

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 11, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Kevin Schroder, Senior Planner
SUBJ: SAN JOAQUIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING
SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 17, 2023.

Meeting Notes

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

Item 2. Moment of Silence in Honor of Former City of Modesto Councilmember

Item 3. Public Comments

- N/A

Item 4. Consent Calendar

- All comments were approved.

Item 5. 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 \$525,000 and Consolidated Rail and Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Funding in the Amount of \$2,100,000 for the Hanford Station Project (Angela Miller/Laurence Farrell)

Staff Comments:

The Authority has an available balance in SRA funding of \$7,133,036 to program to projects. Staff is requesting \$525,000 for the Hanford Station Project as a Federal State grant match to the \$2,100,000 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Award. Design on the project will begin in Winter of 2024 with construction expected to

start in Winter of 2025. The project will reach completion in late Spring 2026. These enhancements to the station site will keep the landmark and transit facility in a state of good repair and modernized amenities along with safer and more accessible station experiences for all users.

Board Comments:

- Supportive of the action.

Public comments:

- N/A

Board Vote:

- All Approved

Item 6. Approve a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Request for \$8,000,000 in Senate Bill (SB) 125 Funding from the Madera County Transportation Commission (Madera CTC) for Phase 1 of the Madera High-Speed Rail (HSR) Station Project (Dan Leavitt)

Staff Comments:

The SB 125 funding will be allocated to Regional Transportation Planning Agencies by formula. The Madera HSR Station Project is being implemented in three phases:

- Phase 1: Relocated Madera San Joaquins Station
- Phase 2: Madera HSR Station for Early Operating Segment
- Phase 3: Full-Build Madera HSR Station

Phase 1 final design is nearly completed, the right-of-way needed is nearly completely secured and construction is expected to begin in 2024. The staff is looking for formal Board action to support the already allocated \$8,000,000 in SB 125 funding from the Madera CTC to account for Phase 1.

Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- N/A

Board Vote:

- All Approved

Item 7. Approve a Resolution of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Approving a Hybrid Fare Grid Methodology for the Thruway Bus Program (David Lipari)

Staff Comments:

In 2018, the Authority took action to normalize Thruway Bus fares across all routes based on a distance-based formula. The formula was constructed to provide a descending fare per mile scale based on the distance traveled by the passenger creating the “connected Journey”. The same formula was then used to calculate local journeys.

Amtrak updating ticketing system and fare products created a system that no longer can accommodate having two separate fares for the same segment. Staff were directed to investigate new fare limitations scenarios: 1) adopt connected journey fares, 2) adopt local journey fares, 3) adopt a hybrid fare grid. The third hybrid fare grid was suggested for approval.

Board Comments:

- Support more ridership based on greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Public comments:

- One question: About being charged for only service based on availability offered by SJJPA.

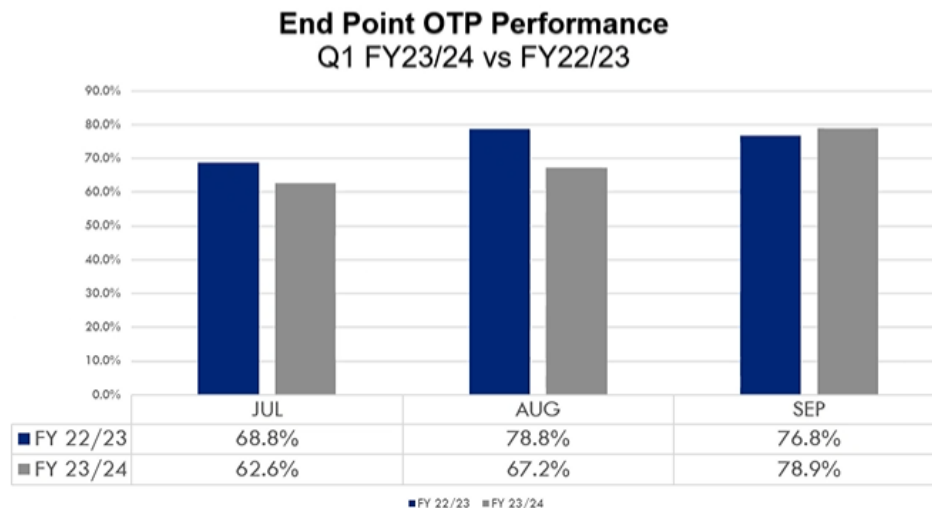
Board Vote:

- All approved.

Item 8. San Joaquins Service Update (David Lipari/Nathan Alastra)

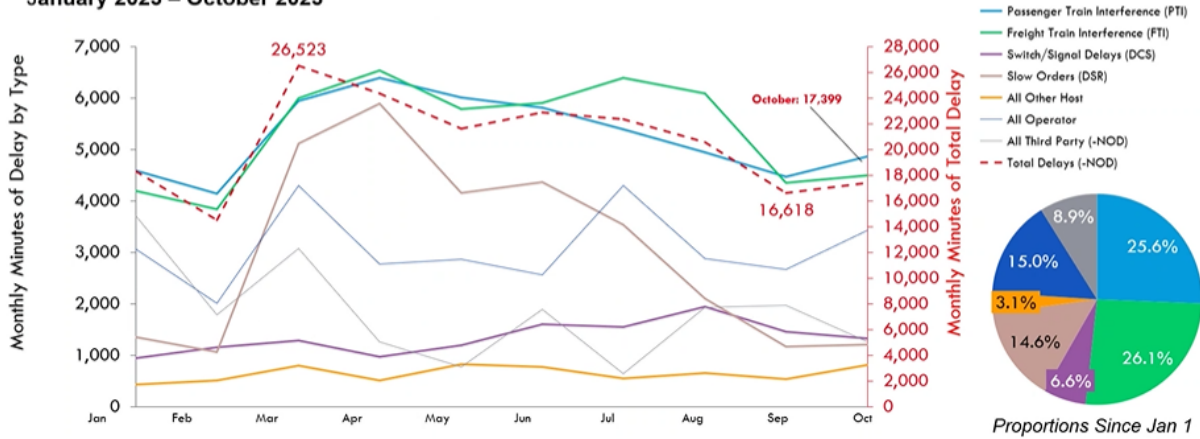
Staff Comments:

Comments were provided about on-time performance:



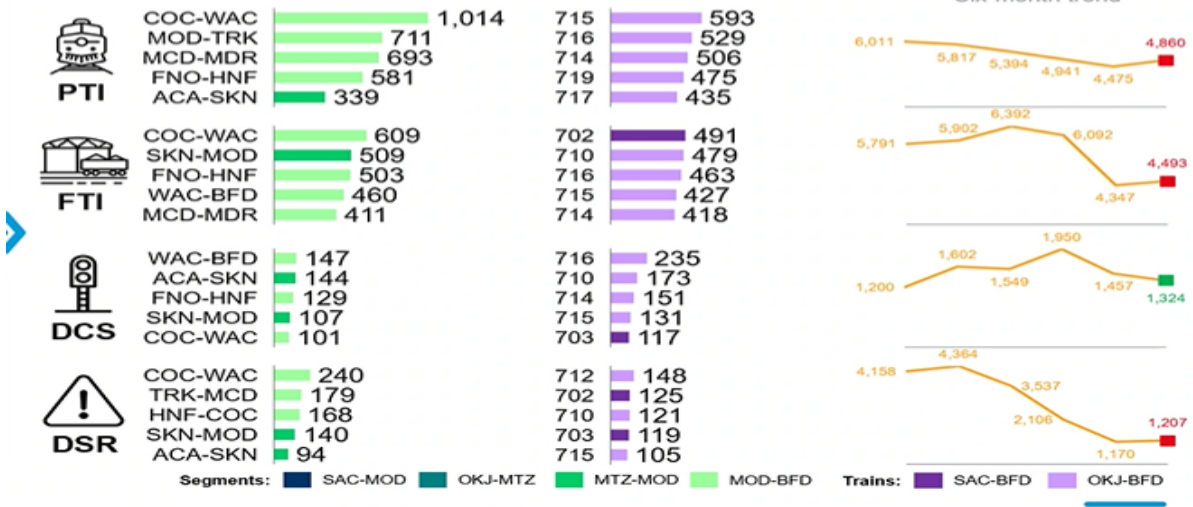
Monthly delay minutes fell by nearly 10,000 due to flooding-related spikes in March to September

January 2023 – October 2023



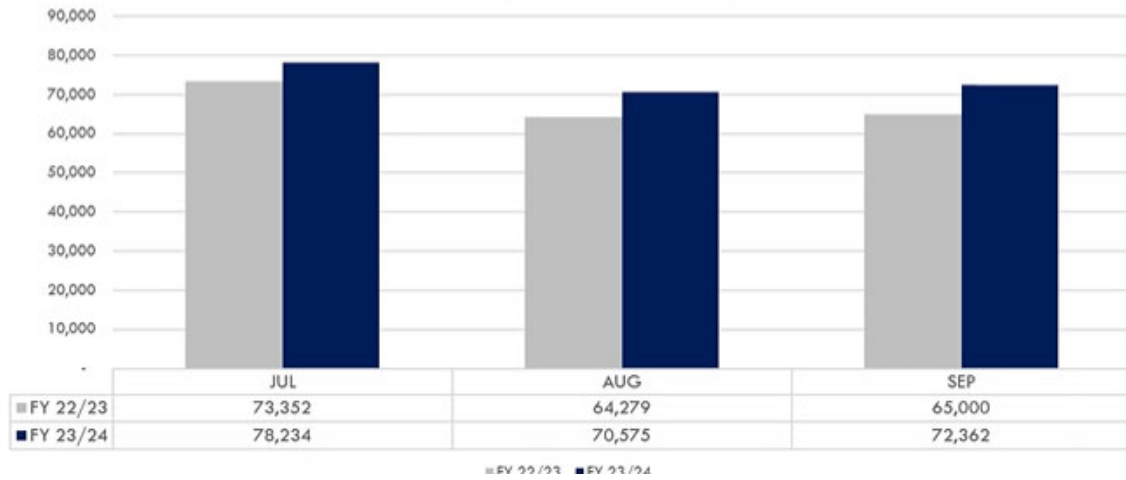
Top 4 Host Delay Types by Locations and Trains (in minutes)

October 2023



San Joaquins Ridership and Revenue						
(JUL – SEP FY23/24 vs. FY22/23)						
Month	Ridership			Ticket Revenue		
	FY23/24	FY22/23	% change	FY23/24	FY22/23	% change
Jul	78,234	73,352	7%	\$2,716,014	\$2,593,962	5%
Aug	70,575	64,279	10%	\$2,438,759	\$2,240,669	9%
Sep	72,362	65,000	11%	\$2,473,576	\$2,300,735	8%
Total	221,171	202,631	9%	\$7,628,348	\$7,135,366	7%

San Joaquins Ridership Q1 FY23/24 vs. FY22/23



Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- Asked about future discussion of 7th round trip.

Board Vote:

- N/A

Item 9. Midtown Event Recap (Michael Hanebutt)

Staff Comments:

Well attended event, with community leaders and community stakeholders and booths with information about the future service.



**CENTRAL CITY
MOBILITY
PROJECT**

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2023**

At Midtown Bark Park





Board Comments:

N/A

Public comments:

- N/A

Board Vote:

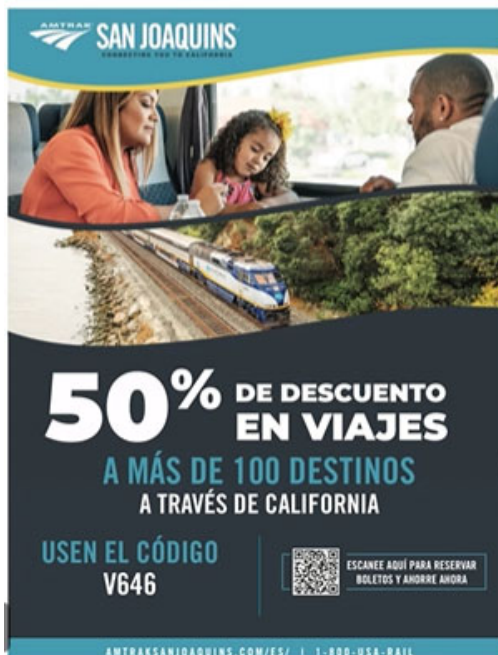
- All approved.

Item 10. Hispanic Outreach Update (Rene Gutierrez)

Staff Comments:

Apart of the SJJPA Marketing & Outreach Plan is to engage the underserved and non-English speaking constituencies along the San Joaquin Corridor. With Hispanics comprising 37% of the 11-county corridor and 43% of the San Joaquins ridership.

Staff discussed recent events and marketing efforts to reach this base of the population (as shown below)



Board Comments:

- N/A

Public comments:

- N/A

Board Vote:

- All approved.

Item 11. Board Member Comments

- N/A

Item 12. Executive Director's Report Adjournment

- Operation funding is still difficult to obtain, and we need to discover ways to trim the budget and/or find partnerships. Of course, with no impact to current labor but we need to be innovative moving forward.