

## **STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** May 8, 2023  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Laura Ham, VP, Planning and Engineering  
**SUBJ:** DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY RELOCATION FOR THE WATT/I-80 TRANSIT CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH AT&T

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Delegating authority to the General Manager/CEO to allow SacRT to enter into a utility relocation agreement with AT&T as necessary for the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The construction cost for relocating AT&T facilities to support the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project will be a 50/50 split of actual costs between AT&T and SacRT. AT&T is currently working on a cost estimate; Staff believes SacRT's share of the cost to be less than \$200,000. State SB1 funds and federal (CMAQ, Sec 5307) funds included in the construction budget will pay for the actual cost.

### DISCUSSION

The current Watt/I-80 Transit Center (Transit Center) is one of the busiest transfer centers in the Sacramento region. It has been prone to safety and security issues throughout the years because of the location of the Transit Center, which is situated both above and below a major freeway, with steep enclosed stairwells, and in a high-crime community.

SacRT completed a visioning effort to re-imagine the Transit Center in 2018 with participation by a range of community stakeholders. With the community-envisioned upgrades, this facility will attract and accommodate more riders, as well as accommodate additional bus service from regional operators and expansion of high-capacity transit connecting to American River College, Arden-Arcade, Citrus Heights, McClellan Park, and North Highlands.

SacRT is currently in final design of the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project. AT&T has notified SacRT that it has utilities that need to be relocated to avoid conflicts

with SacRT's planned improvements. According to the Freeway Master Contract between AT&T (then Pacific Bell Telephone Company) and Caltrans, relocation costs are a 50/50 split between SacRT and AT&T. For Caltrans to certify the right of way for the project, AT&T must complete a design and construction estimate and execute a utility relocation agreement with SacRT. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) will not provide approval of allocation at its June Board meeting of the approximately \$8M in FY20 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) funding awarded to the project unless Caltrans provides a right of way certification. The funding approval is necessary for SacRT to meet the SCCP grant deadline, which requires that a construction contract is awarded by December 2023. SacRT also has \$1.64M in SACOG Community Design (FY22 CMAQ) construction funds awarded to the project and is actively pursuing additional funding to complete the \$25M construction project. To ensure grant requirements can be met, the AT&T relocation agreement must be completed as soon as possible. The agreement has been drafted and will be sent to AT&T for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-048

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

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

THAT, the Board hereby delegates authority to the General Manager/CEO to enter into an agreement with AT&T to split, on a 50/50 basis, the actual cost for AT&T to carry out utility relocation for SacRT's Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project.

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PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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