

STAFF REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve.

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
February 27, 2023**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Daniels, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Serna, Singh-Allen, Valenzuela, and Chair Kennedy. Absent: None. Director Maple joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Director Hume joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of January 23, 2023
- 2.2 Resolution 2023-02-012: Authorize the Board of Directors to Teleconference from February 27, 2023 through February 28, 2023 in Compliance with the Brown Act Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, During the COVID-19 Pandemic (O. Sanchez-Ochoa/T.Smith)
- 2.3 Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to enter into a Project Agreement for Two Water Lines and A Sewer Line (J. Adelman)
 - A) Resolution 2023-02-013: Rescinding Resolution No. 2022-12-145 and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter into a Project Agreement with NP BGO Rancho Cordova Logistics Center, LLC, or any of its Subsidiaries, and Granting Concurrence to Two Easement Agreements between the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority and Golden State Water Company for Two Waterlines, Contingent Upon Securing FTA Concurrence; and
 - B) Resolution 2023-02-014: Rescinding Resolution No. 2022-12-146 and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter into a Project Agreement with NP BGO Rancho Cordova Logistics Center, LLC, or any of its Subsidiaries, and Granting Concurrence to an Easement Agreement between the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority and Sacramento Area Sewer District for a Sewer Line, Contingent Upon Securing FTA Concurrence
- 2.4 Resolution 2023-02-015: Delegating Authority the General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute a Contract for Licensing Solution Provider for Purchase of Microsoft Products and Associated Agreements (S. Valenton)

- 2.5 Resolution 2023-02-016: Approving the First Amendment to the License Agreement with MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC for Fiber Operation and Maintenance at Arden and Oxford Street Within SacRT Property (J. Adelman)
- 2.6 Resolution 2023-02-017: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Authorize up to 10 Free Ride Days per Calendar Year on Bus and/or Light Rail to Encourage Ridership (D. Selenis)
- 2.7 Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Amend or Approve and Execute Contracts for Further Expansion at the Q Street Administrative Building (J. Adelman)
 - A) Resolution 2023-02-018: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Amend or Approve and Execute Contracts for Information Technology Equipment and Services Over \$150,000 for Further Expansion at the Q Street Administrative Building; and
 - B) Resolution 2023-02-019: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Amend or Approve and Execute Contracts for Furniture, Fixtures and Installation Services Over \$150,000 for Further Expansion at the Q Street Administrative Building
- 2.8 Resolution 2023-02-020: Approving the Contract for Light Rail Annual Tool Calibration Services with Eagle Calibration Inc. (R. Forest)
- 2.9 Resolution 2023-02-021: Approving a Sole Source Procurement and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve and Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Intelligent Vehicle Network 5 Equipment (C. Alba)
- 2.10 Resolution 2022-02-022: Approving the Contract for Purchase of Employee Uniforms with L.N. Curtis and Sons (C. Alba)

Director Budge moved; Director Loloee seconded approval of the consent calendar with a correction to the Resolution number for item 2.10 noted as 2023-02-022. Motion was carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Directors Budge, Daniels, Jennings, Kozlowski, Loloee, Maple, Serna, Singh-Allen, Valenzuela and Chair Kennedy. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Hume.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

Mr. Tardaguila encouraged workshops for the new Board members. He expressed concern regarding the number of bus cancelations in the past week and that it is hard to determine which routes are canceled. Mr. Tardaguila wanted the Board to be aware that the L & 5th Street location will become a two-way street with a bicycle lane, and he recommended SacRT and planning review this location.

Ms. Stanton introduced herself and Ridership for the Masses to the new Board members. She welcomed the new members and looks forward to working with the SacRT Board.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Information: Sacramento Region Zero Carbon Transportation Initiatives (C. Flores)

Shelly Valenton stated that throughout the years, SacRT has shared how the Four-Agency Collaborative (SacRT, SACOG, Sacramento Air Quality District and SMUD) have been partnering on shared goals. Ms. Valenton introduced staff from each of the agencies involved and noted common goals that the agencies share which include advancing clean transportation, resilience to climate change and enabling healthy communities.

Ms. Valenton shared that late last year, the group developed a more detailed plan to prepare the region for the funding opportunities at the state and federal level. She then stated that the joint strategy is focused on four areas, and provided details of the first focus area, zero emission transit fleet conversion and refueling infrastructure. Ms. Valenton introduced Sam Shelton with SACOG.

Mr. Shelton presented the second focus area, zero emission goods movement and medium and heavy-duty fleet transition. He explained that trucks are a small share, about 3% of the total vehicles on the road but, responsible for 23% of greenhouse gas emissions and about half of the nitrous oxide and particulate matter 2.5 emissions. Finding a way to help turn over the truck fleets to EVs or hydrogen vehicles is a real opportunity. Mr. Shelton announced that SACOG will soon kick off a freight zero emission vehicle study across the Northern California Mega region thanks to a half million dollar Grant from Caltrans. Mr. Shelton then introduced Jaime Lemus with Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District.

Mr. Lemus presented the third focus area, charging stations and clean transportation options for under-resourced communities. He stated they are looking at investing \$182M which would result in 52 eMobility Hubs and 182 Light Duty EV Chargers Installed. They will prioritize and address community charging needs and increase access to EVs and eMobility. They plan to design an eMobility information tool that is accessible to under

resourced communities. Mr. Lemus introduced Rachel Huang with SMUD.

Ms. Huang presented the fourth focus area, community workforce development. She announced they are seeking a \$145M investment and working towards having 4,000 people trained with clean energy skills by 2024 and 1,000 people hired into high-paying clean energy jobs by 2024.

Ms. Valenton concluded the presentation by summarizing and highlighting the importance of the document which is included in the staff report.

Director Valenzuela wanted to make sure the jobs created are high quality jobs with benefits and she would like to hear more about the alignment with trade unions and organizations.

Ms. Huang responded that they are trying to utilize existing positions and are not creating new classifications.

Director Valenzuela questioned if the grants that have been applied for will create opportunities for high quality jobs.

Mr. Lemus responded that a specific, mandatory Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certification has made it challenging to hire electricians locally within the Sacramento area and that is something they are looking into.

Director Valenzuela commented that the strategy should include getting the certification to more small, local businesses.

Director Budge asked what a level two charger is.

Mr. Lemus answered that a level two charge would refuel your car in four hours.

Director Budge asked what is going on behind the scenes with hydrogen and might it be brought out of a warehouse in West Sacramento and into the public discourse.

Mr. Lemus provided detailed information regarding the process of liquid hydrogen that is transported to the Bay Area and then compressed into fuel, trailered back to Sacramento, and then put into Shell stations for light duty vehicles. He said they are making a financial commitment to deploy hydrogen production and fueling here within the Sacramento region and are currently looking at several areas to produce hydrogen.

Director Budge asked if it was available now at Shell stations.

Mr. Lemus confirmed it is currently at five or six Shell stations within Sacramento County and one in West Sacramento.

Director Budge asked if vehicles that can be fueled by hydrogen are currently being sold.

Mr. Lemus said he believes there are a little over 6,000 vehicles that are hydrogen based in Sacramento.

Director Kozlowski was pleased to hear Director Valenzuela's comments. He asked for clarification on the issue with the certification and why there is a necessity for a special certification if the work to install an EV charger is principally just electrical infrastructure.

Mr. Lemus responded there is a couple of issues. One is that the state funding or state grants require the EVITP certification to ensure there is a minimum level of standard that is set. He also believes the exam certification process is a challenge. It would most likely be a legislative move to remove that requirement.

Director Kozlowski asked if Sacramento Metro Air District could become a testing agency.

Mr. Lemus said they are probably not the right people but are in support of having a certifier in Sacramento.

Ms. Valenton mentioned that SacRT is working with the California Transit Training Consortium out of Southern California. Staff will be attending trainings next month to prepare, learn and anticipate additional challenges and technical needs as a result of the new ZEV requirement.

Director Loloee thanked presenters. He then questioned the status of the grid capacity and if SMUD is considering improving the grid for the upcoming projects.

Ms. Huang responded that SMUD has been looking at it for many years and continues to refine their analysis. They have updated the analysis in the last year to be pinpointed to address and make sure the grid is ready. They know the state has aggressive goals and SMUD has very aggressive goals with regards to transportation electrification and they very much recognize that the grid has to be ready.

Public comment was taken by phone from Nick Bryant and Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Bryant asked if the hydrogen buses would need to be charged.

Chair Kennedy responded yes.

Mr. Bryant asked if SacRT would have electric buses.

Chair Kennedy replied SacRT already has some electric buses.

Mr. Bryant expressed his concern that the cost would be significant.

Mr. Tardaguila asked what SMUD's facility load for transit buses is, if a SMUD circuit for more than 100 buses being charged is available and how many locations are available for charging.

Mr. Li stated staff will be in touch with Mr. Tardaguila to answer his questions.

Chair Kennedy thanked staff from all the agencies. And, as somebody who was involved with SMUD's electric vehicle charging installation program in the 90s, he has complete confidence that SMUD will be prepared.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Li thanked Ms. Huang, Mr. Shelton, and Mr. Lemus for joining Ms. Valenton to present the four-agency collaboration strategy initiative.

Mr. Li wished everyone a Happy Black History Month and, in recognition, SacRT has been exploring, celebrating and highlighting the rich history, lives and stories of African Americans.

Mr. Li announced that last week SacRT hosted staff from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Region 9 office and shared SacRT projects and priorities. Congress-woman Matsui, Chair Kennedy and Deputy Administrator Amy Changchein also were also there. The meeting was highly inspirational and SacRT looks forward to hosting them again in the future.

Mr. Li congratulated SacRT Communications and Marketing team for winning the First Place Award in the 2023 APTA Adwheel Awards competition. SacRT is being recognized for the Citizen's Transit Academy, a free five-class course designed to educate and engage residents, business and community leaders about the planning process and how public transit shapes the community.

Mr. Li announced that Moody's Investor Service published a research report on the financial status of California's Transit agencies. The report found that SacRT has an A2 financial rating, one of the most favorable outlooks of any agency. Mr. Li then read a quote from the report and noted some additional positive attributions.

Mr. Li stated that SacRT Retirement Board held a Special Retirement Board meeting focused on the status of SacRT's pension plans. Over the last ten years, three pension funded ratios increased by 10% and it is anticipated that over the next five years, all ratios will be over 85%, and in ten years, by 2032, all ratios will be 100%.

Mr. Li and Chief of Staff, Chris Flores, had the honor of spending nearly an hour and a half with the Sacramento Grand Jury, highlighting SacRT's vision, business accomplishments and exciting projects. They were thoroughly impressed with how the

agency has been able to transform itself over the last seven years.

Mr. Li provided his gratitude to the SacRT team on progressing the light rail station modification project this month. Over two weekends in February, the team was able to successfully complete the construction of the platform modification at the 48th and 59th Street stations. Mr. Li provided an update on the next modifications, station closures and bus bridges. He announced this is a significant milestone as SacRT accelerates the light rail modernization efforts and prepares to launch the new low-floor vehicles in to service.

Mr. Li announced that in the beginning of February the first of two new CNG compressors was delivered and will be fully installed by this summer at the bus maintenance facility one. This replaces the outdated compressor and will significantly speed up fueling of buses, leading to improved operational efficiency. Mr. Li shared information on CNG prices and mentioned SacRT will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Mr. Li recognized that it is the beginning of a new two-year State legislative session and there are many new faces. SacRT has been meeting with the new state delegation to update and educate them on SacRT priorities. SacRT will be sponsoring two separate pieces of legislation this cycle. Mr. Li thanked Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen for introducing legislation to improve SacRT's public contract code. Also, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty has introduced legislation that would update authority to place a tax measure on the ballot. Specifically, it would allow a jurisdiction within SacRT's boundaries, such as the City of Sacramento, to tax itself to benefit SacRT.

Mr. Li concluded his remarks reminding everyone that the Sacramento Regional Transit District is turning 50 years old this year on April 1st and there will be a number of events planned to celebrate the significant role SacRT has played in shaping the community over the past half century.

Director Singh-Allen stated she attributes the great advancements are a result of Mr. Li's leadership and thanked him for all the great work.

Mr. Li recognized the Board for their work as well.

Public comment was taken by phone from Nick Bryant and Jeffery Tardaguila.

Mr. Bryant thanked Mr. Li for all he has done for the community and requested for the issue of broken connect cards to be addressed.

Mr. Tardaguila asked if Mr. Li was planning to mention the effort he was working on with KVIE taking place on March 23rd.

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

9.1 San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Meeting Summary of January 27,

2023 (Hume)

9.2 Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting Summary of February 15, 2023 (Daniels, Maple)

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