

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 27, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF JANUARY 23, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
January 23, 2023**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:02 p.m. via Zoom. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Hume, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen, Valenzuela, and Chair Kennedy. Absent: None. Director Daniels joined the Closed session meeting at 5:13 p.m.

The Board recessed to a Special Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:47 p.m. and Roll Call was taken: PRESENT: Directors Budge, Hume, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen, Valenzuela, and Chair Kennedy. Absent: None. Director Daniels joined the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Closed Session Report: No reportable action

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of December 12, 2022
- 2.2 Resolution 2023-01-002: Approving Contract Change Order No. 1 to the Contract for Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Phase 1 with PNP Construction, Inc. (L. Ham)
- 2.3 Resolution 2023-01-003: Approving the Fourth Amendment to Personal Services Contract with Denise Standridge (J. Adelman)
- 2.4 Resolution 2023-01-004: Approving the Contract for 2008 Orion Bus Refurbishment & CNG Tank Replacement Services with Almared, Inc. DBA A-1 Alternative Fuel Systems (C.Alba)
- 2.5 Resolution 2023-01-005: Approving the Contract for On-Call Towing and Roadside Assistance Services for Private and Non-Revenue Vehicles with North Valley Fleet Services, Inc. (L. Hinz)
- 2.6 Resolution 2023-01-006: Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with The Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 256 (Elk Grove Unit), for the Term of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2026 (D. Topaz)
- 2.7 Resolution 2023-01-007: Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees,

District Council 57, Local 146 (Supervisors Unit), for the Term of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2026 (D. Topaz)

- 2.8 Resolution 2023-01-008: Approving a Title VI Service Equity Analysis and Adopting Service Changes for April 2023 (L. Ham)
- 2.9 Resolution 2023-01-009: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute Information Technology Procurement Contracts over \$150,000 for the Connect Card Firewall and Wi-Fi Replacement and Improvements Project (S. Valenton)
- 2.10 Resolution 2023-01-010: Third Amendment to the FY23 Capital Budget (L. Chiu)
- 2.11 Resolution 2023-01-011: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Purchase Cutaway Buses for SacRT GO Paratransit Service (C. Alba)

The Clerk read into the record public comment on Item 2.8 provided by Barbara Stanton, RiderShip for the Masses.

Ms. Stanton expressed concerns regarding the adoption of continued suspension on routes that riders rely on.

The Clerk announced that James Drake, Senior Manager, Service Planning spoke with Ms. Stanton by phone and followed up with her by email regarding her concerns.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila requested better explanation of items that are on the consent calendar.

Director Budge moved; Director Hume seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Daniels, Hume, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen and Director Valenzuela. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

- 3.1 Presentation: Transportation Security Administration's Gold Standard Award and Introduction of Special Guest James Duncan, Regional Security Director, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (L. Hinz)

Ms. Hinz presented highlights of SacRT's major safety and security efforts. She stated that placing security as a top priority has increased the ability to provide a clean, safe and convenient system. She provided examples of improvements that have been made.

Ms. Hinz recognized awards previously received by SacRT which included the 2019 TSA

Gold Standard Award, 2020 and 2021 American Public Transportation Association Rail Safety and Security Awards, and in 2021, Women in Transportation Sacramento awarded SacRT with Sacramento's Innovative Transportation Solutions Award for SacRT's Social Worker Program.

Ms. Hinz introduced James Duncan, Regional Security Director from Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to present the award.

Mr. Duncan recognized the exceptional work that SacRT has done to receive the Gold Standard Award, which is the highest level of recognition for a transit agency. The rigorous evaluation follows seventeen categories of security and emergency preparedness and SacRT is one of just four agencies that achieved scores high enough to earn the award.

Mr. Duncan commended and thanked Mr. Li for his strong leadership and his dedication to the security mission. He recognized the efforts of Ms. Hinz and then presented the TSA Gold Standard Award virtually.

Mr. Li thanked James Duncan and stated SacRT is honored to be recognized and presented with this prestigious award that reflects SacRT's commitment to security programs that benefit riders and the community. Mr. Li congratulated all involved in cultivating a tremendous safety culture.

Director Loloee thanked Mr. Li for his vision and leadership and thanked SacRT staff.

Director Jennings thanked SacRT staff, those out there making the dream come true, for winning their version of the Super Bowl.

Director Maple thanked the SacRT team and complimented Mr. Li on being innovative, creative and solutions oriented. She is looking forward to working together.

Director Budge recognized and thanked Ms. Hinz and her team for her commitment to working with partners and ensuring the experience provided for customers is the best that it can be.

Director Singh-Allen thanked Mr. Li and team for alleviating concerns, working with regional partners and making sure needs are met and congratulated SacRT on the award.

Chair Kennedy thanked Mr. Duncan for recognizing SacRT and stated it is a team effort. Being clean, safe, and convenient is not just a catchphrase rather it is commitment to the community.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment was taken by phone from Steve Bourasa.

Mr. Bourasa wanted to call attention to the light rail bridge next to Bark Park. There was a mural with dogs which complemented the neighborhood and then graffiti vandals tagged the entire bridge. It was then painted green which he feels was a broad canvas for the taggers to come back. He is requesting for the graffiti to be covered quickly.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Motion: Chair and Vice Chair for the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors for 2023 (T. Smith)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Budge moved; Director Kozlowski seconded approval of the selection of Directors Patrick Kennedy and Rick Jennings to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Daniels, Hume, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen and Director Valenzuela. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- 7.2 SacRT Board and Commission Appointments (T. Smith/S. Valenton)

- A. Motion: Appointing Two Board Members and One Alternate Board Member to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority; and

ACTION 7.2 A: APPROVED - Director Kozlowski moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the selection of Directors Maple and Daniels to the CCJPA member positions and Director Loloee to the CCJPA alternate position. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Daniels, Hume, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen and Director Valenzuela. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- B. Motion: Appointing One Alternate Board Member to the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority; and

ACTION 7.2 B: APPROVED - Director Budge moved; Director Maple seconded approval of the selection of Director Hume to the SPTCJPA alternate position. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Daniels, Hume, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen and Director Valenzuela. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- C. Motion: Appointing One Board Member and One Alternate Board Member to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority; and

Public comment was taken by phone from Jefferey Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila inquired whether there will be a new representation for the ACC or will they be part of the San Joaquin Corridor.

ACTION 7.2 C: APPROVED - Director Kozlowski moved; Chair Kennedy seconded approval of the selection of Director Hume to the SJJPA member position and Director Singh-Allen to the SJJPA alternate position. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Daniels, Hume, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen and Director Valenzuela. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- D. Motion: Appointing One Board member to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Stations/Development Committee; and

ACTION 7.2 D: APPROVED - Chair Kennedy moved; Vice Chair Jennings seconded approval of the selection of Director Hume to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Stations/Development Committee. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Daniels, Hume, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen and Director Valenzuela. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

- E. Chair Appointment: Appointing Three Board Members to the Ad Hoc Real Estate Committee; and

ACTION 7.2 E: Chair Kennedy appointed Vice Chair Jennings, Directors Budge, Kozlowski and Loloee to the Ad Hoc Real Estate Committee.

- F. Chair Appointment: Appointing Four Board Members to the Ad Hoc Board Composition and Voting Structure Subcommittee

ACTION 7.2 F: Chair Kennedy appointed Directors Daniels, Hume, Kozlowski and Singh-Allen to the Ad Hoc Board Composition and Voting Structure Committee.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Li welcomed the newly appointed SacRT Board members and announced that he is excited to work with them to elevate SacRT to new heights.

Mr. Li acknowledged SacRT staff for their tremendous work during a never-ending series of storms which led to power outages, downed trees, road damage and localized flooding. Many staff worked tirelessly to keep the system operational to help get riders to their destinations while ensuring safety as a top priority. In addition, the SacRT Bus Operations

team has been coordinating with various city and county staff to ensure the most vulnerable residents and unhoused had access to shelter during the storms.

Mr. Li announced that before the holiday break, the President signed the FY 2023 appropriations package to fund the federal government through September. As part of the omnibus package, Congressman Ami Bera was successful in securing \$3.6 million to support the SacRT light rail modernization program. SacRT is honored to have been included in the final package and Mr. Li thanked the entire federal delegation for supporting the request. The funding will support the modernization of the light rail system to increase reliability, encourage transit ridership, and improve accessibility.

Mr. Li provided a light rail modernization update. The 59th Street station will be the first light rail station to be modified for the use of the new low-floor light rail vehicles and after successful completion, additional stations will be temporarily closed in phases. The estimated project completion for Phase 1 of the entire Gold Line is by June or July 2024.

Mr. Li acknowledged receiving great feedback from the community through the Bus Stop Improvement Plan public participation process. On January 9, 2023, SacRT, in partnership with Civic Thread, published a draft version of the Improvement Plan for public review. The comment period is open through February 3, 2023, and once finalized, it will better position SacRT to apply and secure grant funding to implement improvements.

Mr. Li encouraged SacRT riders to try out SacRT's new BusTracker Application which uses GPS technology to provide real-time information on the arrival times and locations of fixed-route buses.

Mr. Li concluded his remarks sharing photos of SacRT participating in the Martin Luther King Jr. March and a quote from Dr. King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

Chair Kennedy is thrilled with the BusTracker Application.

Director Jennings stated having the bus at the Martin Luther King March, which he described as one of the most significant things that happens in Sacramento every single year, and for people to be able to go back in history and get on the same bus that Rosa Parks was on and share the feelings of what she went through is important, especially for those suffering of discrimination and racism. He thanked Mr. Li and SacRT staff for making it happen.

Chair Kennedy agreed with Director Jennings statement.

Mr. Li added a thank you to Union partners for the extraordinary partnership in the last year as they worked through multiple contract negotiations. The process was respectful, and differences were addressed in a very professional way.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila shared that several members of the Mobile Accessibility Committee (MAC) went to see the bus that Mr. Li talked about and said it is remarkable to look at. He hopes it will have the ability to have Wi-Fi and it will be as reliable as the previous Siemens vehicles. He encouraged new Board members to let constituents know that better public transportation funding is needed.

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

Chair Kennedy closed by welcoming the new Board members.

Director Serna thanked and complimented Mr. Li and SacRT staff on handling all constituent concerns.

Director Valenzuela added her kudos to Mr. Li and the SacRT team for being helpful and responsive when the city and county were organizing shelters for the storms. Bus service was provided to ensure people could get to safety quickly.

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 6:45 p.m.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

A T T E S T:
HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary