

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 12, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board
SUBJ: APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF MAY 22, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
May 22, 2023**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:33 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Daniels, Jennings, Kozlowski, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen, and Chair Kennedy. Director Loloee arrived at 5:36 and Director Sander arrived at 6:03 p.m. Absent: Directors Hume and Valenzuela.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of May 8, 2023
- 2.2 Police Services Personal Services Contract employees (L. Hinz)
 - A) Resolution 2023-05-049: Approving the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Personal Services Contract with Mark Sakauye; and
 - B) Resolution 2023-05-050: Approving the Second Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Stephen Lau; and
 - C) Resolution 2023-05-051: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Marylynn-Mimi Lewis; and
 - D) Resolution 2023-05-052: Approving the Personal Services Contract with Douglas Voska
- 2.3 Resolution 2023-05-053: Waive the Application of §4.01B of the Personnel Policy Manual to the Security Operations Center Personnel Classification and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute All Personal Services Contracts with Security Operations Center Personnel so Long as Pay and Benefits are Included in the Annual Board Adopted Operating Budget (L. Hinz)
- 2.4 Resolution 2023-05-054: Approving the Contract for On-Call Testing, Repair, and Preventative Maintenance of Wayside Generators with Powergen, Inc. (R. Forrest)
- 2.5 Resolution 2023-05-055: Approving the First Amendment to the Cost-Sharing Agreement for Operation of SmaRT Ride Service within the County of Sacramento County Service Area No. 10, Benefit Zone 3 (L. Ham)

- 2.6 Resolution 2023-05-056: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Tony Bizjak (D. Selenis)
- 2.7 Resolution 2023-05-058: Approving the Contract for Purchase and Installation of Equipment for 16 Police Interceptors with Public Safety Innovation, Inc. (C. Alba)

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Dan Allison representing Sacramento Transit Advocates and Riders (STAR) stated there are some items they are glad about, including the Light Rail Modernization project moving forward, being able to read the details of the General Manager's report ahead of time, having the Mobility Advisory Council minutes on the website and that legislation is moving forward. Mr. Allison then shared concern that the ramps on the new light rail cars are too steep for mobility devices, Board meeting cancelations, and light rail wraps obstructing vision in and out of the light rail cars. He requested more frequent ridership reports.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila, Barbara Stanton and Michael Harris.

Mr. Tardaguila recommended addressing safety concerns with the low floor light rail vehicles. He also received an electronic message that disappeared twice and is concerned about the number of bus cancelations. He stated at 2:00 on Sunday afternoon that the electronic bulletin boards need to be updated if the trains have been restarted.

Ms. Stanton, representing Ridership for the Masses, disagrees with using Consolidated Transit Services Association (CTSA) funds for the purchase of equipment to be used in police vehicles. She commented that bus cancelations are still a big issue and that the disabled community does not have the low floor cars available to them during testing.

Director Serna asked if staff had provided a response to Ridership for the Masses regarding their concern on item 2.7.

Mr. Li confirmed that a written response was provided.

Chair Kennedy asked for a report back in writing of what the efforts were to align the purchases of the vehicles with ADA.

Director Serna commented that he has heard the concern three times and asked if there has been adequate accessibility testing for those in wheelchairs or that are visually impaired.

Mr. Li will personally check to see that the concerns have been addressed.

Director Serna stated it is critical that there be a deliberate process to invite members of the disability rights advocacy community to test the new cars.

Mr. Li stated the disabled community members have been invited to look at the low floor cars and SacRT will look into additional opportunities to do so.

Mr. Harris complimented SacRT on 50 years and being an award-winning transit system. He complimented the state, county, and city, who is moving in this direction, for observing Juneteenth as a holiday and asked for all jurisdictions to make Juneteenth a holiday. He invited all to come at high noon to the state capitol on June 19th to celebrate.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Resolution 2023-05-057: Approving the Temporary Appointment of Retired Annuitant, Rachel Johnson (J. Johnson)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Kozlowski moved; Director Loloee seconded approval of Item 7.1. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Daniels, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen and Chair Kennedy. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Director Hume, Sander and Valenzuela.

- 7.2 Resolution 2023-05-059: Declaring the Damage to The Mini-High Ramp at the Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station an Emergency and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter into a Contract to Repair the Platform Structure (L. Ham) **[Note: Resolution Requires 4/5th vote]**

Mr. Li shared that Director Sander was on his way and asked to wait for his arrival before voting on the item.

Chair Kennedy announced the agenda order would change and that Item 8.1 would be heard and 7.2 would be returned to after the General Manager Report.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Li announced that next week Valley Vision will be releasing results of a public opinion poll which shows 76 percent of respondents think public transit has improved over the past five years. This is a testament to the hard work that SacRT has been doing.

Mr. Li thanked Director Serna for attending a successful meeting earlier that day with David Von Aspern, who raised an issue at the last SacRT Board meeting.

Director Serna thanked Mr. Chris Flores and Ms. Lisa Hinz for their time and for attending the meeting. There were good ideas that came out of the meeting that will make the system better, more convenient and customer friendly.

Mr. Li provided an update on the station modifications to accommodate the height of the new light rail vehicles. Work is being performed at one station per weekend to minimize the impact. Mr. Li made special note that the 7th and Capitol Station would be closed from May 30th to June 4th and there would be no bus bridge available Tuesday through Friday due to safety concerns.

Mr. Li announced that the week prior, the SACOG Board of Directors approved the most recent Regional Funding round, which included \$11.5 million to support SacRT's Light Rail Modernization Program. Additionally, SacRT has been awarded \$5.2 million to support a partnership with the City and County for a bus rapid transit route on Stockton Boulevard. As the project progresses, SacRT will be hosting a Stockton Corridor stakeholder workshop and will work with SACOG to conduct a peer-to-peer field trip to one of the most successful BRT networks on the west coast.

Mr. Li shared that as a part of the 50th Anniversary celebration, SacRT partnered with many local organizations to offer free rides on transit. In total, there were 258,108 free rides taken throughout the month of April. Despite school closures for spring break, SacRT still experienced an overall 9% gain in ridership above baseline.

Mr. Li shared some highlights from SacRT's microtransit software provider Via, who conducted an Executive Business Review of the SmART Ride service. Riders gave a 4.9 out of 5 average rating on service and ridership in April was the highest since launching in 2018 carrying over 15,000 rides. Laura Ham, SacRT's VP of Construction, Engineering and Planning recently presented an update to the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) about the service and the future of SmART Ride as part of a \$2.5 million application to their Neighborhood Shuttle Program. The initial STA funding grant has run out but, SacRT will continue to operate in all 9 zones with adjustments while pursuing funding to support the program.

Mr. Li announced that SacRT will be hosting two in-person hiring events in June with many different career opportunities.

Public comment was taken by phone from Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Tardaguila asked if the Watt/I-80 elevators are currently working and recommended monitoring elevator outages and developing a system for the boards so riders know the bus bridge schedules.

Chair Kennedy asked for staff to respond to Mr. Tardaguila.

- 7.2 Resolution 2023-05-059: Declaring the Damage to The Mini-High Ramp at the Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station an Emergency and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter into a Contract to Repair the Platform Structure (L. Ham) **[Note: Resolution Requires 4/5th vote]**

Laura Ham shared that the Sacramento Valley Station Mini High Ramp, the Terminus of the Gold Line, has wooden fascia on the platform that has deteriorated. She showed some photos of the damage. Due to being dangerous, it is currently out of service. Access is being provided to passengers with disabilities through a bus bridge. She explained that the repair would require formal bidding if a third-party contractor is used. SacRT is attempting to do the repair in-house. If unsuccessful, approval will delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into a contract to repair the platform using a third-party contractor and bypassing the public bidding process.

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Kozlowski moved; Director Maple seconded approval of Item 7.2. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Sander, Daniels, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen and Chair Kennedy. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Director Hume and Valenzuela.

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

- 9.1 Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting Summary of May 8, 2023 (Budge)

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

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:13 p.m.

PRESENT: Directors Daniels, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Sander, Serna, Singh-Allen, and Chair Kennedy. Absent: Director Hume and Valenzuela.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957

1) Title: General Manager/CEO

14. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no Closed Session Report.

16. ADJOURN

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

A T T E S T:
HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary