

Item 2.1

Tabetha L. Smith

From: rftm rftm.info <rftm@rftm.info>
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 4:13 AM
To: Board Comments
Cc: barbs992@gmail.com; Lisa Hinz; Christopher Flores
Subject: 2.1 APPROVAL OF THE ACTION SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 23, 2023

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Hello

Ridership for the Masses sent in written comments regarding the Lifetime pass under 8.1 General Managers Report. They are not in the action summary.

The only mention was "The clerk stated there was written and public comment by phone. Chair Kennedy stated since the written comment is part of the record it did not need to be read. Director Serna agreed and stated he thought unless the writer specifically asked for the comment to be read it was not necessary.

Nevertheless, the Ridership for the Masses comments were not in the record. The comments were acknowledged by Chair Kennedy who said "Sorry" to me after determining they would not be read. However, Our comments were not part of the record because they were not in the Action Summary. So, they are not on the are not in the record.

I sincerely hope that it is not going to become common practice for the public to submit written comments and if they do not ask for them to be read aloud, they will not be included in the action summary, Especially for Hot Topic subjects.

Please advise

Sincerely

"B"

Barbara Stanton

Director

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From: Glenn Mandelkern
Agenda Item 2.5

While visiting different SacRT light rail stations that have the modified platforms, I have become anxious about observations and behaviors seen when people meet the cobblestones.

My growing concerns include both pedestrians and passengers in wheelchairs. Some aspects of the cobblestones technique are discomfoting.

While at first glance they appear to have an intention of being a barrier, they're lately seen as an abrupt transition. For pedestrians I've seen it awkward and jarring to see them walk either on or off the platform in this area. (Heaven help those mortals addicted to looking down and only down at their cell phone screens instead of the road below and the road ahead.)

I also worry of difficulties if a wheelchair gets lodged within these cobblestones.

I have been thinking for a while what kind of indicator could be placed here to prevent people from crossing over the cobblestones or getting stuck in them. Alternately, what about placing a smooth transition and removing the temptation to jump?

I strongly support the choices enumerated here, a, b and c. Ramps provide a seamless glide. Railings indicate where not to cross and stop going astray.

I'm glad to see our newly appointed VP of Capital Programs addressing this as one of his first assignments. May Henry Ikwut-Ukwa have safe fun and enjoyment implementing this while being financially prudent!

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From: Glenn Mandelkern
Subject: Facilitate transfers at the Power Inn Station Relocation

This request and recommendation is to ease transfers between buses at the Power Inn Station. It's for Routes 26, 38, 81, 82 and 87 which were rerouted temporarily from the University/65th Street Station. Yes, SacRT does advise in an informative alert that delays will happen.

The problem I've seen more than once is that as one vehicle arrives at this lot, another departs simultaneously on a different route. Transfers are more difficult to execute at Power Inn.

One example I witnessed this Saturday afternoon occurred between a 38 East that entered at 4:16 while a 26 North exited at 4:17. As the 38 started parking, the 26 left. Any passengers wanting to transfer would have to wait 30 minutes. (And these 30 minutes stretch painfully long at the desolate Power Inn Station, no stores, no food nor drink in sight.)

Conversely, this transfer was easy at the previous University/65th Street setup. The 38 was scheduled to enter at 4:10 and the 26 exited at 4:17. A 7-minute margin was comfortable.

Therefore my suggestion is this: could bus drivers who are about to depart Power Inn Station be instructed to look 2-3 minutes in advance for another bus that's arriving? If they see one, can they wait until that bus unloads passengers to see if any need to transfer to theirs? They can depart confidently thereafter.

Hopefully this procedure is easy to communicate and implement.

Tabetha L. Smith

From: Karen Jacques <threegables1819@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 5:11 PM
To: Board Comments
Subject: Agenda Item 7.1 Dos Rios Light Rail Station

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Dear Members of the SacRT Board,

I live in Sacramento's Central City and I strongly support a light rail station at Dos Rios adjacent to the new Marisol Village apartment complex. Marisol Village is a large residential project and locating a light rail station adjacent to it will make it easy for residents to connect to the greater Sacramento area without having to own a car. It will also help the City of Sacramento to reduce vehicle miles traveled within its boundaries which is a key goal of its Climate Action and Adaption Plan.

Thank-you for this opportunity to comment.

Karen Jacques

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Dear Chair Kennedy and Directors

Ridership for the Masses encourages you to vote for option #1.

As a member of the Leadership Council, I was very disturbed to hear the Dos Rios Light Rail station project may be drastically changed, shelved, or abandoned altogether.

I spoke to the grant and was in the room when the grant was awarded and was even quoted on their website.

The grant was awarded because SHRA and SacRT presented a vision of the Dos Rios Light Rail station and made a promise to the residents of Marisol Village, the River District, and the Sacramento Region.

RiderShip for the Masses urges you to Complete the Vision and Fulfill the Promise!

Thank you

"B"

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November 11, 2023

To: SacRT Board of Directors
Re: Dos Rios Light Rail Station



Sacramento Transit Advocates and Riders (STAR) is extremely concerned about the possible loss of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station.

The Mirasol Village development was premised on having light rail service for residents to access jobs and other destinations throughout the region. We feel that a promise was made to the residents that would be broken if the light rail station is not constructed. Without light rail service Mirasol and all housing in the River District will be isolated from opportunities outside. This cannot be mitigated by improvement to bus service.

Of the three options to be presented to the board by staff, option three is **unacceptable**. “Move forward with the substitute project, which includes the implementation of robust bus service, including augmentation of Route 33 and potentially other routes in the Project Area with zero emission, frequent service; while continuing to pursue new grant funding for the station in the future.” Given that transit funding is at an historical peak that may not be seen again, indefinite delay of the station is likely to mean it will never be built.

STAR does not have a preference between options one and two.

The alternatives presented by SacRT, and the additional alternatives that have been discussed by the SIMPL Leadership Council and the community are all good ideas that deserve consideration and support in the future. However, they do not and cannot take the place of a light rail station. Mirasol Village deserves the light rail station, and so do transit riders and citizens of the SacRT service area.

Dan Allison

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November 13, 2023

Re: Support for Dos Rios Light Rail Station, Nov 13 SacRT Board Agenda Item 7.1

Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and SacRT Board members,

On behalf of Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART), I am writing to voice our strong support for SacRT staff option #1 to revise the Dos Rios Light Rail Station schedule and budget, allowing for construction bids to go out in December 2023. SMART is a not-for-profit, broad-based coalition of business, labor, transportation, environmental, neighborhood, faith-based, and community leaders founded in 2019 to educate, organize, and advocate for expanded and improved rail and transit services for the Sacramento region. In the past couple years, SMART has continued to grow as the Sacramento region's premier voice for smart growth, responsible climate action, and sustainable transportation.

The Dos Rios Light Rail Station is a fundamental component of the award-winning Mirasol Village campus of 427 affordable apartments spearheaded by SHRA and housing for thousands more residents in the surrounding Grocers and River District. The Dos Rios station is so important that SacRT, SHRA, and the City of Sacramento successfully partnered in 2018 to obtain a \$23 million Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant from the Strategic Growth Commission (SGC) for construction of Mirasol Village of which \$17.6M was directed to Dos Rios Station, as well as \$18.8M in Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Grant (AHSC) funding of which \$940k was allocated to the station, as well as \$1 million federal earmark by Congresswoman Matsui, to pair with \$4.2M of SacRT's State Transit Assistance and FTA-5307 Funds. [See SacRT staff report.](#) The station will provide badly needed access to the SacRT transit system and contribute to significant ridership growth in the surrounding community, thereby increasing mobility for thousands of residents, while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

Unfortunately, as with many projects delayed by the pandemic, cleanup issues at the former industrial site owned by SHRA, supply chain problems, and other factors have combined to create a two-year delay and rising construction costs. As a result, the project now has a \$19 million funding gap and is in danger of losing \$20 million in grants because of delays in meeting project milestones, most importantly the release of bids in Dec 2023 and start of construction in 2024. In the face of state agency threats to pull all funding and redirect to other projects elsewhere in California, Senator Angelique Ashby convened a meeting of state, local, and federal officials, and community stakeholders on November 2, 2023, to develop a viable solution for Dos Rios station so that SacRT can retain the project's grant funding and build the

station pursuant to a revised schedule and budget, which is reflected in Option 1 in the SacRT staff report. Thanks to Senator Ashby's leadership, a consensus was reached among everyone present, including the representatives from the Governor's office, that so long as SacRT keeps to the revised schedule and budget, the state funding will be secure. However, the state officials also warned that if there were any further delays, particularly with SacRT Board approval in November and release of construction bids in December, then state funding would be pulled.

Fortunately, as described in Option 1, the \$19 million funding gap can be closed through an initial \$10 million SACOG allocation to SacRT from SB 125 funds, which SACOG CEO James Corless has committed to bringing to the SACOG Board for approval as soon as possible, and a commitment from SacRT to fund the balance. Note that RT's additional \$9M commitment would mainly go towards funding risk and contingency built into the budget and would leverage over \$30 million in other state and federal matching funds, which would still make the project among the largest transportation project beneficiaries of state and local matching funds in terms of ratio to local match in the region. Making matters even more compelling, if SacRT can find ways to reduce the construction costs below its current \$43M estimate, e.g., through value engineering, bid negotiations, project management, or otherwise, its investment would be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of cost reductions.

In conclusion, no other scenario besides Option 1 would satisfy the commitments made to SGC and the Governor's office at Senator Ashby's meeting on November 3, and ensure the construction of the station that is so vital not only to Mirasol Village and Alchemist Public Market, but several other housing and mixed-use development projects that are either under construction or proposed for the immediate area, the Grower's District, and the River District at large. We therefore urge you to approve a resolution endorsing Option 1. We also stand willing to work with SacRT to request commitments from the City of Sacramento and other local partners to contribute towards the funding gap if necessary based on the construction bid process.

Thank you for your commitment to growing transit and sustainable communities in our region.

Yours truly,

Steve Cohn

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cc: Senator Angelique Ashby, SD8
Mayor Darrell Steinberg
Sacramento City Councilmember Katie Valenzuela
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November 13, 2023

Re: Support for Dos Rios Light Rail Station, Item 7.1 on SacRT Board Agenda, Mon, Nov 13, 2023

Chair Patrick Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and SacRT Board members,

On behalf of Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS), I am writing to voice our strong support for SacRT staff option #1 to revise the Dos Rios Light Rail Station schedule and budget, allowing for construction bids to go out in December 2023.

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Thank you for your commitment to growing transit and sustainable communities in our region.

Sincerely,



Sam Rice
Transportation Team Lead



Susan Herre AIA AICP
President of the Board of Directors

ECOS was founded in 1971 as a visionary and action-oriented coalition for the region. Today the organizational and individual members of ECOS work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, promote smart growth land use and transportation principles, promote equity in housing, promote sustainable regional water supply for all users, public health and opportunities, and promote regional habitat conservation.

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Alkali & Mansion Flats Historic Neighborhood Association



Board of Directors

Sean Wright
President

November 12, 2023

Luis Sumpter
Vice President

Re: Item 7.1 Approve the Dos Rios Light Rail Station

Phillip Cunningham
Secretary

Dear Board Members,

Terrance Liszewski
Director

Since the inception of the Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) light rail system the Dos Rio Station was part of the vision for a completed service delivery to the central city. For many years this station was not on a RT highest priority list, because the location did not offer the greatest return on the investment.

Brandon Warren
Director

In 2015 the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento (HACOS), as lead applicant, and the City of Sacramento, as co-applicant, a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) grant to implement the Twin Rivers-River District/Railyards Neighborhood Transformation Plan and the Mirasol Village (formerly Twin Rivers) Transit Oriented Development and Light Rail Station project.

Therese May
Director

Gail Porter
Director

The CNI objectives are to create a sustainably built community, to increase housing types and transit growth to promote livability and connectivity within the River District promise zone. This award was designed to change the lives and create a brighter future for new and existing residents living in Mirasol Village, and the revitalizing surrounding neighborhoods. This would bring much needed additional investments in housing, Jobs, retail, commercial and regional serving businesses to the area. Some of these investments have already been completed or are in the entitlement and construction phases, with many more on the horizon.

The Dos Rios Light rail station is an essential part of completing the CNI grant requirements and goals. It is imperative that this project be supported with the required gap financing now, to keep the project on track and remain in compliance with the CNI and other grant goals. Any further delays would increase the overall costs and put the entire CNI project in jeopardy. This could affect future CNI and other grant applications, viability and awards.

I sincerely hope you can see the urgent importance of approving the gap financing option before you and completing the light rail station as quickly as possible. The Dos Rios light rail station has risen to a highest priority and this investment will provide RT and the region with great returns.

Sincerely,

Sean Wright
Alkali & Mansion Flats Historic Neighborhood Association
President

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November 13, 2023

Sacramento Regional Transit District

1400 29th Street

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Re: 11/13 SacRT Board Agenda Item 7.1 - Support for Dos Rios Light Rail Station

SacRT Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Jennings, and Board members,

On behalf of Valley Vision's Board of Directors and staff, I am writing to voice our strong support for SacRT staff option #1 to revise the Dos Rios Light Rail Station schedule and budget, allowing for construction bids to go out in December 2023 and funding for the project to be maintained.

Valley Vision is a civic leadership organization working towards economic prosperity, social equity, and environmental sustainability for all residents in the Sacramento region. We have been working in the transportation and clean air space for decades, with particular engagement as a core partner in the original SACOG Blueprint work 20 years ago. We currently hold an important role as regional convener of the California Jobs First program (formerly known as CERF) across 8 counties in the greater Sacramento region. We also serve as project manager for the Cleaner Air Partnership, which since 1986 has brought together public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders to collaborate to improve regional air quality and public health outcomes. Valley Vision is also a subcontractor to the City of Sacramento's EV Blueprint Phase II project, which is deploying several dozen EV chargers in underserved neighborhoods and expanding car-share programs. Lastly, we have been working for more than five years on neighborhood-scale air quality monitoring efforts through the AB 617 Community Air Grant program, to help residents understand local conditions and organize for action to reduce emissions.

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Best regards,



Evan Schmidt
Chief Executive

Tabetha L. Smith

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McCormack Baron Salazar proudly lends its support to the Dos Rios Light Rail Station project, recognizing the positive impact it will have on the community we have helped cultivate. Our commitment to fostering vibrant neighborhoods is exemplified by Mirasol Village, formerly known as Dos Rios Homes Housing Project, designed with the vision of seamlessly integrating residents into the fabric of the greater Sacramento area.

The construction of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station aligns with our goal to increase connectivity in the area and SacRT's goal to reduce carbon emissions. Enabling easy access to the transit network and downtown Sacramento, this initiative holds immense significance for the families residing at Mirasol Village. The station's opening will allow families from Mirasol Village to commute to jobs, children to access schools, and families to access the myriad opportunities within the surrounding areas. McCormack Baron Salazar believes in the transformative power of urban planning, and we immensely support the Dos Rios Light Rail Station as a key component in enhancing the quality of life for Mirasol Village residents and the broader Sacramento community.

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Subject: RE: Request for TCC Staff to Attend Sac RT Meeting

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Dear Councilmember Valenzuela,

Thank you for the invitation to Sacramento Regional Transit's Board Meeting to discuss its proposed response to our September 20 communication.

Our team has worked diligently with Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) and SacRT throughout the grant term to strategize and support the currently approved project. SGC supported and, at SacRT's request, executed an amendment to the grant agreement in May 2022 to extend project delivery timelines. After conducting multiple meetings with SacRT and SHRA this past year, we issued a Stop work order and the first formal Nonperformance Letter. The response letter on 08/29/23 from SHRA & SacRT, did not adequately address the funding deficit and showed a \$9.2 million funding gap with proposed corrective actions to secure additional funding. It also proposed to complete the project in 2028 (after the grants funds liquidate June 2027) and demonstrated continued uncertainty and risks as a result of soil contamination as well as likely increased costs. The nonperformance response and corrective actions were deemed insufficient on 09/23/23.

SGC also participated in a meeting called by Senator Ashby to discuss the project with all the project partners. Upon the meeting closure, there were agreements from SHRA and SacRT to move forward with a revised timeline and budget to deliver the Dos Rios Light Rail station.

As a reminder, SHRA must submit an amended corrective action plan and prepare a draft amendment request consistent with the corrective action plan no later than December 1, 2023, including a project justification and narrative, a revised detailed budget and work plan, and a description of the community engagement and decision-making process. We welcome the opportunity to review and coordinate with all relevant state agency partners once we receive a Corrective Action Plan. For a proposed alternative to be an acceptable alternative that would be fundable under an amended grant agreement, SGC will need to work with state agency partners to ensure the project's overall compliance with the Transformative Climate Communities program's funding requirements, including expenditure deadlines, community engagement, and adherence to greenhouse gas reductions.

SGC remains committed to the successful implementation of the Sacramento Integrated Multimodal Place-based Living Project and to the community in the project area. We will continue to demonstrate that commitment through a prompt review of Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency's Corrective Action Plans and our continued emphasis on decision-making informed by the SIMPL project's Collaborative Stakeholder structure.

Amar Azucena Cid (*she/her/ella*) | Deputy Director

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