

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 10, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, VP, Planning and Engineering
SUBJ: APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT ROUTE BETWEEN DAVIS AND SACRAMENTO WITH UC DAVIS AND YOLO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will approve a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow continuation of the Causeway Connection bus service for another two years to May 3, 2025, with operations fully funded.

FISCAL IMPACT

SacRT operating costs for the proposed two-year extension are estimated to be \$1,320,040. Payments from the University of California, Davis (UCD) under the proposed extension would total \$660,020, covering 50 percent of the operating cost. SacRT estimates an additional \$650,000 in operating support from a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant covering all but \$10,020 of the \$1,320,040 service. The revenues and expenditures associated with this service are included in the preliminary FY 2024 Operating Budget.

	Year 4	Year 5	Total
SacRT Cost Per Year	\$650,828	\$669,211	\$1,320,040
UC Davis Support	(\$325,414)	(\$334,606)	(\$660,020)
CMAQ Support	(\$325,000)	(\$325,000)	(\$650,000)
Net Cost	\$414	\$9,606	\$10,020

DISCUSSION

On May 4, 2020, SacRT executed an MOU with the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) and UCD providing for operating support from UCD to SacRT and YCTD to fund the Causeway Connection bus service (designated Route 138) operated jointly by SacRT and YCTD for a three-year period from May 4, 2020 to May 3, 2023. Under the MOU, the service is operated approximately 50/50 by SacRT and YCTD and UCD pays for

approximately half of operating costs, with payments split approximately 50/50 between SacRT and YCTD. The remainder of operating cost was covered by a CMAQ grant.

The attached Resolution would approve a new MOU to continue the service for an additional two years to end on May 3, 2025. UCD would continue to pay approximately half the operating cost of the service, split approximately 50/50 between SacRT and YCTD, with the level of service being unchanged, but the hourly rate escalating to reflect increased costs for both SacRT and YCTD. Other aspects of the prior MOU will remain in place, including but not limited to recognition of the UCD undergraduate ID as a valid form of fare media, authorization to operate within the territory/property of the other parties, operational coordination, and joint marketing and branding.

Major service changes require a Title VI service equity analysis and 30-day public review prior to implementation; however, the proposed contract extension would merely continue the existing service levels. Consequently, there are no Title VI or public engagement requirements for approving this extension; however, if SacRT were to terminate the service or if the updated MOU required major changes to the Causeway Connection service, SacRT would be required to prepare a Title VI analysis for 30-day public review, prior to adoption of any major service changes by the SacRT Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04-033

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

April 10, 2023

APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT ROUTE BETWEEN DAVIS AND SACRAMENTO WITH UC DAVIS AND YOLO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, SacRT executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Pilot Public Transit Route Between Davis and Sacramento (The “Causeway Connection” Bus Route) with the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) and the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to continue the Causeway Connection funding and operation, under revised terms, but without major changes to the route or schedule, effective May 4, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Memorandum of Understanding for Public Transit Route Between Davis and Sacramento (The “Causeway Connection” Bus Route)(“MOU”) by and between the Sacramento Regional Transit District, a California public corporation (therein “SacRT”), the Yolo County Transportation District, a special district of the State of California (therein “YCTD”), and the Regents of the University of California at Davis, a public university (therein “UCD”) whereby UCD agrees to provide operating funding support for the Causeway Connection public transit service, as further set forth therein, through May 3, 2025, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute the foregoing MOU.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

A T T E S T:
HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary