

## **STAFF REPORT**

---

**DATE:** February 26, 2024  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Tabetha Smith, Clerk to the Board  
**SUBJ:** COMMENDING RESOLUTIONS

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolutions.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recognizes Katie Valenzuela and Sean Loloee for their service on the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) Board of Directors.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None as a result of this action.

### DISCUSSION

Katie Valenzuela has been a member of the SacRT Board of Directors since 2021. The Resolution presented acknowledges Katie Valenzuela's service on the SacRT Board of Directors.

Sean Loloee was a member of the SacRT Board of Directors since January 2023. The Resolution presented acknowledges Sean Loloee's service on the SacRT Board of Directors.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolutions commending Katie Valenzuela and Sean Loloee.

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

February 26, 2024

# COMMENDING

# Katie Valenzuela

*Whereas*, Katie Valenzuela has faithfully represented the City of Sacramento on the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) Board of Directors from January 2021 through January 2024; and

*Whereas*, Katie Valenzuela has over two decades of experience in community organizing and policy advocacy; and

*Whereas*, during Katie Valenzuela's term on the Board of Directors, SacRT accomplished the following among many others:

- Completed the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 (Blue Line to Cosumnes River College) project with the opening of the Morrison Creek Station between the Meadowview and Franklin stations in 2021.
- Approved SacRT's Zero Emission Bus Rollout Plan in 2021, which will transition SacRT's fleet to 100% zero emission by 2040.
- Partnered with Caltrans, Visa, Littlepay, and SC Soft in 2021 to launch the first contactless method for payment on board light rail trains in California.
- Progressed transit-oriented development with the opening of the first student transit-oriented housing project in the region at the University/65th Street Station in 2022, called the Wexler, and additional property sales.
- Several SmarT Ride expansions were implemented, which included services for Rancho Cordova, Folsom Ranch, Arden/Carmichael, Elk Grove, Gerber, and Natomas.
- Celebrated SacRT's 50th Anniversary in 2023.
- Celebrated the opening of the affordable housing development, Salvator Apartments, which serves as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization and smart growth, adjacent to the Royal Oaks Station.
- SacRT's Bus Maintenance Program graduated their first female Journey level mechanic.
- In partnership with the City and County of Sacramento, a \$5 million grant was secured from SACOG to continue progress on a bus rapid transit route along Stockton Blvd.
- In partnership with UC Davis Health, SacRT launched the new Elk Grove/UC Davis Medical Center Express bus route 137.
- Secured over \$400 million (over \$100 million in 2023) for the Light Rail Modernization Project and celebrated the project, breaking ground for the Folsom 15-Minute Service construction.
- In partnership with Civic Thread, SacRT embarked on the Bus Stop Improvement Project, a unique initiative aimed at enhancing the overall bus stop experience for customers.
- The Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project moved into final design.
- Approved direction to the General Manager/CEO to Allocate Capital Funds and Proceed with The Construction of the Dos Rios Station.

*Whereas*, SacRT was awarded the American Public Transportation Association's – 2021 North America's Outstanding Public Transportation System of the Year Award for accomplishment and innovations in public transportation; and

*Whereas*, SacRT was awarded in 2023 the Transportation Security Administration's Gold Standard Award for Transit Security and Emergency Preparedness; and

*Whereas*, SacRT received the 2023 APTA Rail Safety Certificate of Merit for Light Rail/Streetcar Systems and the 2023 APTA First Place AdWheel Award for Best Marketing and Communications to Highlight Transit Needs/Funding; and

*Whereas*, SacRT received the 2023 California Association of Public Information Officials Epic Award for the Rolling Library Train partnership; and

*Whereas*, serving on the Board of Directors, Katie Valenzuela had a guiding vision for development of public transit and has advocated and contributed to many public transit initiatives dedicated to improving transit for the Sacramento community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

*That*, all members of the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors and staff wish to convey their appreciation to Katie Valenzuela for her her dedicated service as a Board member and her commitment to high-quality public transportation throughout the District during her three years of service.

ATTEST:

HENRI LI, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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

February 26, 2024

# COMMENDING SEAN LOLOEE

*Whereas*, Sean Loloee has faithfully represented the City of Sacramento on the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) Board of Directors from January 2023 through January 2024; and

*Whereas*, Sean Loloee was focused on improving the quality of life in neighborhoods through tackling housing and mental health challenges, creating opportunities for youth to thrive, and revitalizing Del Paso and Marysville Boulevard; and

*Whereas*, during Sean Loloee's term on the Board of Directors, SacRT accomplished the following among many others:

- Celebrated SacRT's 50th Anniversary in 2023.
- Celebrated the opening of the affordable housing development, Salvator Apartments, which serves as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization and smart growth, adjacent to the Royal Oaks Station.
- SacRT's Bus Maintenance Program graduated their first female Journeyman.
- In partnership with the City and County of Sacramento, a \$5 million grant was secured from SACOG to continue progress on a bus rapid transit route along Stockton Blvd.
- In partnership with UC Davis Health, SacRT launched the new Elk Grove/UC Davis Medical Center Express bus route 137.
- Secured over \$400 million (over \$100 million in 2023) for the Light Rail Modernization Project and celebrated the project, breaking ground for the Folsom 15-Minute Service construction.
- In partnership with Civic Thread, SacRT embarked on the Bus Stop Improvement Project, a unique initiative aimed at enhancing the overall bus stop experience for customers.
- The Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Project moved into final design.
- Approved direction to the General Manager/CEO to Allocate Capital Funds and Proceed with The Construction of the Dos Rios Station.

*Whereas*, SacRT was awarded in 2023 the Transportation Security Administration's Gold Standard Award for Transit Security and Emergency Preparedness; and

*Whereas*, SacRT received the 2023 APTA Rail Safety Certificate of Merit for Light Rail/Streetcar Systems and the 2023 APTA First Place AdWheel Award for Best Marketing and Communications to Highlight Transit Needs/Funding; and

*Whereas*, SacRT received the 2023 California Association of Public Information Officials Epic Award for the Rolling Library Train partnership; and

*Whereas*, serving on the Board of Directors, Sean Loloee had a guiding vision for development of public transit and has advocated and contributed to many public transit initiatives dedicated to improving transit for the Sacramento community; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:*

*That*, all members of the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors and staff wish to convey their appreciation to Sean Loloee for his dedicated service as a Board member and his commitment to high-quality public transportation throughout the District during his year of service.

ATTEST:

HENRI LI, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair