



STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 8, 2024
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, VP, Planning, Grants and Procurement
SUBJ: APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ON-DEMAND TRANSIT SERVICE AMONG THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT, AND YOLO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would allow West Sacramento's Via On-Demand Microtransit to have pick-up and drop-off stops in Sacramento, at specific locations designated by SacRT staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to SacRT from this item.

DISCUSSION

Since May 14, 2018, the City of West Sacramento (City) has provided an on-demand microtransit service within its city limits. This service is similar to SacRT's SmaRT Ride service, providing on-demand curb-to-curb shared-ride public transportation to the general public. Customers who would like to travel to and from Sacramento must use Yolobus service. The City would like to allow direct, no-transfer rides into Downtown Sacramento on its microtransit service.

Under the state constitution, SacRT's consent is required for another transit operator to provide service within SacRT's jurisdiction. The proposed MOU would provide the required authorization. SacRT has similar agreements in place with other transit providers.

The main purposes of these agreements are to: (1) assure that partner agencies do not claim state transit funds designated for SacRT's service area, (2) assure that SacRT not lose significant fare revenue to a competing or redundant service, (3) mutually disclaim and limit liability; and (4) assure an orderly management of curb space i.e., at bus stops. SacRT has an agreement of this nature with Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD), which

provides fixed-route transit for City, but has no such agreement with the City, which directly manages its microtransit service. The proposed MOU would establish these important provisions.

Currently, any transit customers travelling between Sacramento and West Sacramento must use YoloBus, not SacRT, so there would be no fare revenue impact to SacRT from the MOU. Operationally, pick-up and drop-off locations would be limited to specific areas, selected by SacRT staff, designated in writing by email, and revokable with a reasonable notice period. City staff has indicated that the desired destinations are Kaiser Permanente and Sacramento Valley Amtrak Station, which SacRT staff believe can be served by City microtransit without causing significant impact to SacRT operations nor to City of Sacramento traffic or parking.

YoloTD would also be a party to the MOU to establish reporting responsibilities for YoloTD; however, the MOU would not alter YoloTD's operational or financial relationship with SacRT, which would continue to be governed by SacRT's bilateral agreement with YoloTD. Unless amended, the MOU would terminate on June 30, 2025, consistent with the City's objective of testing direct service to Downtown Sacramento.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04-031

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

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WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento (City) and the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) desire to establish terms and conditions for the operation of City rideshare public transit services within SacRT's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, under Article XI, Section 9 of the California Constitution, SacRT and City may not furnish transportation services "within another municipal corporation which furnishes the same service and does not consent;"

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

THAT, the Memorandum of Understanding for On-Demand Transit Service Among the City of West Sacramento, Sacramento Regional Transit District, and Yolo County Transportation District to authorize the operation of microtransit service by the City of West Sacramento into downtown Sacramento, as further specified therein, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute the foregoing MOU.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary