

STAFF REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2022**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Howell, Hume, Kennedy, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna, Valenzuela and Chair Miller. Absent: Director Jennings

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of February 28, 2022
- 2.2 Resolution 2022-03-017: Authorize the Board of Directors to Teleconference from March 14, 2022 through April 13, 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 2022-03-018: Conditionally Approving the Contract for Rail Modernization 15-Minute Service to Folsom to Aldridge Electric, Inc. (L. Ham)
- 2.4 Approving Work Order No. 4 and the Second Amendment to the Contract for General Construction Management Support Services with 4LEAF, Inc. (L. Ham)
 - A. Resolution 2022-03-019: Approving Work Order No. 4 to the Contract for General Construction Management Support Services – 2019 for Construction Management of the Gold Line Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Phase 1 Project with 4Leaf, Inc.; and
 - B. Resolution 2022-03-020: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for General Construction Management Support Services – 2019 with 4Leaf, Inc.
- 2.5 Resolution 2022-03-021: Approve and Authorize the General Manager/CEO to Execute the Fifth Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Catalyst Development Partners for Calvine Road and Auberry Drive (APN 115-0130-061, 115-0130-071) (J. Adelman)
- 2.6 Approving Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 23 and Approving Work Order No. 7 to the Contract for General Engineering Support Services with Psomas (L. Ham)

- A. Resolution 2022-03-022: Approving Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 23 to the Contract for General Engineering Support Services – 2016 for the Final Design Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Project with Psomas; and
 - B. Resolution 2022-03-023: Approving Work Order No. 7 to the Contract for General Engineering Support Services – 2020 for the Final Design of Gold Line Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Phase 2 Project with Psomas
- 2.7 Approving the Second Amendment to the 2017 Contract for Revenue Tire Lease and Services and Approving a Contract for Revenue Vehicle Tire Lease and Services with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC (C. Alba)
- A. Resolution 2022-03-024: Approving the Second Amendment to the 2017 Contract for Revenue Tire Lease and Services with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC; and
 - B. Resolution 2022-03-025: Approving a Contract for Revenue Vehicle Tire Lease and Services with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC

Director Kennedy thanked Mr. Li and staff for working with the applicant on Item 2.5.

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

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 Jeffery Tardaguila and Glenn Mandelkern.

Mr. Tardaguila requested that the meeting login information be placed on the Agenda. He expressed concern with regards to the number of bus cancellations and recommended having workshops to cover the details of all changes. He hoped the Board was aware that the MAC made recommendations and had some problems with the proposal of vans being used as supplemental transportation. Mr. Tardaguila then noted the shortage of drivers and buses and that the natural gas tank certification will be running out.

Mr. Mandelkern referenced a SacRT Reddit URL he sent in to be shared with the Board. As a graduate of the SacRT Transit Academy he wanted to tell the Board and Mr. Li about the online discussion given the SRTP is in the review period. Mr. Mandelkern stated the discussion received 181 written replies and 27,000 clicks on the original question. He recommended reading through the discussion for public input and to learn more about community concerns including safety, security, affordable options and route destinations.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 8.1 General Manager's Report
 - a. Major Project Updates
 - b. SacRT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li greeted the Board and public and thanked Mr. Tardaguila and Mr. Mandelkern for their comments. He then acknowledged March as Women's History Month and recognized the many women at SacRT including Board members driving positive changes in the community.

Mr. Li announced that National Transit Drivers Appreciation Day is Friday and asked to be joined in celebrating the hard-working bus and light rail operators as they deserve a heartfelt gratitude for the dedicated service they provide.

Mr. Li stated gas prices are on the rise at an unprecedented pace and wanted to remind riders that SacRT is a safe, convenient and a low-cost way to move around town and travel within a 440 square mile service area. Ridership has increased approximately 10% in February and is expected to increase more as employers consider a hybrid return to the workplace. SacRT welcomes back previous riders and encourages new riders to try SacRT.

Mr. Li stated that the national workforce shortage has impacted all sectors of the economy and although SacRT is faring better than most, services have been affected with around 3% cancellations. SacRT is continuously recruiting for open positions and will be hosting two in-person hiring events in March. Mr. Li hopes the two events will be significant steps towards being fully staffed and believes SacRT will quickly get to the employee level needed to be able to provide consistent pre-pandemic level service.

Mr. Li reminded customers that masks are still required of all public transportation as the Federal Transportation Security Administration TSA extended the mask mandate through April 19th.

Mr. Li shared some kind words received from Russell Rawlings, a leader in the disabled and underserved community, and former mayoral candidate. Mr. Rawlings complimented his SmaRT Ride Operator Miles on his attitude and attention to detail which made for a terrific trip experience. Mr. Rawlings is impressed with the leadership and environment

that enables SacRT to hire Operators of high quality.

Mr. Li announced exciting news received by the Federal Transit Administration today that SacRT has been awarded \$5.25M from the Bus and Bus Facilities Grant FY21 grant program. The funding will be used to replace older buses and allow SacRT to improve service reliability and maintain a state of good repair. In addition, last week Congress unveiled their FY22 transportation bill, which includes \$20.5 billion for public transit in FY 2022, which represents an increase of \$7.6 billion (58%) from the FY 2021 enacted level. SacRT staff will be submitting competitive applications to secure maximum funding.

Mr. Li then spoke of the Museum of Science and Curiosity (MOSAC) that opened last year along the Sacramento River. MOSAC is a new science center and community gathering space inspiring thousands of young minds and is becoming an epicenter for STEM education in the region. The museum reached out to SacRT during construction to see how public transit could serve the new destination and SacRT was able to expand the SmaRT Ride Zone to include MOSAC as a pick-up and drop-off location. Last week, in part thanks to the new SmaRT Ride transit connection, MOSAC was awarded LEED platinum certification, the highest rating possible. Mr. Li congratulated all involved and is happy SacRT is serving the center.

In conclusion, Mr. Li highlighted a partnership between SacRT and the Mills Station Arts and Culture Center (the MACC “the Mack”), sharing SacRT will be providing free rides for the upcoming 56th National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts Conference.

Director Harris thanked Mr. Li for making MOSAC a drop off point for SmaRT Ride and encourages his colleagues to visit the MOSAC Center.

Director Budge asked for additional information on the hiring events so it can be shared on the Rancho Cordova website and mentioned that she would make sure that SacRT has updated information and dates on upcoming conferences and events.

Director Serna also thanked Mr. Li for adding service to MOSAC.

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

Chair Miller provided the Board with an update regarding Assembly bill 2015, modifications to the Enabling Act for SacRT. The local government committee will not consider a bill unless there is unanimous support from the Board on a revised voting structure. There is additional clean up language on the SacRT enabling legislation that was discussed, and staff has requested it to be included in the bill. Chair Miller has had discussions with Assemblyman Cooley and his staff about the additional language and Chris Flores confirmed these items with Assemblyman Cooley's office. In order to move this bill to committee, the Board needs to endorse the bill language, without the voting changes. The voting changes will have to be taken at the next legislative cycle and a full agreement needs to be reached before it is taken to the bill level.

Chair Miller announced that once the Federal Government lifts the mask mandate he would like to hold in-person meetings by May. He would like to keep the hybrid option available by Zoom for those that are uncomfortable attending in person.

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**

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary