



STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 11, 2024
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, VP, Planning, Grants and Procurement
SUBJ: APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO COST-SHARING AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF ROUTE E37 COMMUTER BUS SERVICE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS HEALTH

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the proposed amendment will secure funding for two new trips on Route 137, initially named E37, from the UC Davis Medical Center to Elk Grove and authorize implementation. The new trips would take effect on April 8, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

Operating costs would increase by an estimated \$117,319 per year; however, these costs would be 100 percent covered by UC Davis Health, with no net cost to SacRT. There is no need for additional buses for these two new trips.

DISCUSSION

Route 137 launched on September 5, 2023, with six morning trips from Elk Grove to the UC Davis Medical Center and six afternoon return trips. An agreement with UC Davis Health, approved by the SacRT Board on July 25, 2022, covers 100 percent of operating costs for the service, totaling \$1.8 million over the agreement's four-year term. The agreement also funded the purchase price for one new full-size Gillig CNG bus.

Ridership on Route 137 has averaged 120 passengers per day with busier trips averaging about 20-25 passengers. Feedback has been favorable from both riders and SacRT's partners at UC Davis Health.

Under SacRT's major service change policy, these proposed changes are subject to public review and a Title VI equity analysis, which has taken place as part of SacRT's 2024 Service Changes, as discussed in a separate agenda item. Approval of this amendment would authorize the two new trips, contingent on the SacRT Board's approval of the Title VI equity analysis and service changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-018

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

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WHEREAS, on July 27, 2022, SacRT and UC Davis Health executed a Cost-Sharing Agreement for Operation of Route E37 Commuter Service; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to add two new trips to the schedule and increase the cost-sharing amount accordingly; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SacRT's Service Change Policy, the proposed changes and a Title VI service equity analysis have been made available for public review and will be brought to the SacRT Board of Directors for consideration.

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

THAT, the First Amendment to Cost-Sharing Agreement for Operation of Route 137, initially called E37, Commuter Bus Service is hereby approved, contingent upon adoption by the SacRT Board of Directors of the Title VI service equity analysis and the proposed service changes; and

THAT, the Board Chair and General Manager/CEO are hereby authorized and directed to execute the First Amendment upon satisfaction of the foregoing contingency.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary