

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 28, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Kevin Schroder, Senior Planner
SUBJ: SAN JOAQUIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING
SUMMARY OF JULY 21, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

SacRT Board members present:

Chair Pat Hume was present for the regular meeting of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority on July 21, 2023.

Meeting Notes

Item 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Item 2. Public Comments

- Vending machine vs hot food options on rail lines comments.
- Bakersfield train comments.

Item 3. Consent Calendar

- All comments were approved.

Item 4. Rail Safety Presentation.

Staff Comments:

- Union Pacific was invited to give a presentation.
- Safety is priority #1(including Hazmat transportation)
- Prevention of accidents with drones and wayside detectors.
- Highlighted the importance of training.
- First responder information sharing (TransCare).
- 24-Hour emergency number/staffing.

Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- N/A

Board Vote:

- Informational only.

Item 5. Rail Safety Month/Amtrak Safety Presentation.

Staff Comments:

- Presence equals prevention.
- Robust crime analytics Team (crime statistics and strategic presence).
- Passenger Incident Report.
- De-Escalation training to front facing staff.

Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- Question about overall assaults.
- Response: Mask reduction allowance might have reduced assaults.

Board Vote:

- Informational only.

Item 6. Approve a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit and Execute Any and All Grant Applications, Agreements, Certifications, and Assurances and Any Other Documents Necessary to the California State Transportation Agency to obtain State Rail Assistance (SRA) Funding in the Amount of \$250,000 for the Union City Intermodal Station Phase 3 Project (Dan Leavitt)

Staff Comments:

- SRA funding balance of \$7,383,036.
- Expected distribution for intercity rail expected to be \$6.1 million.
- At the May 23, 2023, City Council Meeting the City of Union City approved seeking \$3 million from Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) for environmental review.
- The Rail Commission and the Authority would each contribute \$250,000 in SRA as matching funding for the Union City Intermodal Station Phase 3 environmental clearance/preliminary engineering.
- The Rail Commission is the lead CEQA agency since this is an ACE extension and approved its \$250,000 SRA contribution at their July 7th Board meeting.
- The Authority should also be a partner since the proposed new service would be intercity service.
- No Fiscal Impact

Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- Map connections of stations and services.

Board Vote:

- All approved.

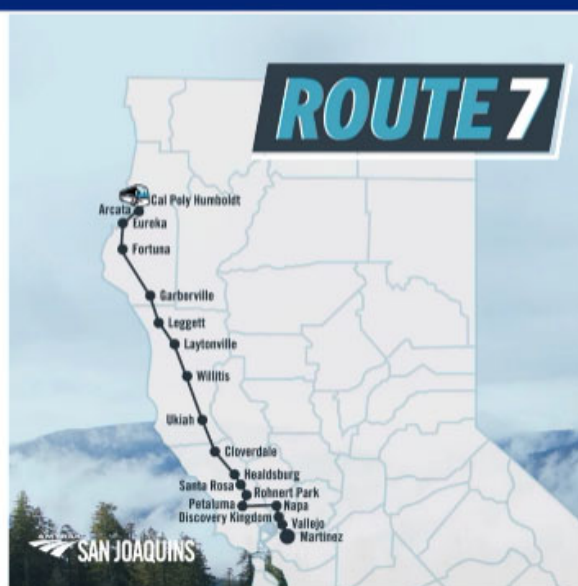
Item 7. Approve a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority to Allow Passengers to Purchase Bus-Only Tickets on Route 7 (Martinez-Santa Rosa-Arcata) for All Bus Stop Pairs and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate, Award, and Execute Any and All Agreements and Documents Related to the Project including Any and All Amendments thereto within Her Spending Authority (Michael Hanebutt)

Staff Comments:

- SB 742: removed bus passengers to a rail trip requirement and opened bus-only ticketing for the Route 7.
- Coordination with Greyhound was required before moving forward with a MOU.
- Caltrans funded the North Coast Bus Coordination Report to examine the corridor capabilities.
- Bus-only tickets will increase ridership on Route 7 for all bus stop pairs.

Route 7 has five daily round trips, two of these are between Martinez and Arcata, two are between Martinez and Santa Rosa, and one is between Martinez and Napa.

For this existing route, most of the bus stop pairs are not served by other private bus operators other than Greyhound.



Board Comments:

- Supportive of increasing ridership.

Public comments:

- Speak in favor of this option.

Board Vote:

- All approved.

Item 8. Approve a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Approving an Agreement with Modern Times, Inc. for Southern California Region Outreach Services for an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$1,000,000 and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate, Award, and Execute Any and All Agreements and Documents Related to the Project including Any and All Amendments thereto within Her Spending Authority (Marques Cook/Autumn Gowan)

Staff Comments:

Focus on Southern California Region Outreach Services with agreement with Modern Times, Inc.

Approval process/steps:

- March 2nd, 2023, RFP
- There were forty-three firms showed interest.
- Seven proposals were submitted and reviewed.
- Three firms were invited for interviews.
- Scores were provided and Modern Times Inc. was selected.

Board Comments:

- Support the motion.

Public comments:

- N/A

Board Vote:

- All approved.

Item 9. Approve a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Approving an Agreement with DB E.C.O. North America Inc. for On-Call Planning Consulting Services for an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$600,000 and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate, Award, and Execute Any and All Agreements and Documents Related to the Project including Any and All Amendments thereto within Her Spending Authority (Dan Leavitt/Autumn Gowan)

Staff Comments:

Approval process/steps:

- RFP was posted.
- There were 20 firms showed interest.
- One written proposal was submitted and reviewed.
- Scores were provided and DBE.C.O North America Inc was selected.

Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

Board Vote:

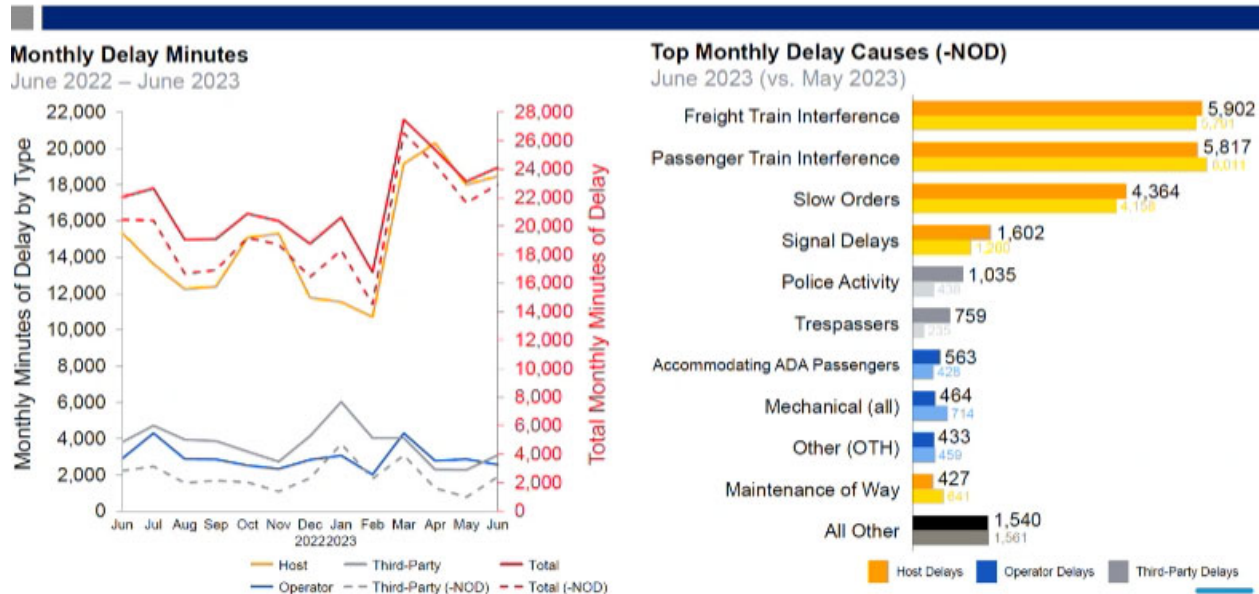
- All approved.

Item 10. Presentation on San Joaquins On-Time Performance (OTP) (Brian Schmidt/Tamika Smith)

Staff Comments:

- End Point on Time Performance tolerance of 15 minutes was used as the criteria.
- In June 2023 a total of 360 trains operated with 53% of trains on time.
- From October 2022-June 2023 a total of 3,273 trains operated with 63% of trains on time.
- In previous years, trains operated at 70-80% on time.
- Weather has damaged the railways reducing times.

On-Time Performance



Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- N/A

Board Vote:

- All approved.

Item 11. Thruway Bus Route 3 (Stockton-Sacramento-Chico-Redding) Partnership (Michael Hanebutt)

Staff Comments:

- Route 3 is a critical San Joaquin’s Thruway Bus route.

- Route 3 has five daily round trips
 - The core route offers three round trips between Stockton and Redding
 - Two round trips are also offered between Stockton and Davis via Sacramento
 - A one-way Davis – Sacramento bus is offered for early morning commuters



- Discussion of the delayed Salmon Runner indefinitely due to the lack of identified operation funds.
- In 2018 the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) considered phased approach for the transit connection from sacremenot to Redding.
- Phased approached is considered to allow RABA to show effectiveness and acquire motorcoaches.
- There would need to be a MOU to show ticketing access and financial support for the service.
- Notion to RABA to operate beyond chico at this time.
- Future staff item discussing the MOU is expected to be provided to this board.

Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- Comments about Sacramento connection including a stop at airport.
- Support the future MOU.

Board Vote:

- Informational item.

Item 12. Recap of 2023 Allensworth Juneteenth Celebration (Carmen Setness)

Staff Comments:

- 300 tickets were sold directly for this event.
- Event was deemed successful.

Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- N/A

Board Vote:

- Information item.

Item 13. Board Member Comments

- N/A

Item 14. Executive Director's Report Adjournment

- Industry day event on September 14th, 2023.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for: September 22, 2023