

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 22, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, VP, Planning and Engineering
SUBJ: 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

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The proposed Resolution will declare the structural damage to the Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station (SVS) mini-high ramp an emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT

SacRT estimates the cost of the repair to be over \$5,000 but less than \$50,000. Sufficient FY 23 Operating Budget capacity exists to cover this expenditure.

DISCUSSION

On 5/16/2023, SacRT received an email from the CPUC with an attached Inspection/Citation Form dated 5/11/2023. The CPUC noted “improper repairs at Sac Valley station handicap ramp, which is severely damaged due to dry-rot wood. The concrete is out of level with severe cracking, separation, and lifting.” The citation included the following finding:

Finding #1 Applicable Rule or Regulation: ADA, PU 99152, CA Code 302.2.1 Dangerous conditions.

Finding #1 Recommendation: SRTD shall take this ramp out of service until repairs have been made as per original design, brought into compliance, and made safe for usage.

As a result of the CPUC Finding, SacRT has closed the SVS mini-high ramp. As a result of the closure, individuals with mobility impairments that preclude use of the light rail vehicle stairs desiring to embark or disembark at SVS must instead board/deboard at 8th

& H Street Station, which is over 3 blocks away. SacRT has instituted a bus bridge to provide the necessary service from the 8th & H Street Station to the SVS. Bus bridges are costly and require additional bus operators, which are not readily available.

The repair may require the services of a third-party contractor. Under Public Contract Code Section 20321, contracts for the construction of SacRT transit works or facilities, including repairs, over \$5,000 must be publicly advertised for a period of at least 10 days and awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder except in an emergency declared by a 4/5ths vote of the Board.

An emergency is defined in the Public Contract Code as “a sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.” .

Due to the urgent need to restore light rail access for individuals with mobility impairments, which is an essential public service, Staff recommends the Board declare the damage and closure of the SVS mini-high ramp an emergency and authorize the suspension of competitive bidding. Once a design has been produced, funding has been identified, and the repair procedure has been established, Staff will determine an appropriate contracting approach (which could be time and materials or firm-fixed price) to expedite the completion of the work; this could include negotiation with potential contractors regarding construction methods and accelerated time for completion of the work, which is not permitted in a low-bid solicitation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-059

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

May 22, 2023

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

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission, by citation dated May 11, 2023, directed SacRT to close the mini-high boarding ramp used by individuals with mobility impairments at the Sacramento Valley Station; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the closure, individuals with mobility impairments are unable to board rail vehicles at the Sacramento Valley Station and must instead board and disembark at the 8th & H Street Station; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Valley Station provides a critical link and transfer point to other regional transportation services, including the Amtrak passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, SacRT has implemented an interim bus bridge service to continue access for individuals with mobility impairments to the Sacramento Valley Station; and

WHEREAS, while SacRT strives to maintain reliable and on-time service with the bus bridge, the requirement to use a bus bridge may result in mobility-impaired passengers missing connections between transportation services; and

WHEREAS, individuals with mobility impairments are more likely to be transit-dependent and lack alternative transportation options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20321, the Board declares that an emergency condition exists at the Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station that could result in impairment of essential public services, which justifies the suspension of competitive bidding to complete the repair required to mitigate the emergency.

AYES/YES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

Emergency Declaration – SVS Station Mini High Ramp



Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Light Rail Station

- Terminus of Gold Line
- Equipped with two mini high platforms for boarding by passengers with disabilities
- Wooden fascia on the ramps has deteriorated
- California Public Utilities Commission inspection determined the inbound ramp is in dangerous condition
- Ramp is out of service

Emergency Declaration – SVS Station Mini High Ramp

- Public Contract Code:
 - Requires formal bidding
 - Except in an emergency declared by a 4/5ths vote of the Board
- The closure of the ramp was unexpected and resulted from a random inspection of the site by CPUC
- Resulted in the unavailability of essential public services for persons with disabilities disembarking at SVS Light Rail Station
- Staff is updating plans for repair of the ramp
- The repair *may* require services of a 3rd party contractor

Requesting the following action:

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