

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of February 14, 2022
- 2.2 Resolution 2022-02-010: Approving MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC (DBA Verizon) Fiber Installation at Arden and Oxford Street Within SacRT Property (B. Bernegger)
- 2.3 Resolution 2022-02-011: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Elizabeth Horn (S. Valenton)
- 2.4 Resolution 2022-02-012: Sixth Amendment to FY 2022 Capital Budget (B. Bernegger)
- 2.5 Resolution 2022-02-013: Adoption of Sacramento Regional Transit District's 2022-2025 Equal Employment Opportunity Program (G. Walters)
- 2.6 Resolution 2022-02-014: Revisions to the Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) (S.Valenton)
- 2.7 Security Operations Center Personal Services Contract Employees (L.Hinz)
 - A. Resolution 2022-02-015: Approving the Amended and Restated Personal Service Contracts for Temporary Employment with 1 Security Operations Center Manager, 2 Security Operations Center Lead Specialists and 6 Security Operations Center Specialists; and
 - B. Resolution 2022-02-016: Approving the Personal Services Contract for Temporary Employment with 1 Security Operations Center Specialist

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeff Tardaguila, Glenn Mandelkern and Ronnie Miranda.

Mr. Tardaguila was concerned about the number of bus cancellations and mentioned a safety issue at the Watt/I-80 Light Rail Station with regards to a piece of plywood placed at an access point to a ramp. Mr. Tardaguila asked for maintenance to look into this issue and hopes the elevators will be operating soon. In closing, he encouraged all to listen to the Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) meeting this coming Thursday.

Glenn Mandelkern called in regarding Agenda Item 2.3 from the February 14, 2022 Board Meeting which delegates authority to the General Manager to authorize up to 10 free ride days on bus and light rail to encourage ridership. He is grateful for the concept but noticed some of the latest fliers only speak of light rail and not bus. He requested that for consistency the fliers say bus and light rail.

Ronnie Miranda expressed his concern with the security on light rail. He stated that SmarT Ride is inconvenient in certain areas, and he runs late for connections. He uses Bus routes 67 and 68 going both directions and when he gets to 29th and N. Street, drivers switching shifts cause him to miss the light rail connection at 29th Street.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Information: SacRT Zero Emission Vehicle Transition Plan Phase II (L. Ham)

Laura Ham explained that presenting the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Transition Plan Phase II is a requirement by Caltrans as the funding agency. The transition to zero emission vehicles has many components and the SacRT team has been diligently planning to reach the transition goal and meet the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requirements for a fully zero emission fleet.

James Boyle provided a brief background stating that the ZEV plan was adopted by the SacRT Board in October 2020 and that Phase I, which included the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Rollout Plan, was completed in 2020. Annual reporting of fleet data to CARB began in 2021. He explained that Phase II of the plan goes more into the details of maintenance facilities, what the fleet would look like and how SacRT would begin to transition.

Mr. Boyle provided information on facilities planning that included proposed garage locations, concepts, functions, operations, fleet capacity and operational specifications. He then shared a ZEV transition schedule and cost estimates. Mr. Boyle emphasized the importance of working with regional, state and federal partners to ensure as much funding as possible to make the transition. He shared a construction schedule and mentioned that Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) will be a huge strategic partner in this effort. Mr. Boyle outlined the next steps which include:

- Acquiring sites and begin utility coordination and negotiation
- Refining conceptual drawings and/or develop 100% designs and a detailed Master Plan
- Plan service relocations and identify cost impacts
- If necessary, engage CARB to file for exemptions

Mr. Boyle complimented SacRT's great team that is working diligently on this large project. SacRT is looking forward to moving this project in the right direction with SacRT partners who are very supportive of these efforts.

The Clerk read written public comments into the record from Jaime Lemus and Steve Johns.

Jaime Lemus, Division Manager, Transportation & Climate Change Sac Metro Air District announced their support of SacRT's Zero Emission Bus Phase II plan. He stated that for the last four years, SMUD, SacRT, SACOG and the Sac Metro Air District have been working together to support each other's priorities and advance the region's climate goals which will help improve the region's air quality, reduce greenhouse gas and other harmful emissions, improve the health of residents and visitors, and demonstrate the effectiveness of clean transportation to the public.

Steve Johns on behalf of SMUD is pleased to support SacRT in its consideration of its Zero Emission Vehicle Transition Plan Phase II. SMUD's collaboration with SacRT, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments resulted in the ZEV Regional Strategy, which demonstrates the region's commitment to curbing transportation emissions in order to address health, climate and mobility concerns. SMUD thanked SacRT for their leadership in this area.

Public comment by phone was taken from Jeffrey Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila questioned if SacRT is planning on using natural gas or electrification, how many fast chargers are going to be needed and provided for at Power Inn and if microtransit hubs will be installed to provide power or if other locations will be used as charging centers. He also asked if the next level of fleet buses will be electrification.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 General Manager's Report

- a. Major Project Updates
- b. Capital Corridor JPA Meeting Summary – February 16, 2022 (Miller, Harris)
- c. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li began by announcing some bittersweet news that after nearly 20 years with SacRT, VP of Finance Brent Bernegger would be leaving for a new opportunity. He acknowledged that Mr. Bernegger has been an instrumental part of the SacRT family, and that his work has impacted many in the community. Mr. Li stated that Mr. Bernegger has a long list of accomplishments and then highlighted some programs and projects that Mr. Bernegger helped lead. Mr. Li thanked Jamie Adelman for stepping up for the role of Acting VP, Finance/CFO.

Mr. Li acknowledged that temperatures dropped below freezing last week and SacRT again assisted with shuttle transportation to and from warming shelters. Moving forward, he hopes that SacRT and other jurisdictions can coordinate in advance of extreme weather events to best serve the most vulnerable in the community. With advance notice and planning, he believes it will be made a much more consistent and useful service.

Mr. Li then provided a COVID update sharing that there has been a significant decline in COVID cases in the last few weeks and he is hopeful the surge that went through the community earlier this year is behind us. He then reminded all passengers that the Federal Transportation Security Administration requires all passengers on transportation to wear a mask through Friday, March 18th.

Mr. Li then stated that earlier this year, when the Board was updated on the SacRT GO service and financial performance, it was requested that an ADA paratransit peer and cost analysis of other agencies for operating the service be done. Mr. Li stated that Ms. Adelman would be providing the comparison information.

In conclusion, Mr. Li shared an email from Margie Donovan complimenting SacRT Paratransit Service for fixing the problems in Folsom. She stated that there have been no late rides and she wanted to personally thank Mr. Li and staff for taking the issues seriously and putting in the time to remedy them.

Mr. Bernegger thanked everyone for the opportunities he has been given at SacRT. He thanked Mr. Li and the Board members for their dedication and support of public transit. He thanked the Executive Management Team and complimented them on their commitment and dedication. Mr. Bernegger then acknowledged the staff in the Finance department.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Bernegger and stated that he appreciates what he has done for SacRT especially by bringing the finances around and growing reserves which has really helped the agency.

Director Schenirer is sorry to see Mr. Bernegger leave and acknowledged that SacRT was

spiraling into bankruptcy and is now in the black annually with a healthy reserve and Mr. Bernegger deserves a lot of the credit for this. He then praised Mr. Bernegger for being a large part of the success of SacRT in the last 5-6 years.

Director Harris dittoed the previous comments and thanked Mr. Bernegger for his contributions.

Director Serna complimented Mr. Bernegger's well deserved accolades on behalf of the County and feels the same as others have referenced. Director Serna mentioned that as elected officials, they work with a lot of personalities, and he appreciates the positive outlook and personal disposition that Mr. Bernegger always has.

Director Jennings also dittoed the other Board members especially Director Serna. He complimented Mr. Bernegger for always giving credit to everyone else and Director Jennings took this opportunity to give credit to him.

Director Howell stated that she is going to miss Mr. Bernegger on the SacRT team but is happy he is still on team Folsom.

Director Nottoli also agrees with what his colleagues have said and added that Mr. Bernegger's work at SacRT was exemplary and complimented that he was always conscientious in his approach and a real asset to the organization and wished him well.

Jamie Adelman thanked Brent and then proceeded to present the peer comparison for SacRT GO paratransit services. She shared a slide that showed FY21 estimated operating cost, FY21 trips provided and FY21 cost per trip for each of several agencies. She mentioned that the current cost per trip is significantly higher than it normally is for this type of service which is directly related to the decline in ridership. The next slide showed the cost comparison of FY20 trips and FY21 trips. She informed that the analysis is based on estimates but accurately represents what has happened to the cost per trip to agencies across the board. Across the board there was a significant increase in the cost per trip from one year to the next. Based on the analysis, SacRT was the lowest cost per trip in the peer group.

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**
13. **CLOSED SESSION**

14. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

15. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

16. **ADJOURN**

Chair Millers asked Director Budge to say a few words with regards to the current events taking place in the world.

Director Budge offered that we adjourn tonight with sympathy and best wishes for all of our neighbors that have come to live with us from former Soviet Union Countries and an earnest, sincere hope that the world gets back to a point where we respect each other's cultures in the near future.

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary