

## **STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** March 27, 2023  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Director Linda Budge  
**SUBJ:** SACRAMENTO PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING SPECIAL SUMMARY  
OF MARCH 13, 2023

### RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

Written Report by Director Budge from the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Meeting of March 13, 2023

20 March 2023

**MEMO TO: RT Board of Directors**

**Cc: Interested Parties**

**RE: Sacramento – Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting of March 13, 2023.**

The SPTC/JPA Board, for the first time in quite a while, met on March 13, 2023 in Folsom City Hall as usual. At this time, the membership includes RT Representative and Rancho Cordova Alternate, Linda Budge; Rancho Cordova Representative David Sander; Sacramento County Representative and RT Alternate, Pat Hume; Folsom Representative Sarah Aquino; and El Dorado Representative Supervisor John Hidahl. Both Folsom and El Dorado County have designated alternates.

Minutes for the August 1, 2022 meeting were approved.

The first item of business was the election of a new Chair. Sarah Aquino was elected unanimously.

A thorough description of the history and work to date along the SPTC corridor was presented. Briefly, the corridor has existed since the agreement to sell the remainder of the Southern Pacific line from 65<sup>th</sup> Street, extending to the east, to Regional Transit for extension of the light rail system beyond Butterfield. The price was \$14,500,000. The route consists of 58 miles total, 28 of which are in El Dorado County, terminating prior to Placerville. If anyone is interested in knowing more about how the history, route, and how the corridor is managed, there are materials that could be shared. The entire route is encumbered by a Federal Railways Rails to Trails program requiring release of the corridor should the underlying rail owner chose to re-enter freight rail service along the corridor.

In recent years, there have been excursion rides along the route, including a wine train and a ride to a pancake breakfast in Latrobe. Embarkation has been from track behind on of the hotels at East Bidwell and Hwy 50. The excursions have been interrupted by the construction in Folsom south of Highway 50.

Other reports included updates on the conditions along the corridor, including historic wash out areas and recent damage from this year's heavy rains. The two volunteer rail organizations gave updates on their activities and plans. The Nature Trail organization also gave its update.

The next meeting of the SPTC/JPA is scheduled for May 8, 2023, also in Folsom City Hall.

Linda Budge, AICP  
3/20/2023.