

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 22, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Li, General Manager/CEO
SUBJ: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

No Recommendation - For Information Only.

Major Project Updates

Oral Report

SacRT Meeting Calendar

Regional Transit Board Meeting

June 12, 2023

SacRT Auditorium / Webconference

5:30 P.M

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

June 14, 2023

SacRT Auditorium / Webconference

9:00 A.M

Mobility Advisory Council Meeting

June 8, 2023

SacRT Auditorium / Webconference

2:30 P.M

May is Bike Month! Bike-and-Ride with SacRT

Bike riders across the region can take advantage of the spring weather and leave their cars at home for the annual May is Bike Month! Visit lovetoride.net to register, earn prizes and join a community of bike riders. May is Bike Month isn't about riding the furthest or the most often, it's about riding when you can, encouraging others and spreading the joys of bike riding far and wide.

Transit combined with bicycles make a great team. All SacRT buses have bike racks on the front that can hold two or three bikes. Bikes are allowed inside light rail trains. SacRT requires passengers with bikes to leave space available at the front of the first train car for riders with disabilities. Persons boarding light rail trains with a bicycle should not board

using the mini-high ramps, as they are reserved for use by persons with disabilities. Learn more about how to bike-and-ride on transit at sacrt.com/bikeandride.

SacRT Hosting Two Hiring Events in June

Join SacRT for an in-person hiring event. We have many different career opportunities, which include medical, dental, paid sick leave and retirement benefits. Also, \$2,000 signing bonuses for bus drivers!

- **Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- **Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.**
SacRT Auditorium
1400 29th Street, Sacramento

Ride SacRT fixed route bus and light for FREE to and from the hiring event with the free ride flyer at sacrt.com/freerideflyer! Just print or screenshot the free ride flyer and present it to the bus operator when boarding or light rail fare inspection staff upon request.

New Light Rail Train Testing Underway

The first new low-floor train delivery began in March 2023 from Siemens Mobility as part of the Light Rail Modernization Project with more trains being delivered each month. Each new train needs to go through a rigorous testing process before the public can ride them. Here is an explanation of the phased testing process:

Phase 1: Static Testing: This part of the testing involves a series of evaluations that check the function of every system on board, for example the computer programming; signal, lighting; electrical connections; communication (station announcements, and rider announcements); and even air conditioning and heat.

Phase 2: Dynamic Testing: This part of the testing takes place out on the track, where staff tests the braking and propulsion. Different weights will be added to the train car to test braking with different loads to ensure the train is working properly depending on the number of riders onboard.

Phase 3: Burn-in Testing: This part of the testing involves putting the new low-floor vehicles through 1,000 miles of on-the-track operation. This gives staff an opportunity to address any issues before the vehicle is placed in service.

The reason for all these tests is to make sure the new low-floor light rail vehicles are safe and reliable before passengers get on board. Although the public will see them on the tracks, the first low-floor vehicles are scheduled to be ready for revenue service in summer 2024. Learn more about the project at sacrt.com/modernization.

Ride SacRT to Local Events this May!

SacRT has partnered with many local organizations to offer free rides onboard transit to events across our region! All you have to do is visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer, and print or screenshot the free ride flyer for the event you are attending. Only one flyer is needed per

group. Present the flyer to the bus operator upon boarding, or the light rail fare inspection staff upon request.

These flyers are only valid on specific dates, times and on certain SacRT services. Please review prior to riding. To plan your trip on SacRT prior to riding, visit sacrt.com/planyourtrip or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Upcoming May Events:

- AAPI Night Market – Friday, May 19, 2023
- Yarmarka Multicultural Festival – Saturday, May 20, 2023
- Historic Folsom Arts & Crafts Fair – Saturday, May 20, 2023
- Game of Throws Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser – Saturday, May 27, 2023
- Folsom to Folsom Ride - Saturday, May 27, 2023
- International Kids Festival – Saturday, May 27, 2023
- SacLovia, Bike on the Boulevard – Sunday, May 28, 2023

Bike + Transit



May is **BIKE MONTH**



SacRT General Manager/CEO's Update

Monday, May 22, 2023

**LIGHT RAIL
MODERNIZATION
PROJECT**

**SACRAMENTO
REGIONAL TRANSIT**



1973-2023



Light Rail Modernization Update

REGIONAL PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS

Transformative, Maintenance & Modernization, Community Design

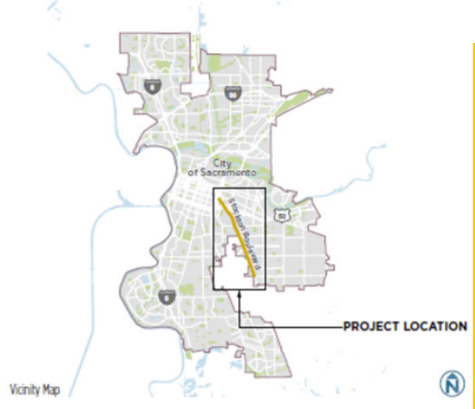
Chris Dougherty

On October 20, 2022, the SACOG Board of Directors approved the final guidelines and authorized the call for projects for the Regional Funding Program (2022-23 Transformative Guidelines, 2022-23 Maintenance & Modernization Guidelines, 2022-23 Community Design Guidelines). The board also approved the 2022-23 Funding Round Budget.

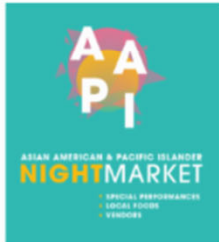


Source: City of Sacramento and Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates

Stockton Boulevard Multimodal Partnership and BRT Corridor Project Area



Take SacRT to Events in May with Free Ride Flyer



May 2023 Free Ride Offers

SmaRT Ride Performance at a Glance

Jan 1 2022 - Apr 30 2023

Growing ridership within an efficient service

250,303 Completed Rides

Jan 2022: 13,942 rides

Apr 2023: 15,027 rides (8% increase)

2,092 Monthly Riders (Avg)

Jan 2022: 1,654 monthly riders

Apr 2023: 2,283 monthly riders (42% increase)

3.2 Rides per Vehicle Hour (Utilization)

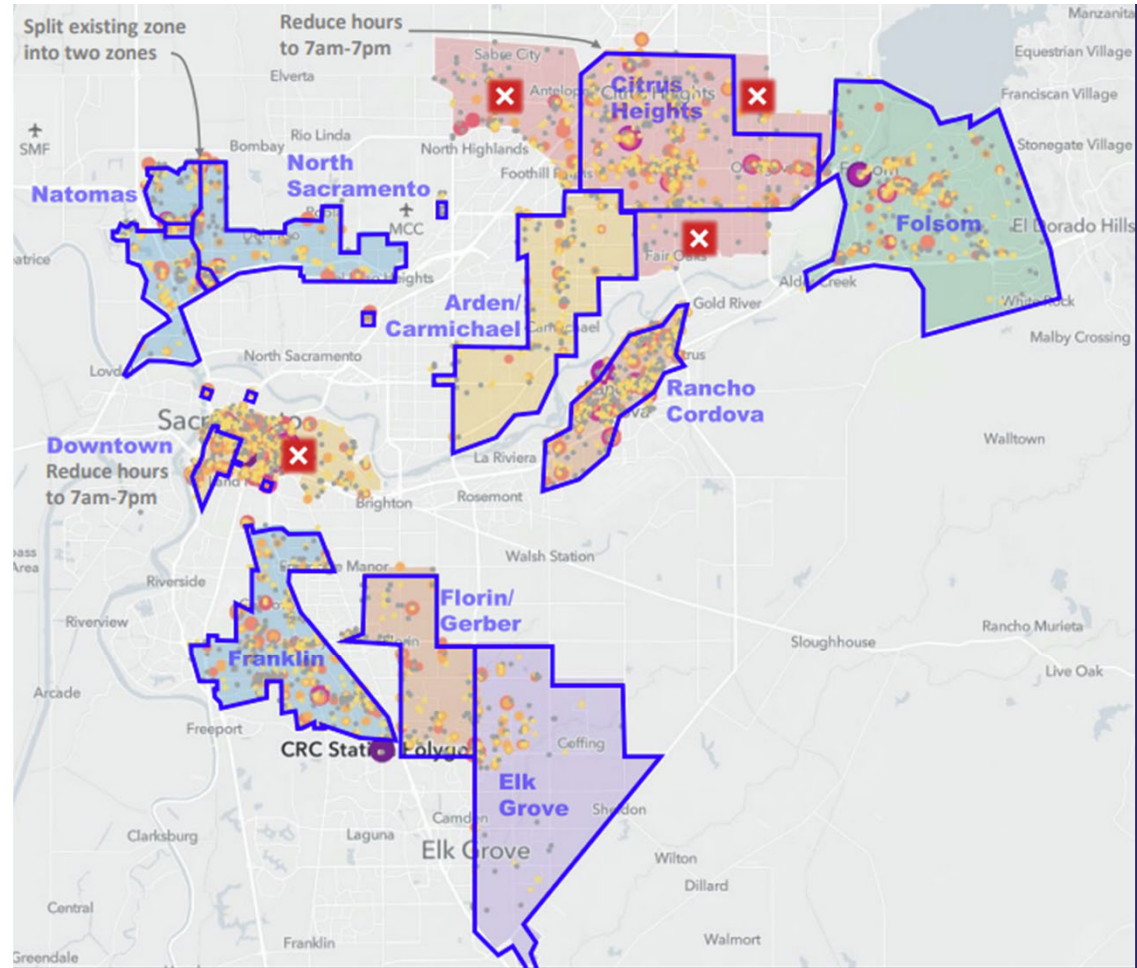
Jan 2022: 3.1 utilization

Apr 2023: 3.3 utilization

4.9 Ride Rating (out of 5)

Jan 2022: 4.9

Apr 2023: 4.9



SacRT SmaRT Ride Service



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June In-Person Hiring Events